

# St. Andrew Scroll

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## St. Andrew receives Open Doors Grant

We are excited to share the news that St. Andrew was selected for an Open Doors Grant from the ELCA.



This is a new initiative designed to support congregations interested in meeting new people, especially as we emerge from the pandemic and the isolation we endured for the last year and a half.

In a brainstorming session earlier this year, council members tried to imagine what might welcome a neighbor and invite them to stop by our corner. We also talked about ideas that are seeing some success elsewhere. St. Andrew submitted a grant application proposing the idea of a weekday coffee house, with the grant money going toward publicity to implement the idea. The grant award is for \$1,500.

The details of how it might work and what it will look like is the exciting task that we can now begin to work on. The council discussion left open all possibilities, from making coffee ourselves to arranging for a professional coffee cart, and everything in-between.



We look forward to bringing this idea to life in our neighborhood and being one of many congregations who are connecting with new people.

Stay tuned as we move forward to a post-pandemic way of being church together.

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)*

## St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Arvada

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### OFFICE HOURS:

**TUESDAY 11 TO 4**

**WEDNESDAY 9 TO 2**

**THURSDAY 9 TO 2:30**

**Sunday Worship 9 a.m.**

[in the sanctuary and via Zoom]

There is ample seating capacity in the sanctuary with a 'mask optional' policy. Social distancing is still encouraged. *If it is your first time back, let Karen Stine know so there are enough communion elements set out.*

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

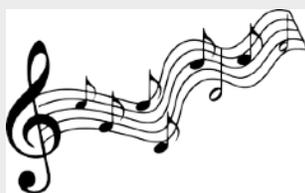


## July Birthdays

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



## Welcome to new organist



St. Andrew is blessed with the talent of two fabulous organists on alternating Sundays, Cheryl Rolf and Janet Miller.

Now, we welcome a third organist, Leigh Johanssen, into the rotation. She is a friend of Cheryl's from Hawaii, living in Thornton to help her son who is in need of a liver transplant.

Welcome Leigh!

## CARES Act grant update

St. Andrew is so very grateful for CARES Act grant money that has helped us through the pandemic. There was a small amount of funding still available for "Phase 2" options. Council voted to move forward with needed repairs, to avoid more costly repair work in the future.

## Outreach Organizer Needed

Mari Hackbarth, who was leading our Outreach efforts, is now serving as St. Andrew Treasurer. We are looking for someone to help with Outreach, especially this fall. Let Mari or Pastor Bev know if you are interested.

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**Next Council meeting: July 11, 10:15 a.m.**

## First fellowship event since the pandemic!

Congratulations to Larry and Karen Stine who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary! Their family brought cake to celebrate after worship last Sunday, the first time since the pandemic that there has been a fellowship gathering in Obert Hall! AND, congratulations to Bud and Barb Obert who were also celebrating their wedding anniversary, 62 years together!



## Future ministry at St. Andrew

Remember that sermon in May? Pastor Bev continues her summer hiatus, but we should all be thinking and praying about the future of St. Andrew and the possibilities that she talked about just a few short weeks ago. Council members had a chance for further discussion at the June council meeting. And the discussions will continue!



The idea: Grounded in the work we've done most recently in the Resiliency Project, we intentionally turn our ministry focus toward seniors, those who are members but also seniors in our neighborhood and the larger community. We can embrace both the need for senior-specific resources and the expertise we have within in our congregation for addressing senior needs.

First steps: Try new options for mutual ministry with Advent Lutheran Church. We can look to Advent for help with confirmation or young adult ministry as needed. St. Andrew can be the source for senior ministry.

What it looks like: We will launch our first mutual ministry efforts in September by inviting the new intern pastor at Advent to preach and preside at St. Andrew one Sunday a month.

Can this tie into a weekday coffee house? Are there other ideas that you have for future ministry at St. Andrew? This fall will be an exciting time to re-engage with each other in person and to be about God's work, through our hands, in our neighborhood.

### Sacred Way Fair coming to St. Andrew in October



Another sign of the waning pandemic is a healing arts fair planned this fall.

Gayle Fowler is planning to host another Sacred Way Fair on Saturday, October 23rd. It's been more than a year since she has been able to do this. St. Andrew will work with her to support the fair that day and to have a presence among the healing arts practitioners.

## Music Ministry at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is looking forward to welcoming back musicians and singers in our post-pandemic worship setting.

We don't have enough choir members to have a weekly choir rehearsal and choir director right now, but we are committed to making a joyful noise to the Lord in new ways.



We are hoping to put together a schedule of 'special music' to feature soloists, duets, trios, and small groups throughout the fall to enhance our worship. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, contact Gloria Lopatofsky and let her know.

# *From the Rocky Mountain Synod*

## **ELCA World Hunger: How Does It Actually Work?!**

**Zoom on Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.**



The people and congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod are very generous in their support of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Do you ever wonder where the money goes and who decides how to spend it?  
How the voices of people being helped are heard?

Gabe Brannan, the Mission Funding Director assigned to our synod, will be with us in July to answer these very questions... and any others you may have!

Join the Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 13 to learn about the ins and outs of ELCA World Hunger.

**BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**

**ZOOM:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91045154307?>

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – June 13, 2021

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

1. Call to order - Bud called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Opening prayer - Lynn led the opening prayer
3. Approval of agenda - Joe moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an item under Old Business, CARES Act funds. Second by Gloria, motion carried.
4. Approval of council minutes from May 16, 2021 - Mari moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe, motion carried.
5. Pastor's Report - No report
6. Council President's Report - No report
7. Treasurer's report – Mari submitted the Treasurer's Report and income statement in writing; there is a net overage of about \$2,000. This was the result of transferring the appropriate CARES Act grant money into the general fund. She reported we are doing well relative to the budget. There is \$82,900 in checking; \$5000 in savings; total \$88,070 in all accounts. We were slightly over budget on maintenance due to the furnace costs. Joe asked about the \$2,000 that was to be transferred to the Endowment Fund, Mari is checking on it and will email Joe.
8. Ministry updates (Council liaison)
  - a. Worship (Gloria, Joe, Laura, Liz) Gloria reported that she contacted choir members to see how many would be interested in returning to choir. Out of 10 calls, there were two yes, two no, a couple of maybes if transportation could be arranged, and four messages that have not been returned. There was discussion about supporting 'special music' to encourage duets, trios, and other special music. Sara Burchard, Debby Hartke, Trudy Pardee and others are willing to support music ministry, just not every week. Gloria will reach back out to see who would be interested in helping organize this.

Our organist, Cheryl, has been approached by another organist who recently moved into the area and would like to audition for us and possibly join the rotation of our organists. Lee Johanssen is her name and Cheryl will help make the connection. Gloria will help with arrangements and will be the primary point of contact for Lee.
  - b. Fellowship/Member care (Liz, Lynn) Lynn reported that the Sunday coffee time last week and this week has gone well, nice to have that fellowship time. Lynn found out last week that Phyllis Hovey enjoys walks and that St. Andrew members can check in with ALH staff and

take her for a walk. Gloria reported that it was great to call choir members and spend time catching up, she encouraged all of us to reach out to each other to stay connected.

c. Faith Formation (Laura) - No report

d. Communication (Joe, Lynn) Joe has added the most recent St. Andrew Scroll onto the website.

e. Outreach (liaison position vacant) - We are still looking for someone to volunteer to help chair our Outreach activities. Mari reported there are some donations in the Donations Box and she will get those delivered where they need to go.

f. Property maintenance (Robert) - Robert reported that he met with Guy Goddard and repairs are completed to the sanctuary door and the hot water pilot light was relit. The fire extinguishers are being serviced. Robert also reported that he and Mari have been working on the sprinkler system, some of the heads were blocked by grass. There is still some work to be done to get the system in optimal working order. There has been communication with ALH on the lawn and field mowing and it should be all straightened out. Bud noted we still need a light replaced in the sanctuary.

#### 9. Liaison reports - (liaison)

a. Healing Arts Center (Barb B) – No report

b. Almost Like Home (Julie, Debby) - No report

c. Secrest Elementary (Mary Ann, Jenny) - No report

#### 10. Old business -

a. CARES Act grant proposal - Mari reviewed the Phase 2 proposals and is recommending that we put a priority on repairing the siding of the church building, this would be to protect from further damage and higher repair costs. There is council support for making this a priority but there was a discussion about further research. Robert will take this for action to get more information on bids and to assess the full extent of needed siding repairs. Bud moved to pay for the repairs with CARES money, second by Lynn, motion carried.

b. Future ministry at St. Andrew continuing discussion

- Robert Coppin's wishful thinking - Robert is interested in looking at nearby churches to see how we might partner in ministry, especially as it relates to sharing a pastor. He would like to approach King of Glory and Advent, when they call a new pastor, to see if they would be willing to do a '2-point' pastor. He at least wants to reach out to these congregations to gauge their interest. There was further discussion. The discussion and any further action is tabled until August council meeting.

- Congregation land for senior housing - There was discussion about renewing consideration of using the vacant church land for a smaller affordable housing project. We were approached a few years ago by Interfaith Alliance for this type of project, and just

recently by Real Estate 501c3. Bud noted concerns that if we lease the land we could lose our church non-profit status. Questions would have to be answered such the impact on tax status, likelihood of city approval of such a project especially since we are less than the required acreage for a church, logistics such as impact to parking at the church, impact on the Healing Arts Center, would we have to get legal counsel or some kind of representation in any negotiations. Lynn will try to connect with the 501C3 people on some of these questions, Mari will take those questions to Interfaith Alliance as well.

11. New business - no new items

Announcements -

Next meeting date – July 11, 2021 following worship at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Adjournment - Mari moved to adjourn at 11:09 a.m., second by Robert, motion carried.