



August 2023

Notes from the Rector



My hollyhocks are starting to produce buds. Even with the hail, they've managed to stay upright and keep their leaves mostly intact. If they continue to thrive, by the end of this month I should

have rich dark red blooms waving in the breezes. As the lower flowers get pollinated and shed their petals to focus on seed production, the stems will keep growing more buds, more flowers, more seeds, until they're stopped by the cold.

One thing that I find fascinating is that hollyhocks sprout better when the seeds have been cold. If you buy the seeds, the packet instructions tell you to plant in the spring before the last frost. They need to feel the cold to trigger germination. Without it, they are far less likely to sprout. When I first decided I'd like to grow hollyhocks I gathered seeds from a thriving bed and planted half of them the following spring after the frost was over. Not a single seed came up.

When I asked one of the local gardeners what I'd done wrong, she told me that to plant after the last frost I needed to have put the seeds in the freezer for at least two weeks before planting them. Otherwise, they don't come up. I put the remaining seeds in the freezer and kept them there all winter. The next spring when I planted them? Hollyhock plants, healthy and strong. It's not something we humans particularly appreciate, but we need to remember that

sometimes stress can be as important as comfort in our thriving. This month I'll enjoy my hollyhocks as they continue to grow each day, and I'll be thrilled when the flowers begin to open and draw bees and hummingbirds to the yard. As the nights get cold I'll cover the plants so they can store as much food as possible in their roots for next year. Before the snow falls I'll break open the mature seed pods and scatter the contents, scraping them into the soil and covering them lightly with mulch. Over the winter they'll be weighted down by snow and frozen into the soil. And next spring, when the snow melts and the ground warms, new plants will join the old and produce more flowers, more seeds, more joy.

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Peter Sabella

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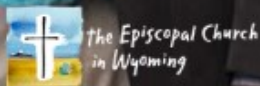
WEREN'T OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?

**An invitation from the Holy
Land to walk the Road of
Emmaus in our daily lives**

September 3, 2023

5:00 PM

**ST. ANDREW'S
524 W PINE STREET
PINEDALE, WY**



Join us at 5 pm on Sunday, September 3 for a Holy Land Pilgrimage in Wyoming! The Episcopal Church in Wyoming welcomes Mr. Peter Sabella, a Palestinian Christian leader from the Holy Land, who will lead us in a discussion on how to walk the road to Emmaus in our daily lives. As well as preaching at the 9 am service, at 5 pm Mr. Sabella will broaden our understanding of historic Christianity and the unique role that Arab Christians play throughout the Holy Land and the Middle East. Born as a Palestinian Christian in Jerusalem, Mr. Sabella brings the unique perspective of being both Palestinian and Israeli. He received his Master of Arts Degree in Peace and Development Studies from the University of Guttenberg in Sweden and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bethlehem University, which was the first university established in the West Bank. Mr. Sabella is experienced as a licensed tour guide for pilgrim groups visiting the Holy Land and has previously worked with humanitarian missions throughout the West Bank and Gaza. He is the author of the book *Closed for Renovation: On the Road to Emmaus*, which has been published in both English and French.

August 1-3 and 8-10 are St. Andrew's last two Summer Lunch weeks! Volunteers are needed Tuesday through Thursday 11 am-1 pm, and bakers are needed to provide 5 dozen cookies each week. Please add your contact information on the highlighted weeks of the sign-up sheet, or call, text or email to Melinda the day(s) you'd like to help. Thank you!

2023 Bondurant Heritage Day is Saturday, August 12 from 9 am to 2 pm at the St. Hubert's Church and Library grounds. The event features a community-wide rummage sale, Bondurant Community Club Benefit Raffle, bake sale and cookout, and Book Sale. Give yourself a break! Come spend a day in Bondurant.

The August Vestry Meeting is on Monday, August 14 in-person and by Zoom at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

The Diocesan Region V Pre-convention Meeting is Saturday, August 26 at Holy Communion Episcopal Church, 250 2nd Street, Rock Springs from 11 am to 2 pm. In addition to a presentation of the proposed business for October's convention and a line-by-line review of the proposed 2024 Diocesan budget, we will also be electing representatives for Dioce-

san Council. Delegates, alternates, clergy and interested church members are encouraged to attend the pre-convention meeting at any regional meeting site.

Please sign up for the weekly St. Andrew's worship ministries. The worship schedule is in the entryway/narthex. Contact Joni Mack at 307-690-0669 for the Google Drive link to sign up online.



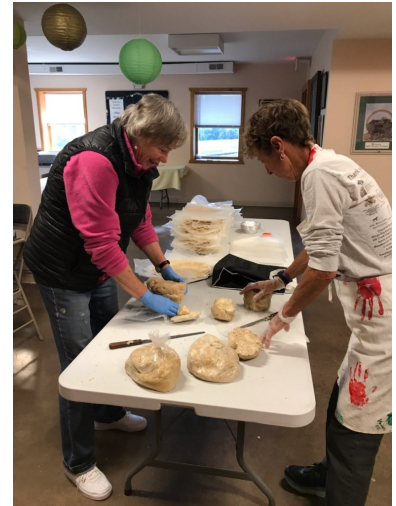
THANK YOU TO PIE SALE WORKERS

ECW Pie sale 2023 was a big success! We made over \$2600 before fruit costs, and that is fantastic! It couldn't have happened without every single person who shopped, mixed, rolled measured, baked and sold. Our home bakers were needed too! Abie Baker, Julia Cook, Paul Cook, Laura Shell, Dave Hohl, Joan Balue, Jo Crandall, Lauren McKeever, Susan Brennan, Andrea Paulsen, Sarah Hixson, Nancy Lutje, Babara Ford, Melinda Bobo, Jocelyn Moore, Meaganne Acres, Mary Lankford, Jeanne Raney, Dale Hill (A to Z Hardware,) Teresa Lindenmeier, plus several anonymous donors, are very much appreciated!

Joni Mack

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU'S

St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church and SAFV Taskforce's TCCC (Thoughtful Concerned Citizens Committee) co-sponsored the rummage sale to raise money for their respective youth ministries. Together they made \$1200, which they'll divide equally. Many thanks to all the people who donated such wonderful treasures and to our hardworking rummage wranglers. Josh and Cassie Wilson, Janel Scurlock, Tessa Miller, Dezi Saathoff, Nancy Lutje, Jocelyn Moore, Sarah Hixson, Lauren McKeever, Joan Balue, Jo Crandall, Jeremy (who was in line for the pie sale,) Lynn McGarr, Joni Mack, and Melinda



If you would like to sit down and have a detailed explanation of our finances, please be in touch. I'm glad to do that. This year, keep in mind that we had \$9,000 of our pledges pre-paid in December which show up in the savings account, but not in our revenue column below. If you average this amount over the year, we are right on target.

Current Assets	June 30, 2023	May 31, 2023
Operating fund balance	8,762.41	7,827.25
Memorial fund	2,062.88	2,062.63
Savings	29,494.13	29,492.84
Building fund	1,416.33	1,416.15
Priest Discretionary	(142.88)	47.12
Associate Priest Discretionary	1,131.99	1,131.99
Grant Checking Account	62,439.26	64,506.26
Summer Lunch Checking Account (new)	2,287.94	2,107.07
Total Current Assets	107,452.06	108,591.31
CD – building fund	20,000	20,000
Total CDs	20,000	20,000
Dedicated Funds		
Mental Health (formerly COVID) Grant	48,315.07	49,987.07
Bozeman Trail Grant	13,123.73	13,123.73
Outreach Fund	1703.30	1,598.30
Summer Lunch	2,287.94	2,107.07
Community Thanksgiving	165.00	165.00
Total Dedicated Funds	65,595.04	66,981.17
Budget Comparison Year-to-Date 6.30.23	Actual	Budget
Revenue	7,384.24	7,750.00
Expenses	7,644.99	8,703.85
(Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	(260.75)	722.39

St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church
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UPCOMING DATES IN AUGUST

August 1, 2 and 3: Summer Lunch Week for St. Andrew's volunteers at Pinedale Community Church from 11 am to 1 pm.

August 5, 12, 19, 26: Saturday Taizé services in-person and by Zoom at 6 pm.

August 6, 13, 20, 27: Sunday services in-person and by Zoom at 9 am.

August 8, 9 and 10: Summer Lunch Week for St. Andrew's volunteers at Pinedale Community Church from 11 am to 1 pm.

August 12: Bondurant Heritage Day at the St. Hubert's Church and Library grounds from 9 am to 2 pm.

August 14: Vestry meeting in-person and by Zoom at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

August 26: Diocesan Pre-convention meeting at Holy Communion Episcopal Church in Rock Springs from 11 am to 2 pm.

August 26: Deadline for the September Newsletter at 5 pm. Please email submissions to sukeybook@gmail.com.

September 3: Holy Land Pilgrimage in Wyoming with Peter Sabela at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sari Cenac	8/2
Jocelyn Moore	8/5
Sukey Hohl	8/6
Lauren McKeever	8/8
Norm Pape	8/8
ML Baxley	8/10
Laura Shell	8/10
Patty Washburn	8/10
Laura Lopeman	8/18
Sharon Luntsford	8/18
Bob Zakotnik	8/23
"Doc" Johnston	8/31