

# ST. ANDREW SCROLL

## JULY E-NEWSLETTER

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### When can we worship in the Sanctuary?

The CDC and the Governor continue to offer cautious guidance for in person gatherings. This is especially true for “vulnerable populations,” and truth be told, that’s most of us at St. Andrew.

However, with proper precautions faithfully practiced a limited number of people may come for Sunday morning worship. A mask must be worn and proper distancing observed.

As the Governor says, you are “Safer at Home.” If the familiarity of the sanctuary brings you comfort in this time of distress, the choice is yours to join worship “in house” or continue to join via ZOOM in your home. We ask that you let Lynn Kimbrough or Mari Hackbarth know ahead of time so communion can be prepared for you and to ensure not everyone decided to come on the same Sunday. :-)

### Worship at the speed of Zoom!

When we suspended our in-person Sunday worship and reluctantly cancelled our Lenten soup and bread suppers, we had no idea that Zoom would become our new gathering place. Thank you for your patience and your faithful attendance through this online platform.

As we continue to worship in this way, remember to *use the link that is sent each week* for the upcoming Sunday because the link may change from time to time.



And, please let Sammie in the church office know if you need a bulletin mailed to you at home. We understand not everyone can print at home or has the Internet. The goal is to have them in the mail by Wednesday evening so it is in your mailbox by Friday.

### Messages of thanks to the people of St. Andrew

Your generous gifts this Spring to support local organizations have brought letters of thanks and phone calls to the church office. Here are some excerpts from their messages:



“Thank you SO MUCH for the Easter Gift of Compassion!” was a phone message from Theresa at Hope House along with a letter of thanks for supporting

## July Birthdays

- 9th George Meneghini
- 11th Emily Knight
- 19th Vicki Cravens
- 25th Tom Hartke
- 26th Marv Korab



## How is St. Andrew doing, financially speaking?

Pretty well, is the short answer to that question. The faithful and generous giving of our members (along with some reduced expenses) has our finances in good shape even without rent from the Healing Arts Center. (See a note about that in this newsletter.)

We are little behind, but only by about \$500 year to date. Payroll Protection Plan funds will give us a boost and your steady giving to St. Andrew will keep us right on track.

teen moms to break out of poverty through education and support.

From Andy Martin, CEO of Community Table: “Five days a week YOU help us feed and assist thousands of community members. Your generous donations make the difference in allowing children having to have good food to eat over the weekend, families to have food in their pantries and/or someone to provide a caring ear to listen and help design a plan to get people to a better place in their lives.”

From Karen S. Cowling, Mission Arvada Director and Stephen Byers, Pastor, The Rising Church: “Your donation is a huge blessing as our ministry relies on outside donations. Because of your donation we are able to continue our mission and outreach to Arvada’s most vulnerable citizens providing food, clothing and severe weather items and connecting clients with services such as mental health, medical benefits, dental services, legal support and housing resources. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and ongoing support.”

### GIFTS OF COMPASSION – EASTER SEASON 2020

ST. ANDREW ENDOWMENT FUND	\$360
COMMUNITY TABLE	\$1,025
HOPE HOUSE	\$240
MISSION ARVADA	\$775
ST. ANDREW GENERAL FUND	\$1,725
<b>TOTAL GIFTS:</b>	<b>\$4,125</b>

## We have a geocache on our property!

Camren Hovey approached the Council for permission to place a Geocache on church property. The first step was for Camren to explain what a Geocache is! Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in

which participants use a Global Positioning System device and other navigational tools to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", in locations all over the world.



Camren's Scout Troop is working on earning a Geocaching badge and thought St. Andrew would be a good place to put "on the map." People will find us who might never otherwise know we are here. The item is an old WWII ammo box, properly labeled and hidden on the property. Inside is a log book for "cachers" to sign, scout patches and other goodies. Thanks for thinking of us Camren!

## Payroll Protection Plan Funds Received

St. Andrew applied for and received a loan from the Small Business Administration as part of the economic stimulus package Congress enacted. The loan will cover payroll for two months as well as utilities. If used solely for these purposes, the loan will be forgiven.



One of the direct outcomes of these funds is the ability to renegotiate with Choir

Director David Bell to take on different responsibilities until the choir can meet again. The PPP funds allow us to keep him on the payroll at least through July (hopefully August too) and then into the fall and beyond. We are so blessed with David's many gifts and appreciate all he has done and continues to do to lift up and support our worship.



## Healing Arts Center

The pandemic and stay-at-home order had a significant impact on the Healing Arts Center practitioners as their practices came to an abrupt halt. Church council recognized the burden of paying rent for these small business owners with no income, and suspended HAC rent payments for April, May and June. We hope they will all be able to return soon.

Marsha Clark (Massage Therapist) had announced her plan to retire in July, however her retirement was accelerated by the pandemic. Marsha was our first tenant and a strong influence in the HAC. Her positive spirit and the joy she brought along with her healing ministry will be greatly missed! Plans for a special virtual retirement celebration are underway, stayed tuned for more information. And please see the farewell letter from Marsha on the last page of this newsletter.

Several people are interested in Marsha's office space. Barb Brown has shown it to two interested practitioners and it looks like an acupuncturist will be joining us soon. We are still working out the details and will provide introductions in the near future.

## About Pastor Bev's hiatus -



My call to St. Andrew included ten weeks off each year, mostly during the summer months, to meet the “part-time-ness” of the call. Rather than call this vacation, I prefer to call it a “hiatus.” I will be on hiatus from June 28 through August 22. I’ll be in Seattle most of that time working on our retirement home there and spending time with our kids and long time friends.

Arrangements are in place for emergency pastoral care should a serious illness or death occur in the St. Andrew family. Contact Sammie in the church office or Gloria if this is needed. Either of them know who to contact to get the ball rolling. You will be in my prayers and I hope you will remember me and Rocky in yours. I will be happy to pick up ministry with you again at the end of August. *-Pastor Bev*

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## One more note about Zoom -

Our deepest thanks to Lynn Kimbrough and Barb Brown for the tech support they manage for our weekly ZOOM worship. Mari Hackbarth and David Bell are in training to be back ups for Lynn and Barb.



On-line worship has been a challenge for most every congregation as we were thrust into this without warning or preparation. We’ve had our share of glitches but we’ve never given up trying new techniques and different equipment.

Zoom has thrown in some curves too, as the service adapts to its exponential rise in use. In spite of the bumps along the way we’ve been delighted to see people at worship who have been unable to join us for months or years. We even have the Bingham’s worshipping with us again from Wisconsin! Thanks to all for your patience and your presence.

## **A letter from Marsha Clark to the people of St. Andrew Lutheran Church -**

Dearest members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

The first thing I saw the day I came to speak to Rev. Bev and Barb Brown about renting a room in the newly developed Healing Arts Center was the sign on your building which said God's Work—Our Hands. Those words had been my spiritual attitude for the thirty-five years of offering massage in my practice. And there they were, on the building I was hoping would become my new massage home. Then Rev. Bev and Barb took me on a tour of the church, and I saw the stained-glass window with God's hand and human hand in connection. I knew, in that moment, I wanted to be a part of your dream.

Now, nearly six years later, it is time for me to leave. This was a necessary decision based on aging and the MS that been my personal physical challenge.

I want to thank you for the courage and determination you have all shown. Opening your church to others, some with differing philosophies and lifestyles, has not been easy. You have been gracious and open, caring and kind. Your determination to keep St. Andrew's alive is a beautiful faith journey that I wish others could know about. I have been grateful to have shared a small part of it.

My patients loved the space you helped me create. The whole building breathes a loving and healing energy that they often commented on. It was a joy to come to work each day. The flowers at the entry way that changed with the season were a warm welcome before even entering the building.

Leaving a practice that has been a focus in my life for forty-one years is not easy. Leaving the St. Andrews environment makes it that much harder. I am so grateful for these last six years. I hope to join you for worship now and then and perhaps teach a class or two to keep this wonderful connection an ongoing part of my life.

Once more—thank you!

Blessings always,  
Marsha Clark