



**MARCH 2026**

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**Dear St. Andrew's Family,**

When my husband Albert and I visited Pinedale last month, happy little surprises popped up everywhere we turned. One of my favorite surprises was the labyrinth at the public library, in the Lovatt Room.

Labyrinths are ancient symbols and tools that have been used across the world for centuries for meditation, reflection, and prayer. At first glance, they look like a maze, but instead of leading to an exit, the singular path of the labyrinth winds to a space at the center. Then, after a time of silence or prayer in the center, one slowly retraces steps out to the starting point.

Labyrinths are made of many materials—rocks, bricks, paint, plants. Typically they are created on the ground for walking, but hand-held labyrinths made of wood or printed on paper make the experience more accessible. Instead of walking the path, one traces it with a stylus, sacred object, or hand.

In the Christian contemplative tradition, the practice of walking or tracing a labyrinth is often considered a mini-pilgrimage—a spiritual journey that leads us closer to God's heart. Often, people bring a question, a burden, a dream, or a grief to the labyrinth and offer it to God in the center. Many experience relief, revelation, or a sense of peace as they journey outward.

This sacred season of Lent is a particularly good time for a labyrinth practice, as we recall Jesus' time in the wilderness and then his journey to the cross. I especially make time for walking a labyrinth during Holy Week. I feel myself walking with Jesus through his passion and pain, and I sense Jesus walking with me through whatever is heavy on my heart.

To me, the labyrinth practice represents a core truth about Lent—it is a journey closer to God's heart. Whatever Lenten observances we make—fasting, prayer, service, devotions, spiritual practices—they are ultimately a way of growing closer to God

and becoming more aware of what comes between us and God, which is one definition of sin. The practices help us recognize our sins, both individual and collective, so we can pursue necessary changes to deepen our relationship with God and improve our relationships with fellow humans and with all of God's Creation.

My prayer for all of you in this Lenten season is that you will find ways of observing Lent that draw you closer to God's heart, and that in that closeness you will experience divine peace, grace, and reconciliation. Perhaps you will choose a labyrinth practice. If you do, you might bump into me over at the library!

There are many resources online and books to guide labyrinth and other spiritual practices. Let me know if you need a recommendation. I have plenty of books to share, as soon as I unpack them! And I would be glad to print some labyrinths to trace or color prayerfully at home.

May your Lenten journey, wherever and however it leads you, be blessed.

**Grace and peace,  
Leeann+**



# March ROTA

	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar
Type of Service	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday 10:00 AM
Altar	Kendra Cross	Joni Mack	Jocelyn Moore	Mary Lankford	Jen Wilson
Worship Leader	Madeleine Murdock	Rev. LeeAnn Culbreath	Rev. LeeAnn Culbreath	Rev. LeeAnn Culbreath	Rev. LeeAnn Culbreath
Chalice	N/A	Sarah Hixson	Julie Belton	Madeleine Murdock	Sukey Hohl
Greeter/Plate	Sukey Hohl	Sarah Hixson	Julie Belton	Erin Hastey	Sukey Hohl
Lector	Jocelyn Moore	Sandy Cenac	Susan Brannen	Erin Hastey	Jocelyn Moore
Coffee Hour	Sukey Hohl	Sandy Cenac	Julie Belton	Erin Hastey	Sukey Hohl

If you are unable to serve or fulfill the duties assigned, please make arrangements to switch dates or ask someone to serve. For assistance, please call Julie Belton at 307) 231-1856 to help.



## st. andrew's in the pines vestry

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**Our new Rector** has arrived, please join us in welcoming Rev. Leeann Culbreath. Rev. Culbreath will be working 3/4 time and will be gone three months of the year to take care of family and other matters back in Georgia. This year she will probably be gone May, June, and September. Our worship leaders will cover the gap with some supply priests as well. This, combined with the fact that she already has health insurance has led to some savings and a revised 2026 budget is included in this newsletter. Instead of a deficit, we now have a surplus.

**Sublette Center services** will be March 4th and 18th this month at 10 am with Rev. Leeann providing Eucharist. Everyone is welcome at these services, come join us!

**PARISH DIRECTORIES** are finished and are being handed out at Sunday services. Please, just one per family. Please contact Sukey for more information.

**HOLY WEEK** this year starts the last week in March, please keep your eye out for updates.

**MARCH VESTRY MEETING** will be on March 9 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

**CHURCH LAUNDRY:** do you have any dishcloths, tablecloths etc. that you brought home to wash? Please return when convenient.

**Dear Wonderful People of St. Andrew's,**



*I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for everything you have done for me and my family. This is not a goodbye, but rather an "I hope I run into you around town." From the very beginning, you made me feel welcome in a place that was completely new to me*

*— not only the church, but Pinedale itself. Your warm smiles in the undercroft while I stapled bulletins, your kindness toward my children, and the simple way you embraced us meant more than you may ever know.*

*Thank you for sharing your beautiful lawn and creek with my little ones and our pup. Those moments of play and peace are memories we will always treasure — and I'm sure we will enjoy them again from time to time this summer.*

*Some of you may not know that I once experienced a season of homelessness. During that time, your kitchen became a place of peace for me. That small living room created for meetings became a safe haven for my children — a place where we could forget, even briefly, about our situation. They felt so safe and comfortable there that sometimes they would fall asleep on those couches. Even when someone walked in, they never felt embarrassment or shame. They knew they were in a place where they could simply be themselves — where they were safe, accepted, and loved.*

*For that, and for so much more, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

**With deep gratitude,  
Flor Quezada**



**Our own Donna Skinner celebrated her 97th birthday at the Sublette Center on February 20th.**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joni Mack	3/3
John Lund	3/3
Sarah Hixson	3/5
Teresa Lindenmeier	3/6
Nancy Norris Lutje	3/11
Lily Cenac	3/15
Keri Cross	3/23
Stephanie Lund	3/31

St. Andrews Pinedale			
Budget 2026			NEW with Leeann starting 3.1.26
<b>Revenue</b>			
Pledge Income	105,000		105,000
Open Offering Income	12,000		12,000
Bank Interest	1,000		1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>118,000</b>		<b>118,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Church Utilities	4,100		4,100
Insurance	3,700		3,700
Maintenance	1,250		1,250
Building expense - stain, belfry repair	2,500		2,500
Clergy SECA	3,000		6,782
Clergy Salary	37,500		35,000
Clergy Pension	9,990		2,678
Clergy HSA	4,800		-
Health Insurance	22,500		-
Rector moving expense			5,000
Continuing education			500
Travel expense			2,000
Rector Search	5,000		5,000
Supply Clergy	1,500		700
Supply Plus	750		750
Cell Phone	360		360
Rectory Utilities	4,000		4,000
Copier	200		200
Admin Asst/Bookkeeping	8,000		8,000
Payroll Taxes	750		750
Postage	700		700
Supplies	300		300
Other Office	250		250
Card Ministry	150		150
Newsletter	1,000		1,000
Worship-Advertising	100		100



*Easy Peasy by Andrea Paulsen*

**St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Minutes**  
**January 12, 2026**

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Call to Order:** 5:37 pm. Present: Sukey Hohl, Senior Warden, Joni Mack, Treasurer, Julie Belton, Clerk, Sarah Hixson, Junior Warden, Kelley Pearson, Erin Hastey and Sandy Cenac. Guest Rev. Mary Caucutt was also present.
3. **December Meeting Minutes:** Erin moved to have the December Minutes accepted as presented, Sarah seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Rectory Update:** Joni reported that the Rectory is almost finished. The kitchen countertops, sink and one more window covering need to be installed and then it will all be professionally cleaned. The contractor has kept strictly to budget and there have been no extra charges. It was agreed we should give him a present of some kind. It was decided that we would have a house blessing party on Fat Tuesday, February 17 with pizza so all the parishioners will have a chance to see it in all its glory.
5. **Treasurer's Report/Grants/Fundraising:** First we went over the end of year/December 2025 financials. Joni had transferred \$60,000 to short-term CDs as had been requested by the Vestry in December. At 6:11 the Vestry went into Executive Session and came out at 6:16. Kelly moved to accept the Financial Report, Sandy seconded and motion passed unanimously. We then addressed the 2026 budget. Since the first draft, Joni had added a fund for the expenses related to the rector church—airfare, lodging, etc. After a lot of discussion, further adjustments were made to Joni's draft, conservatively estimating pledges and estimating the rector pay and benefits on the higher end to avoid a shortfall in that area. The final numbers will show a small deficit which our savings can easily cover. Joni will consult some more with the Diocese about correctly calculating health insurance. Kelley moved to approve the amended 2026 budget, Sarah seconded and motion passed unanimously.
6. **Outreach.** We currently have \$4564 in outreach funds. After some discussion, we allocated a total of \$1,000 to local families with medical expenses. Another \$750 was allocated to a person in a homelessness situation. Julie moved and Sarah seconded that these funds be dispersed. Motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that Erin and Joni will develop a policy for those seeking temporary shelter at St. Andrew's.
7. **Transition**
  - A. **Candidate Visit.** Sukey outlined a draft itinerary for Rev. Culbreath's visit at the end of the month. Everyone contributed ideas on how to make it as beneficial as possible to both St Andrew's and Rev. Culbreath and her husband. Sukey will continue to work on the details.
  - B. **Package.** The rector pay package was discussed with the 2026 Budget.
  - C. **Administrative Assistant Position.** We have two candidates for the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper position. Sukey and Joni will interview the candidates and report back.
8. **Preparation/Refresh**
  - A. **Photo Directory** is in hand and a copy will be ready when Rev. Culbreath is visiting. Copies for everyone will be ready soon after.
  - B. **Bulletin Boards:** Erin has taken on this project.  
**Procedure Manual:** will be deferred until we have a new rector with the exception of the temporary stay policy mentioned above.
  - C. **Annual Meeting:** Reports are due January 15 to Joni. It looks like the entire Vestry will be present.
9. **Miscellaneous**
  - A. **Present.** Discussion deferred till the February meeting.
10. **Closing Prayer**
11. **Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.**

**Treasurer's Report for March 2025 Newsletter**

**Joni Mack**

Finances for January, approved at the February 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.

<b>Assets</b>	Balances as of January 31, 2026
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating checking	3,567.22
ECW checking	83.49
Priest Discretionary checking	528.31
Youth Mental Health Fund checking (formerly Suicide Prevention)	3,537.56
Summer Lunch checking	15,412.70
Total	<b>23,129.28</b>
<b>Savings and Certificates of Deposit</b>	
Savings Account, which includes:	
- Priest Associate fund 331.99	39,135.43
CDs, 3 separate instruments, all maturing in 2026	86,381.11
Building savings	336.25
Total Assets	<b>125,852.79</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds Checking Account, including</b>	<b>37,037.56</b>
Adult mental health fund	33,502.97
Outreach Fund	2,648.08
Christian Education, including youth	885.81
Total Revenue for January: pledge, open offering and interest income	<b>7,551</b>
Total Expenses for January	<b>(11,762 )</b>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<b>(4,211)</b>



*On Feb. 22, the Vestry presented Mary Caucutt with gifts for her services over the last year. She then reciprocated with gifts for the congregation and Vestry.*

*The St. Andrew's "Stalwarts" were honored for their faithful attendance and contributions during our Transition period.*



*Jocelyn Moore gives the Vestry some encouragement as they deliberated on whether to call the Rev. Leeann Culbreath to St. Andrew's.*

*Leeann and her husband Albert check out the newly remodeled Rectory during their visit.*

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*Enduring by Andrea Paulsen*

*Join us for our new  
rector, Rev. Leeann  
Culbreath's first service  
with us this Sunday,  
March 1, at 10 am.*