



OCTOBER 2026

A Season of Listening

You all warned me that summer in Pinedale would be busy, and you were right! I thoroughly enjoyed all of the community and church events this summer, but I will admit that the slower pace of fall is welcome.

As outside events are less frequent, though, we at St. Andrew's are adding new worship, study, and gathering options for the fall and winter. You can find dates and details on all of them in this newsletter and weekly announcements.

They may seem like a lot all at once, but the vestry and I wanted to try a variety of new options at different times to make it easier for those with busy schedules to find at least one service or connection point that works in a given week.

For me, the overarching purpose for all of these new offerings is listening—to God, each other, and our neighbors—with our ears and also the “ear of our hearts,” as St. Benedict once said.

I want and need to get to know you all, and the best way for me to do that is to listen. On Sunday mornings, though, I tend to do most of the talking! I want to hear about your life and spirituality so I can better care for and support you.

For St. Andrew's to grow in ministry and relationships in this time of transition, listening to each other and to God is critical. We need ways to share our hopes, ideas, and needs, and we need to listen to God speaking into this moment through the Scriptures, quiet prayer, sermons, the lives of the saints, and our own life experiences.

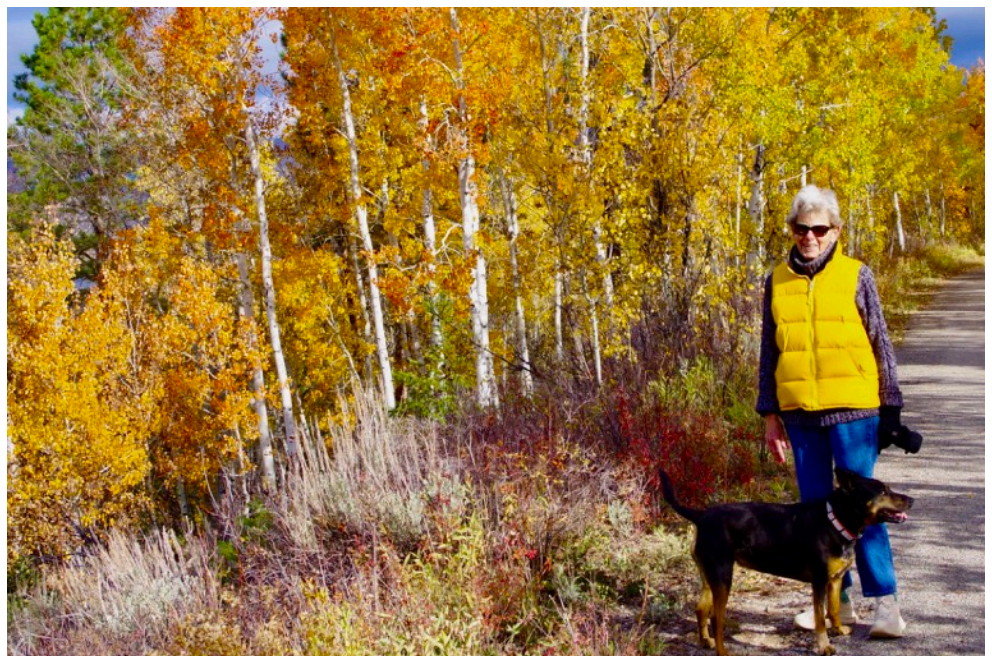
We are already well connected to the community and outwardly-focused, but as we discern new ministries and grow in our hospitality to the larger community, we also need to listen anew to our neighbors, especially those whose voices are muted in

the community. What are their needs and longings? What gifts has God given us to address them?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian who died in a Nazi prison, said in his classic book, *Life Together*, “The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to God's Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that God not only gives us the Word but also lends a divine ear.”
[modified for inclusive pronouns]

The first service! Most of us readily dive into active service, but do we take time to listen deeply to each other and God? Listening is the solid ground from which we can build effective, sustainable ministry and deeper connections. So, as the days get shorter and quieter in Pinedale, take time to try something new at St. Andrew's. Let this season of listening open your heart, spirit, and mind to the blessings and callings that God has for you and our church.

**Grace and peace,
Leeann+**



Nancy Lutje on a Fall day by Andrea Paulsen



Getting to Know: Maureen Hutchinson

How long have you been attending St. Andrews? Two months. (But I've been attending services at the Sublette Center for almost a year.)

Short Bio: I was born seven days after Pearl Harbor and was raised on a citrus farm in Santa Paula, California. I am a twin with an older sister so we were a family of three girls. After high school, I attended business school and then worked in Beverly Hills. I married in 1963 and we had two sons. After divorcing in 1979, I moved to Laramie. I remarried in 1981 and widowed in 1983. In 1986, I started with Barnabas Ministries, led by Canon Phillip Weeks. We took medical and dental supplies twice a year to the poorest of the poor in remote areas of the Philippines. I left Laramie to become an active gran to my three grandsons in Clovis, California. I returned to

Wyoming in 2004, locating in Pinedale to be near my first born son and family in the Upper Green. In the winter of 2007, there were three back to back home fires. So I reconnected with The American Red Cross and worked to establish Sublette County American Red Cross Disaster Action Team and mass care sheltering.

Favorite Bible Verse; John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Other Interests: I enjoy music. I play the flute, the mandolin and the Appalachian Mountain lap dulcimer.

October ROTA

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
Type of Service	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist - ALL SAINTS
Altar	Kendra Cross	Jo Crandall	Julie Cook	Mary Lankford	Joni Mack
Celebrant / Worship Leader	Rev. Leeann Culbreath	Rev. Leeann Culbreath	Rev. Leeann Culbreath	Rev. Leeann Culbreath	Rev. Leeann Culbreath
Chalice	Julie Belton	Sukey Hohl	Madeleine Murdock	Sarah Hixson	Madeleine Murdock
Greeter/Plate	Erin Hastey	Peggy Bryant	Peggy Bryant	Sarah Hixson	Peggy Bryant
Lector	Julie Belton	Sukey Hohl	Peggy Bryant	Madeleine Murdock	Erin Hastey
Coffee Hour	Erin Hastey	Sukey Hohl	Joni	Joni Mack	Erin Hastey

St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Minutes

August 24, 2026

1. Call to Order: 5:32 pm. Present: Rev. Leeann Culbreath, Sukey Hohl, Senior Warden, Joni Mack, Treasurer, Julie Belton, Clerk, and Erin Hastey. Rev. Leeann Led the Vestry in a check-in exercise.

2. Opening Prayer

3. Reflection: Rev. Culbreath led the Vestry in a spiritual "Ignatian Examen" exercise.

4. Rector's Report: Mother Leeann covered recent worship services, pastoral care visits, training opportunities, Diocesan activities, outreach, community service, et cetera. She has shared a list of ideas for fellowship and formation this fall.

5. July Meeting Minutes: Julie moved to have the July minutes accepted as presented, Sukey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Financial Report: Financials are fine, open offering is down now but may pick up before year's end. Outreach funds stand at approximately \$1800. It's time to reapply for a Mental Health Grant from the Diocesan Foundation. We will vote formally to do this in September. Kayley is doing well.

7. Adding Rev. Leeann Culbreath to Firstbank account as a signer for the Priest's Discretionary Fund checking account. Erin moved that since St. Andrew's church called and hired the Rev. Leeann Culbreath to be the Rector of St. Andrew's and she has been instituted by the Bishop of Wyoming as such, she is entitled to become a signer on this bank account and to receive a debit card if she desires. Sukey seconded. Voted unanimous approval.

8. Review

1. **Installation:** went very well. Everyone pleased.

2. **Ranch Mass:** also very successful.

3. **Energy Audit:** We should try to turn down the temperature on the flower fridge. Overall we're in good shape.

4. **Vestry Retreat next steps:** in September we will set a date for a half day to discuss the "soul" of St. Andrew's and continue discussions from previous retreat day.

5. **Summer Programs:** Reviewed S'mores 'n' Spirit, Summer Lunch, and Bondurant Services.

9. Stewardship, Blessing of the Animals, and other Fall Planning; Vestry began the process of selecting dates and beginning to plan. Also added Halloween.

10. Calendaring

11. Miscellaneous

1. Jocelyn will take over the music once a month to give Joni a break.

2. Joni will update the Sublette Center Service Leaflet for each service.

12. Closing Prayer: Erin led us in closing prayer.

13. Adjourn: at 7:30.

Treasurer's Report for October 2026 Newsletter**Joni Mack**

Finances for August, approved at the September Vestry meeting.

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.

Thank you, everyone for your generous support of St. Andrew's ministries.

Assets	Balances as of August 30, 2026
Bank Accounts	
Operating checking	8,560.76
ECW checking	1,297.79
Priest Discretionary checking	1,987.57
Mental Health Fund checking	13,406.63
Summer Lunch checking	11,943.31
Total	37,196.06
Savings and Certificates of Deposit	
Savings Account, which includes:	
- Priest Associate fund 331.99	24,077.46
CDs, 3 separate instruments, all maturing various months 2026	86,381.11
Building savings	336.32
Total Assets	110,794.89
Dedicated Funds Checking Account	
Outreach Fund	2,023.55
Total Revenue YTD: pledge, open offering and interest income	70,028.76
Total Expenses YTD	(78,724.27)
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(8,695.51)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, during our 10am service. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis, who inspired animal blessings in the church, so we will have a special creation-focused service that celebrates St. Francis. The service will be shorter than usual and the animal blessing will precede Communion so animals can be re-situated for the remainder of the service if desired. We'll also offer a prayer of remembrance for beloved pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge. Family and friends and all creatures of our God and King are welcome! If your beloved animal(s) can't attend, bring a picture or stuffed animal, or contact Rev. Leeann about a house call! If you're able, please bring donations of dog and cat food for Happy Endings Animal Rescue.

LECTIONARY LUNCH BUNCH: Join Rev. Leeann on Wednesdays at noon in the undercroft for discussion on the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings. Bring your own lunch or snack. Exploring the Scriptures together will deepen your worship experience and help Leeann develop sermons that resonate with your questions and concerns. Starts Oct. 7.

NEW WEEKLY EVENING HEALING PRAYER SERVICE starts Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6pm! Thanks to all who completed the survey on a new mid-week worship service! Survey responses revealed a strong interest in a service, especially with a healing component and opportunities to learn about prayer practices and the saints. Evening works better for those with daytime jobs, so the vestry agreed to start a new service on Wednesday evenings. The service will last about 30 minutes and will include Scriptures; prayers for healing of body, mind, and spirit; optional anointing with healing oil; and a reflection, saint biography, song, or prayer practice in lieu of a sermon. This service will not include Communion. We plan to gather in the sanctuary but can move to the undercroft if needed for accessibility. Rev. Leeann will typically officiate; lay leaders will fill in when she's away. We will gather every Wednesday at 6pm through the winter and then evaluate how it's going.

DAYTIME HEALING SERVICES: For those who prefer daytime services, we will try out the same healing service at the Sublette Center for two Wednesdays in October at 10am (Oct. 14 & 28) and see if there is interest to continue it through the winter. Twice-monthly Sublette Center Eucharists will continue as usual on October 7 and 21!

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SUPPERS: Also starting in October is a monthly soup potluck gathering at a member's home. This will help Rev. Leeann and all of us get to know each other better, plus keep us warm and

connected through the cold winter months! We will kick off on Sunday, October 11, at 6pm at the rectory. Please bring a soup to share and your own beverage. Host provides bread and tableware. An RSVP sheet is in the narthex for Oct. 11th.

THE OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING will take place on Monday, October 12 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

SIGNS & GRACE VIDEO COURSE: In October, we will take three Sundays to experience a new introduction to the sacraments, offered by Forward Movement and The Episcopal Church. After worship and a little catching up over coffee, we'll watch a 20-minute video followed by discussion. The series will help us understand why the sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist) and sacramental rites (Confirmation, Reconciliation, Unction, Ordination, and Holy Matrimony) are so important to the Episcopal tradition and how they can bless us. **We start on October 11 after worship and will finish within 45 minutes.**

ALL SAINTS DAY is coming soon - November 1. This major feast day is one of the church's recommended days for baptism. If you or a loved one are not baptized and are interested in baptism, please contact Rev. Leeann as soon as possible!

MENTAL HEALTH FUND GRANT: We submitted a grant application to the Foundation to continue the Sublette County Mental Health Fund, which subsidizes the cost of therapy for under-resourced adults and youth. St.

Andrew's coordinates with local mental health providers to make the funds available to clients in need of support. In the past 15 months, we have assisted 83 adults and 18 youth in our county. This behind-the-scenes ministry has a major impact on the lives of recipients and their



Anglican rosary making with Rev. Mary Caucutt last month.

loved ones. If we are awarded the grant, we will share the good news and also convene a small group to discern how God might be calling our parish to expand mental health ministry in new ways.

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**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Jennifer Wilson	10/4
Phil Washburn.	10/10



Night Calling by Andrea Paulsen