

2024 Council Nominees

Mark Clark



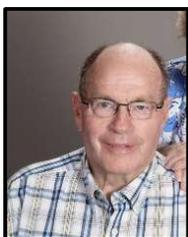
I have been a member of Saint Andrew since my 20's and was married to my wonderful wife, Pam, almost 30 years ago. We have raised our (adult) son, Matthew, in the church and I've been involved in teaching Sunday school, confirmation mentoring and leading youth service projects. I'm in my mid 50's and have spent most of my career working for Lummus Technologies (formerly Zimpro) and am currently a process engineering expert and research consultant. I enjoy singing in the choir, being part of the stream team and participating in various bible studies. After many years being involved with various ministries, I was elected to Council three years ago. Those three years have proved to be very interesting (Covid, new pastor, losing pastors).

As things have settled down after Covid, I find myself wanting more out of the Church Council experience. Now the opportunity for further growth and meaningful contribution has presented itself – giving me the desire to continue with the Council for another three years.

We are entering a time of discernment and growth as a congregation; I believe that my skills in planning, visioning and ability to talk with people and understand their needs will be beneficial to the Council in its future role - providing leadership and new opportunities for our members. The next three years find our church rediscovering who we are and what we stand for. This process is going to take time and the Council needs to be prepared to support the people that will help provide that guidance. Additionally, it has become clear that our Interim Pastor is leading and pushing us to act on our decisions and move forward. We will be looking for a new pastor for our congregation based on the results of our discovery process; and in the meantime, our members and staff need support and leadership to maintain a quality experience. Our new pastor will need the Council's support coming up to speed with all the exciting initiatives and programs we will have started by then.

This is not going to be a time to sit back, watch and wait to see what happens; we will all need to be active participants. Your Council will need to provide leadership and empower its members to do the work of the church. If elected to be on the Saint Andrew Church Council, I look forward to the challenge the next three years will bring.

Phil Bickley



My wife, Helen, and I have been members at Saint Andrew for 24 years, although we had been attending Saint Andrew for 10 years prior to that time. We live with our dog, Ripley and sister-in-law, Karen. The previous owner of State Park Speedway and Electronic Innovations, I enjoy racing, driving bus, watching high school sports. I currently serve on the Property Ministry, have served on previous call committees and am captain of the "B-Team" ushers. Currently, I am employed by Truck Country and also for Lamers driving the student special needs bus. I feel that the strengths of Saint Andrew are anything involving the youth, as they are the future of the church. An area I feel we could work on is getting more members involved with weekly activities within the church.