



## 2022 Church Council Nominee Biographies

### Pam Clark

**Please tell us a little about yourself!**

My husband, Mark, and I have been members of Saint Andrew for almost 30 years with Pastor John officiating our wedding 27 years ago. We have one son, Matthew (20) who attends a small college in Minneapolis. We are officially empty nesters.

Over the years, I've been involved with Altar Guild, Personnel and Finance Ministries and currently serve on the Fellowship Ministry and newly formed Liturgical Arts under the Worship Ministry. Of note, if you've been married, had a baby baptized or were a sponsor here at Saint Andrew, then you have seen my calligraphy on the certificates.

Along with lettering and collecting Great Lakes stones, my passion is art, experimenting in art and sharing with others the gift of art as a meditation practice. Pastor Jenn invited me to share this gift at Saint Andrew and it has been a true blessing to have this space and share art with you. Art Devotions (Art Devos) took place on a regular basis in 2019 every Wednesday from 9 am to 9 pm or later (enjoying every minute)! All ages could be involved in paint pouring and it was addictive as well as meditative.

**In your opinion, what are the strengths of Saint Andrew that we could build on?**

Our strengths are many with gifted people who are willing to share their time and talents. We have a dedicated group of people who volunteer at the Warming Shelter, teach Sunday school, mentor, cook for soup and sandwich during Lent and attend monthly ministry meetings. We could build on these by making a phone call to one or two people and inviting them back to share in this community.

**In your opinion, what are the areas of opportunity for Saint Andrew that we could improve on?**

Being "open to all" is a very important part of our mission statement; I am so proud to tell people that. Shortening our mission statement would be a first step to help focus our efforts.

With mental health at an all-time low, I would love to see more in the way of groups that gather here or on Zoom meetings; a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one, The Stephen Project initiated where lay people are educated to care and listen to others on a confidential one-on-one basis, more bible study offerings in the evenings for those who cannot attend during the day.

I would also like to see us reaching out more to those folks who are unable to leave their homes and can't get to church, get their own groceries and/or have no family nearby. Matching people who are wanting to help others and those who need the help is key. How do we do that?

**Please tell us about your gifts and past experiences that could be shared through serving on Church Council.**

I've served on many ministries over the years, but the most challenging-worthwhile-satisfying endeavor was being a Sunday school teacher for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades and then a mentor for the confirmation students for two years. By far, following and teaching this same group of students over the course of five years was the highlight for me. Getting to know these children and watch them grow in their faith; priceless. I feel really good about going out of my comfort zone and being a part of their faith life. Having an assistant/helper in the class; also priceless!



## Nicholas Josiger

### **Please tell us a little about yourself!**

Hey everyone, I am Nick Josiger. I am currently a junior at Wausau West and looking to be a member on the church council. I have been a part of Saint Andrew my entire life. I was baptized here on November 28, 2004 and confirmed here on October 27, 2019. I went through all of Sunday school here. And now, I can call myself part of the staff since being hired as one of the two Sextons in August of 2021. SALC has been part of me since the very beginning and I hope to offer more of myself to the church by sitting on church council.

### **In your opinion, what are the strengths of Saint Andrew that we could build on?**

Saint Andrew has always had a congregation that is willing to go above and beyond to help others out. We, as a congregation, can keep building on this and make sure the people within the church and people outside the church have the help they need to move forward.

### **In your opinion, what are the areas of opportunity for Saint Andrew that we could improve on?**

As part of the youth demographic here at Saint Andrew, I believe that making sure that youth are more involved in the workings of the church will be an important part of moving the church into the future. The next generation is going to have to step up and lead if we want to see the church prosper into the future.

### **Please tell us about your gifts and past experiences that could be shared through serving on Church Council.**

Recently, I have served on the Call Committee to call our next lead pastor. This experience has prepared me to be on Church Council because it has taught me to keep an open mind and listen to others and factor in their opinions to make a decision that is best for the congregation and the church. Also, I am blessed often with serving as Sexton on some Sundays (and some Thursdays too). This lets me, number one, get to know and have conversations with all different demographics here at church but also hearing what is on your mind. An open line of communication between the church and its members is huge and I hope to keep that line open all the time for any reason.



## Randy Trollop

### **Please tell us a little about yourself!**

Semi-retired self-employed businessman. Former football coach, Little league, Junior and senior league baseball coach. Love football, baseball, golf, hiking, and reading. Grandchildren, whatever they want to do!

### **In your opinion, what are the strengths of Saint Andrew that we could build on?**

Our wide and varied congregation, a lot of talent out there to be recruited open to all, is a powerful statement and a strength of our church. Beautiful building for worship, weddings, funerals, etc.

### **In your opinion, what are the areas of opportunity for Saint Andrew that we could improve on?**

We need to be aggressive in opening our building as soon as possible. Get a lead pastor on board, and get back to in building worship. Need to communicate financial needs and strengths, let the congregation know when giving is needed and what for, they will give if asked.

### **Please tell us about your gifts and past experiences that could be shared through serving on Church Council.**

I was on council in the past, I have served on Property, Youth, and Personnel ministries. I also helped lead the Grow With God campaign and am currently on the Call Committee. Most of all, I love our church and will strive to make it better!