

## 2022 Church Council Nominee Biographies

Each nominee was asked the following question:

What do you feel you could bring to help our Saint Andrew Council as we work to build our capacity to serve our members in these three key components of our renewed mission and vision,

- a. **Children, Youth, and Family Engagement**
  - b. **Adult Spiritual Growth**
  - c. **Strengthening our Sense of Community**
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### Juli Antonson



I feel our church is in a good place. Some areas that could be expanded on could be involving new families, supporting new and interesting events and outings for members as well as a marriage, couples or singles study/growth in faith groups. These would be assets in the growth of Saint Andrew. Church is an important part of our lives as we work in community to support one another.

I have been a member at Saint Andrew for twenty-two years and also a member of the handbell choir, chancel choir, cantatas, and enjoying every minute.

### Herbert Heyne



It is difficult to specify my potential contributions per item. Regular participation in worship, Bible study and various ministries as the opportunities arise will contribute something. My experience as an OWL (older wiser Lutheran) might contribute something. I know I am Old and Lutheran. The Wiser part is questionable.

I have been a member of Saint Andrew for five years. I have served on the Church Council, sing in the choir, have served on several ministry teams, primarily worship and personnel, attend bible studies, and serve as an assisting minister and layreader.



## **Kimberly Hoff**

### **Children, Youth, and Family Engagement**

As a member with children at two different stages of development and as an educator, I would be able to offer multiple perspectives when planning for children, youth, and family engagement. Additionally, I would be willing and would want to gather feedback from other congregation members in order to gather information and make informed decisions about the types of opportunities and programs they would like to see offered for continual spiritual development as children and families grow.

### **Adult Spiritual Growth**

As a working mother and wife, I can bring that viewpoint to conversations about ways to best help to strengthen the spiritual growth of adults in a way that feels manageable while juggling all of the other aspects of our daily lives. I would love to learn more about all of the current opportunities for adult spiritual growth and provide ideas that I have gathered from members of other congregations. As with other areas, I believe that gathering feedback from our congregation and using the data to inform our future decisions is essential. There are so many different ways for us to gather and discuss, and taking advantage of as many of those ways as possible will help us to provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all of the differing needs within our congregation.

### **Strengthening our Sense of Community**

I think it is essential to regularly reflect on the current and desired state of our church community, taking into account all of the members that make up our congregation. This helps us to create a sense of where we are, where we want to be, and what we can do to build upon our foundation. Brainstorming, serving on committees that will strengthen SALC's sense of community, and personally talking to and inviting feedback from all members of our congregation will play a huge role in allowing our congregation to continually move forward together in our shared faith.

I have a willingness to learn about current happenings, gather information about what our congregation may want to happen in the future, and plan and communicate all of this in a variety of ways to reach and include as many people as possible.

I have been a member of Saint Andrew for five years. I have two children, ages four and eleven, so I have had the opportunity to spend some time in the First Faith room during Sunday School in previous years, and I have also volunteered my time as a mentor during confirmation classes when needed.



## Karen Wegge

I have been in education for 32 years and I believe I can bring a unique skillset to the council with my teaching and administration experience. I have a passion for inclusion and strive to provide equal access opportunities for people who otherwise may be excluded. I am a volunteer for Special Olympics events in the Wausau area community and promote social inclusion in the schools by bringing together students with and without disabilities through recreational activities.

I believe I can help to strengthen our sense of community by listening and leading with a compassionate heart. To me, living with a compassionate heart means our time, money, and resources are spent with those who need a helping hand. I am excited to do God's work and serve the Saint Andrew community, wherever the path may lead.

I have been a member of Saint Andrew for fifteen years. I currently participate in the bell choir, other music special events, and volunteer for Saint Andrew community projects.



## Danielle Weiland

I feel I could be of service by inviting new families to attend Saint Andrew and help to create and maintain new events and outings for members. I am very interested in creating a marriage/couples study/growth in faith as couples. I will continue to go out into the community and share God's love and light with others.

I have been a member at Saint Andrew for seventeen years. I have volunteered at the warming shelter, taught Sunday School and Confirmation Classes, organized/volunteered with the Christmas Food Basket ministry, and participate in various bible study groups.

## Bob Wiederhoeft



In all of these areas, I can assist in seeking, developing and supporting creative ideas, programs, and activities that will help to draw our members into being more active participants in the life of our church. This participation will help strengthen, for members of all ages, our relationship to each other (community) and enhance our own spirituality as we serve Christ through our work at Saint Andrew.

I have been a member of Saint Andrew for thirty years. Ways I have served:

- Council Member serving as Finance Liaison
- Chairperson of the Saint Andrew Endowment Committee
- Member of the Communications Ministry - with a focus on SALC website support
- Stream team member doing worship graphics and Sunday announcement videos
- Manage, with my wife, the sale of Fair Trade products at SALC
- Technology support as needed
- Facilitate the Wednesday morning Son Risers Men's Bible Study