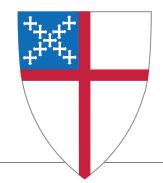
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DULUTH, MN



THE MESSENGER

July & August, 2023

Hospitality and Generosity

Over the summer, we read stories from the Hebrew Bible that tell of our spiritual ancestors. Beginning with Abraham's call from God in Genesis, and continuing through Jacob and Joseph's story to Moses and Miriam's story, we will walk with the ancient Israelites through some of our oldest stories. These stories teach us about the relationship that these people developed with a God who sought to know them, and they teach us so much about where we come from so that we might discern where we are going.

These are not perfect people—as we will find out time and time again—but despite their imperfections, there are certain spiritual values that they engage with that we can also learn from.

One of the stories that we read in the sequence of Abraham's story is his encounter with three angels who visit his tent in the heat of the day. In the moment, Abraham is recovering from an injury and is, presumably, in quite a bit of pain. This God that he is following has asked him for many sacrifices, made him promises, but has not yet delivered on those promises. He still does not have a child through Sarah, whom God insists will be the mother of nations. Yet despite the uncertainty and the struggle of the present moment, he responds to these three strangers with extravagant generosity. An enormous amount of bread is prepared: he offers them a feast, and prevails on them to stay with him.

Hospitality in the ancient world was paramount—but it was not a given. The desert is a dangerous place, and if those you encounter are not willing to take you in, terrible things might happen to you. Abraham knows this well: he has wandered among tribal kings who are fighting with each other; he encounters towns and villages which abuse strangers; he has come under the reign of the Pharoah of Egypt and been enmeshed in Phar-

oah's machinations. At this moment in his story, he has some wealth, but he is still vulnerable. Despite that vulnerability, he responds with extravagant generosity and hospitality.

Living faithfully in the world asks us to live into our own uncertainty and vulnerability with both hospitality and generosity. As a faith community,



we welcome people in with deep questions about God, with a hunger for spiritual community, and a desire to discover the God who loves them. We provide hospitality for those who are seeking something intangible and yet so vital—and like Abraham, we might go ahead and make 400 scones to go with it. We rely on the generous provision of time, talent and treasure from the members of our church, but we rely on that generosity so that the faith community may be empowered to give generously as well.

This summer, I want to highlight a few things that are vital to our practice of both hospitality and generosity as a faith community:

- The outreach team has discerned financial gifts of over \$6,000 from their custodial funds as gifts to local nonprofit organizations.
- We are looking to fill two high-commitment volunteer roles for 2023–2024, roles that will facilitate our practice of both hospitality and generosity. The first is a leader or pair of leaders for our 2024 stewardship campaign, and the second is a leader who will dream up and implement a visitor and newcomer hospitality system. Further

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Second Saturday Service Opportunity

Join Deacon Pat in the St. Paul's Parish Kitchen to make rhubarb jam for Chum! There is plenty of leftover chopped rhubarb that will be made into



jam. Meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 8 at St. Paul's.

details about these roles are available later in the Messenger. (See page 4)

It is my hope that by laying some core foundations over the summer, we will be stepping into the fall prepared to act in these values. I pray that God might bless you in your summer celebrations and adventures, that you may both give and receive generous hospitality in the coming months.

Peace,
Maggie,
Rector

Thank you to everyone who helped with CHUM's Rhubarb Festival!



Bakers produced 400+ scones — they smelled delicious!



St. Paul's youth participated in a service project on Friday, June 23. They helped set up Rhubarb Fest and also cleaned up litter from the beach on Park Point. Great job! We are proud of you! Special thanks to Amber Sadowski for coordinating this opportunity for them.

July-August Save the Dates

Monthly calendar dates are subject to change, and not all meetings are planned far enough in advance to meet deadline.

Please check the website or the church bulletin for the most up-to-date calendar as the summer progresses.

July 4-8

Episcopal Youth Event

Please pray for our youth attending the national EYE event in Baltimore: Gabe French, Olivia Morin-Swanson, Agnes Barthel, Ernie Barthel, Evan Erspamer

Saturday, July 8 - Second Saturday 9 am Make jam for Chum in the Parish Kitchen

Sunday, July 9 - Children's Sunday with Godly Play

Sunday, July 16

Lake Superior Sunday 8 am - Rite I (Chapel)

10 am - at St. Andrew's by the Lake on Park Point

- Please note that the beach location is not accessible to those with limited mobility. Join us in the chapel at 8 am for our usual Rite I service if this is a concern.
- Please bring a camp chair to the 10 am service, and consider carpooling to reduce parking load on the Point.

Friday, July 21—Monday, July 24

Youth Canoe Trip

Events Happening in August Saturday, August 5—August 12

Bishop's Residency in the Northeast Mission Area Watch your email for diocesan events in Duluth on Saturday, August 5 and throughout the week.

Sunday, August 6

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Service - 4 pm Please join us to celebrate the confirmation class of 2023!

Sunday, August 13 - Children's Sunday with Godly Play

Sunday, August 27 - Special Guest Priest: Marta Maddy

Summer Children's Sundays

The second Sunday in June, July, August and September will be "Children's Sundays." On these Sundays we will incorporate elements into our 10 am liturgy that are accessible to children including certain music, and an invitation to come forward to see the Eucharist up close.

Support Groups Meeting at the Carriage House

These groups are available to St. Paul's members but are not affiliated with St. Paul's.

Tuesdays 12 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesdays 5 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics

Fridays 11 am Al-Anon Freedom Group

Fridays 5:30 pm Al-Anon Book Study

Saturdays 6 am Blue Stone Zen Group

Fall Planning

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

Return of "Wednesday Church Night"

Wednesday, September 13

Deadline for submissions to the September issue of *The Messenger* is 8:00 am, Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Please email items to:

office@stpaulsduluth.org

Are You Interested?

St. Paul's is recruiting the following volunteer leaders:

Stewardship Team for 2024

We are looking for a leader or pair of leaders to guide our annual campaign for 2024. This individual will work closely with the rector to recruit speakers during worship, establish a task list and calendar, and delegate tasks among the stewardship team and Vestry. This individual will mobilize a team of congregational leaders (including Vestry, stewardship team members, finance team, etc.) to ensure that each member of the church understands our financial goals for the year and is personally invited to make a pledge for 2024. We are really hoping to recruit someone who is willing to lead for both 2024 and 2025 (a two-year term), establishing a firm foundation for the next stewardship leader to build on. **Reach out to the Rev. Rick Swenson and the Rev. Maggie Nancarrow** at rector@stpaulsduluth.org and associate@stpaulsduluth.org if interested.

Membership Coordinator

The membership coordinator will work closely with the rector to:

- Identify and train a team of 4-6 individuals to be designated newcomer contact people on Sunday mornings
- Identify key information that newcomers may want to know, and train team members to serve as a newcomer greeter once a month
- Design a system for connecting new members with others in the community, following up with visitors who become regular attendees, and creating new social connections

Reach out to the Rev. Maggie Nancarrow at rector@stpaulsduluth.org if interested.



Thursday, August 24, 6:10pm at Target Field

Join members of your Episcopal family for a night out at the ball game!

Reserved Cub Family Section seats \$21.00/ticket

FREE hotdog and Pepsi included in ticket price No alcohol allowed in the Cub Family Section.

Reserved Field Box Section 126 seats \$37.00/ticket

Located down the 3rd base line near the Gray Duck Deck

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT EPISCOPALMN.ORG/EVENTS

From Your Bookkeeper

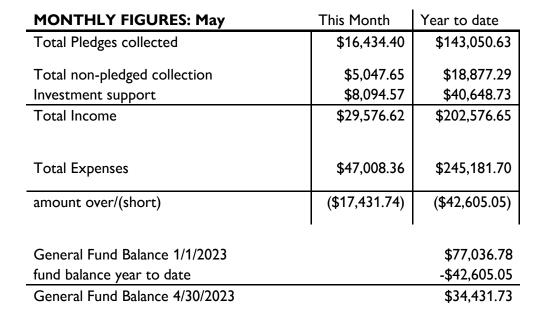
Dear Parishioners,

Due to banking issues occurring nationwide, our bank is cracking down on their own processes. They have begun to carefully scrutinize how checks are written and rejecting checks not correctly issued.

Please make all checks payable to: **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**.

Note on the **memo line** of your check if those funds are for a specific program such as *Altar guild* or a *memorial gift*, etc.





^{*}The pledge collection amount for May was \$5,663.17 under budget.

Please note that pledge collection is under budget not because people are not meeting their pledges, but because we did not meet our pledge goal during the fall stewardship campaign.

*Our bottom line, income over expenses, for May is -\$17,431.74and -\$42,605.05 year-to-date. This is no cause for concern at this point, since we budgeted to utilize the surplus from the prior 3 years as we rebuild our programs.

Although this report reflects financial results through May, we are currently half-way through our fiscal year. Please prayerfully consider additional giving to St. Paul's to support our mission and ministries.

If you have any questions, please call my office or email me at bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org.



^{*}Total income is under budget \$40,825.00 through the end of May. Please keep in mind that our pledges did not meet our pledge goals.

^{*}Expenses were \$357.35 under budget for the month of May and under budget \$14,750.97 year-to-date, which is good news.

From Your Altar Guild: Looking for a Connection



Are you a new member or maybe have you been attending St. Paul's for a while and looing to make a connection with parishioners. Altar Guild is an excellent option for you.

Altar Guild is a team of people who prepare the Sanctuary every week for Church. They also serve at all special services like weddings, baptisms and confirmation. There are a variety of opportunities such as brass cleaning or caring for the linens. Anyone can join the Altar Guild — women, men and youth. Watch this space to learn more about joining Altar Guild.

> Respectfully submitted, Lynnea Hultkrantz, Director

From the Olcott Library

Here are some recent additions to the Olcott Library:

"Given Away" by Kate Anne Kang. (Winner of the 2018

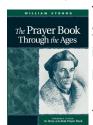


Eric Hoffer First Horizon Award for "superior work" by a debut author.) Anny Kang was six years old when she was sent by her mother to be adopted by a Scandinavian family in the Twin Cities. There she became Kate Strand. Through her youth, Kate struggled as a Korean adoptee to navigate a new family, a new language and a new life. When

her Korean birth family contacts her after more than two decades, an adult Kate is forced to confront her past and begins to understand her long-standing inner conflicts with loss and rejection and discovers how her past has formed her current sense of self.

"Healing After Loss" by Martha Hickman. This book contains one year of short daily meditations for working through grief after the loss of a loved one.

"The Prayer Book Through the Ages" by William Sydnor.



The first edition of this book, titled "The Story of the Real Prayer Book" was written in answer to protests that arose over the proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer in the 1970s. The protestors wanted to return to the "real" Prayer Book services i.e., the 1928 Book. The answer was the

publication of the first edition of this book which described the eight revisions of the Book of Common Prayer since 1549. It described why each revision was necessary, what was changed, added, omitted, but more importantly, what was always retained in the "new" Book.

According to the author, the first edition of this book was argumentative and intended to justify the appearance of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This revised edition takes a more temperate view of the history of the Book of Common Prayer during its centuries of use.

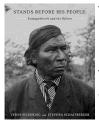
"Second Firsts: Live, Laugh, and Love Again" by Christina



Rasmussen. Ms. Rasmussen, a therapist and crisis intervention counselor, lost her husband firsts to cancer in her early 30s. Using the knowledge she gained by wading through her own grief and reading hundreds of books, Ms. Rasmussen realized that grief plunges you into a gap between worlds - the worlds before and

after the loss. She realized how easy it is to get lost in this gap. Using practical exercises and stories, this book guides you through the five stages of healing from acknowledging your fear, to recognizing where you are now, to taking active steps toward a new life.

"Stands Before His People: Enmegahbowh and the Ojib-



we" by Verne Pickering and The Rev. Stephen Schaitberger. This is the story of Enmegahbowh and the influence he had as the first Native American Episcopalian priest during the turbulent 1800s.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Witt

Outreach Funds Disbursed!

For several years, an informal group of fourteen people, "the Outreach Committee," has been exploring outreach initiatives at St. Paul's. This committee has custody of a fund to be used for outreach ministries, which had accumulated roughly \$14,000 in recent years. The committee received micro-grant proposals from congregation members to distribute to local charities. Pat called a meeting on Sunday, June 11 after the ten o'clock service to discuss the applications and vote on disbursements. Seven people plus Pat attended and, after discussion, we enthusiastically approved all five grant requests, totaling \$7,000:

- Chum (Churches United in Ministry) \$2,500
- Damiano Soup Kitchen \$2,000
- Loaves & Fishes Shelter \$1,000
- PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault)\$500
- Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center \$1,000

These expenses will go to the Vestry for final approval and then the bookkeeper will cut and send checks to the programs listed above.

The church's involvement with each of these groups varies.

<u>Chum (fka Churches United in Ministry)</u>: Deacon Pat is on staff at Chum and St. Paul's has an ongoing financial commitment to Chum.

<u>Damiano Soup Kitchen</u>: For decades, St. Paul's clergy and parishioners have volunteered to help prepare meals at

the Damiano Soup Kitchen. Indeed, Margaret Thomas began the regular monthly volunteer commitment on the first Monday of each month. Within the last year, we also committed to send volunteers on the third Wednesday of the month and sometimes on a Saturday.

<u>Loaves & Fishes</u>: St. Paul's has an ongoing relationship with this group and individual volunteers also help.

PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault): Individual parishioners support this important work but the church has not contributed funds until now.

<u>Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center</u>: Individual parishioners support this important work but the church has not regularly contributed funds.

Deacon Pat hopes the Outreach Committee can meet quarterly to consider several issues that are still outstanding. Are you interested in joining us? Parishioners are welcome to come to meetings (join the group!) and make their voices and views heard.

Here are some of the questions that remain:

- How, when, and to whom should the remaining funds be distributed?
- How can these funds be replenished?
- What other groups might receive funds, such as Stepping On Up and Annie's House.
- How can the congregation be more involved in making decisions about which groups should receive gifts?

Submitted by Zabelle Stodola, Member of the Outreach Committee



Lake Superior Sunday—10 am

Each year, communities all around our inland sea celebrate Lake Superior Sunday. In honor of this celebration, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's by the Lake on Park Point are combining efforts. Our later service will take place at St. Andrew's on the beach at Park Point. Join us for Eucharist right on the beach; bring a chair. Carpooling is encouraged; parking on the point is limited. While the beach is beautiful and welcoming, it is also difficult to traverse for those with limited mobility. We will have our 8 am Rite I service in the chapel for any and all who want to worship but are unable to attend on Park Point. St. Andrews also streams their service in their accessible sanctuary. If it rains, or if there are high winds, we will worship indoors at St. Andrew's, as a combined congregation.



Lost Treasures from the Archives

Published May 25, 1896

THE MAN GOT AWAY

Dr. Ryan and Other Duluthians

Done Up by a Wily

Imposter.

HE SOLD FINE SUIT PATTERNS

But They Proved to Be Worthless and the Doctor Got After the Swindler.

Some very smooth gentleman have been working off a lot of suit patterns on Duluth and Superior people during the past few dass at prices that seemed like a great sacrifice to the purchasers, but which was accounted for by the salesmen in a most satisfactory manner. One of the men left the city very abruptly for one of his customers "got on to his curves" and was after him for a rebate on the \$17 he had put up for the two suit patterns.

One day last week Dr. A. W. Ryan of St. Paul's Episcopal church was sitting in his study when a man about 40 years of age was ushered in with a roll of woolens on his arm. He was a man of business address and, the doctor says, one of the best talkers he has met in many a day. The doctor's caller had suit patterns to sell which were bargains and the person who took advantage of them was very lucky indeed. He said the patterns were a part of the Clay exhibit at the Atlanta exposition. The goods were imported of course, and it was not the desire of the owners to take them back across the water and owing to the laws governing such cases the goods could not be sold to jobbers, but they could be disposed of to individuals in patterns of two or more. A friend of D. Ryan was present who had a vague recollection of some World's fair woolens that had been sold at a bar. gain and he mentioned the circumstance. Clearly it was a parallel case and Dr. Ryan invested to the extent of two patterns. The salesman made a few remarks the reverse of complimentary of Duluth weather and politely bowed himself out.

Dr. Ryan in the course of a day or two took the paterns down to his tailor and that gentleman desired to know where he had obtained them. Explanations were made and the tailor said he could have furnished as good material considerably cheaper and much to Dr. Ryan's surprise told him the goods were not of Clay manufacture at all. This fact was proved in a manner satisfactory to the doctor. but he did not intend to do anything about it.: The next day, however, he met the oily tongued salesman on Superior street and asked for an accounting. The salesman who said his name was McCormick, promised to make everything satisfactory and made a date to meet the doctor the following morning. The hour for the meeting and the accounting arrived, but McCormick did not and the doctor set out to find him. He soon ascertained that the man had gone to Superior and thither he followed him. The assistance of Chief Crumpton of that city was invoked and an officer was detailed to go out and search for the man with the bargains in worsteds. The doctor accompanied him to assist in the identification of the man and they finally got on his trail. It led to the Union depot and the pursuers were 200 feet from the train which started for Carlton with McCormick. They were too late and the man had escaped. Dr. Ryan might still have secured the suave gentleman, but he concluded not to follow the matter any further. McCormick claimed to have had charge of the Clay exhibit at Atlanta. There are others in the city beside Dr. Ryan who paid fancy prices for common goods under the impression they were getting a legitimate bargain. There are no Clay goods that do not have the name "Clay" worked in the margin of every piece at intervals of every two yards. A prominent board of trade man was among the many who are said to have listened to the wiles of the man from Atlanta and been taken in. There are several of these salesmen in the city and they have been working it systematically.

> Respectfully submitted, Bob Silverness, Archivist

Notes of a Different Kind...

Summer greetings to you!

The poet Pushkin wrote, "In a cruel age, I sing of kindness." Reading these words so long ago had a huge effect on me. These words are central to how I try to live. I am always amazed that people are surprised by a simple act of kindness: holding the door open for a person entering behind me, greeting someone while looking them in the eye, a slight nod as we pass on the street. These effortless things make a difference and send the message that a person has valued simply because they exist, because they are created in God's image, and as last Sunday's Gospel stated, God knows them so well that even the hairs on their head are numbered.

A huge part of my childhood experience was singing, and I believe it made me a kinder person. We sang all the time as a family, and the piano was central to our life as a family. Yes, there were times when the younger of my two older sisters was irritated by it as she was rather obsessed with being "cool." Interestingly, her home has a piano around which we gather and sing when we get together these days. We didn't always sing well although, even at our worst, I suppose it was still palatable to the ear. We sang in the car going to and from the lake cabin. On these trips, our favorite was my dad's rendition Bill Grogan's Goat, a somewhat grisly tale about a man and his goat's near-death experience. We sang at Christmas or whenever we found ourselves together. Now with another generation, my children and their cousins, we continue to make music together. (For those of you who know the college choral tradition of the upper Midwest, these sessions always conclude with F. Melius Christiansen's famous setting of Beautiful Savior.) We even sang around my parents' deathbed as they drew their last

breath, a holy and sacred moment to be sure. I try to imagine, but I can't know, what my life would look like had I not had this as part of my story. This is not to say that we were the picture



of happiness. We were a typical family. We fought and yelled as kids, and we don't all agree politically or theologically, but our shared song brings us together for brief moments, and our differences don't matter, at least not for a while. Those are moments of deep and abiding grace between us, and I cherish them when they happen.

The macro version of this is the assembly that gathers for worship on Sunday. We come together from all corners of the city and from situations that are as different as night and day, but we come **together** and we sing; we pray; we eat; we lament; we rejoice. We are doing our best to illustrate the kingdom of God, being Christ to the world. We lay aside the things that divide us and pay homage to the One who created all things in their diversity and delights in our praise, hears our woes, and takes our laments seriously. Next time you're in church, listen to the voices around you. Hear the words that bring us together. Sing with full heart. Pray boldly. We're in this together with God's blessing.

Thanks be to God.

Tom Hamilton Minister of Music



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JULY 2023

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	July 2	July 9	July 16 @St. Andrew's	July 23	July 30
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	S M Anderson	C Miller	R Ballou-Buck	C Miller
	S Cox	S Hall	A Gustafson	D Kolquist	A Gustafson
	J Harvey	A Sadowski	L Hultkrantz		L Hultkrantz
	S Sommer				
LECTOR 8:00 am	J Pastor	M Gustafson	A Mackenzie	N Diener	M Gustafson
LECTOR 10:00 am	J Stromquist	M French, Sr.	ТВА	R Butler	N Constance
CHALICE	J Stromquist	S M Anderson	ТВА	R Butler	N Constance
BEARERS	M Gustafson	M Spencer		N Diener	S M Anderson
	N Diener	N Constance		K Smith	P Enenbach
ACOLYTES	L Fellman	G French	None	A Dodge	G French
	L Gustafson	J Bauer		A Rennan	O Morin-Swanson
	C Gustafson	O Morin-Swanson		A Keto	J Shambour
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	None	J Austin	R Lyle
COFFEE HOST	W Copeland & M Chilson	Spehar Family	None	Silverness Family	M Gustafson Family
USHERS	R Lyle	B Dinan	None	D Morin	R Lyle
	G Olson	C Dinan		K Swanson	G Olson
	P Waite	N Schuldt		D Barthel	P Waite
	M Gustafson				M Gustafson
LOCK UP	T Diener	J Austin	D Pederson	B Stapp	C Fellman

Altar Guild Other Duties for July:

July Linens:

Brass Cleaning for July:

L Hultkrantz, Z Stodola Subs: C Conrad

C Miller S Hall

Please note: on July 16, we have 8 am service in the Chapel, and 10 am service at St. Andrew's (see p. 7 for more info).

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2023

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	September 3
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	S M Anderson	C Miller	R Ballou-Buck	K Leonard
	S Cox	S Hall	A Gustafson	D Kolquist	S Cox
	J Harvey	A Sadowski	L Hultkrantz		J Harvey
	S Sommer				S Sommer
LECTOR 8:00 am	J Pastor	N Diener	A Mackenzie	M Gustafson	J Pastor
LECTOR 10:00 am	Z Stodola	M Gustafson	J Pastor	K Smith	M Spencer
CHALICE	Z Stodola	M Gustafson	J Pastor	K Smith	M Spencer
BEARERS	N Diener	S M Anderson	P Enebach	W Copeland	S M Anderson
	J Stromquist	R Butler	M Chilson	N Constance	P Enenbach
ACOLYTES	A Barthel	M Butler	G French	A Dodge	A Barthel
	E Barthel	C Butcher	L Gustafson	O Morin-Swanson	E Barthel
	J Bauer	J Shambour	A Keto	C Butcher	I Denney
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	R Lyle	J Austin	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	K Smith Family	C Andrews and J Peterman	H Hansen Family	Fait-Rennan Family	S M Anderson and N Constance
USHERS	B Dinan	M Brown	D Morin	R Lyle	B Dinan
	C Dinan	S Brown	K Swanson	G Olson	C Dinan
	N Schuldt	D Kolquist	D Barthel	P Waite	N Schuldt
				M Gustafson	
LOCK UP	M Brown	T Diener	J Austin	D Pederson	B Stapp

Altar Guild Other Duties for August:

August Linens: Brass Cleaning for August:

L Hultkrantz, A Sadowski

Subs: C Conrad

C Miller

S Hall

Please note: Sunday, August 6, 4:00 pm, Bishop Craig Loya will celebrate Confirmation and Reception here at St. Paul's. We will need volunteers for Acolytes, Ushers, Livestream, Reception and Lockup. Contact Parish Office to volunteer. Thanks!



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Y'all Come!

Saturday, August 5, 2-5pm St. Andrew's by the Lake, 2802 Minnesota Avenue, Duluth

All Episcopalians in the northeast are enthusiastically invited to join us for a casual gathering at St. Andrew's by the Lake on the beautiful shore of Lake Superior as



we kick off the ECMN week-in-residence with a time of games, snacks, and socializing.

Please visit this sign up site if you'd like to bring snacks to share:

NE Residency Mission Area Get Together or https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084caaac23a1fcc07-neresidency#/