

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Connecting us in community and in Christ

"Follow me and I will make you
fish for people." – Mark 1:17

September 2023

Random Thoughts

Back to School

It's back to school time, for the school district and of course for the university. Soon it will be time for us to restart our Sunday School and youth programs, September 10 to be exact. We are bringing back the Sunday adult forum too which we haven't seen since before the early days of the pandemic. We start with a program on the Psalms by Philip Jenkins. See this newsletter for more information on this and all our educational and formational programs. We begin our second year of campus ministry under Father Ted's tutelage. They already have a full slate of officers running the student organization and are making plans for some interesting programs. Join me in praying for all the students, faculty, and staff of all our educational institutions for a safe and productive school year.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Our deacon of 18 years, the Rev. Joe DeLauter, will be retiring next month. Joe has been associated with St. Andrew's in some way most of his life. Like me, he grew up here in State College. He sang in the youth choir back in the day. When I first came back to St. Andrew's, Joe was one of the people I most depended on, especially on Sundays. He's been a loving minister among us for a long time, and now family responsibilities have forced him to make the difficult decision to retire from active ministry. He's not going anywhere though. Joe and his wife Sandy moved into the Village at Penn State. As time and circumstances allow, he will be back to serve as our deacon in the future. Congratulations to Deacon Joe and God speed in your retirement!

Energy Up

Last September I wrote my newsletter article on the challenges of getting parish programs back up to speed post COVID. I noted that our average Sunday attendance at that time was 114. Though we are not back to the pre-pandemic number of 184, we are doing much better with an average attendance of 132 so far this year. More than the numbers show, it seems to me there is a different feeling this year. More is happening, and with more involvement by more people. I wonder if you feel it too. Do you sense a little more energy in our parish this year over last fall?

Final Thoughts

As summer comes to an end and we say goodbye to the warm weather, and as we begin our transition to fall with its cooler, shorter days, changing leaves, and increase of activity, let us remember that God is with us always, even, and perhaps especially, during times of transition. Starting something new, leaving behind something familiar, facing the unknown, these have always been times that cause us stress and confront us with dread of the unknowable future. During these transition times of our life, God walks with us and gives us comfort. I pray that any transition you may be facing, now or in the near future, goes as smoothly as possible, and that you sense the divine presence as a constant in your life giving you an anchor in the storm, a foundation from which to move confidently, a constant companion on life's journeys.

Fr. Jeff +

TED Talk

Episcopal at Penn State Retreat

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont PA

Episcopal at Penn State is off and running for the semester. We continue to meet on Sundays at 6 p.m. in Canterbury Hall for food, fun, fellowship, and Compline. In addition, weekday service of Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study resumes Wednesday September 13, at 12:15 p.m. in Eisenhower Chapel on campus. All are welcome!



The group is planning an overnight retreat - Saturday September 30 to Sunday October 1 – at the [Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont, PA](#), a prominent Anglo-Catholic Episcopal Church in the Philadelphia area which runs a retreat house with seven rooms. The retreat will be an opportunity to unplug a bit from work/Happy Valley stress and to focus on contemplation and prayer. There is a shared kitchen which we can use to make our community dinner, and on Sunday morning we will attend service together in the beautiful church. There might, depending on people's schedules, be an opportunity for some time in Center City Sunday afternoon, before returning to State College. The cost of attending is \$86 per person, but Episcopal at Penn State is willing to subsidize the cost, reducing it to \$43 per person, assuming there are at least four people signed up to go.

The deadline to register is September 13. If you would like more information, please reach out to Ted (euc11@psu.edu) or Rick Yoder (rt5025@psu.edu).

Ted+



EPISCOPAL @ PENN STATE

FALL 2023 SCHEDULE

Sunday - 6:00 PM Dinner and Compline at St. Andrews Episcopal Church 208 W Foster Ave.

Wednesday - 12:15 PM Spoken Eucharist and Bible Study in Eisenhower Chapel

For more information contact
Fr. Ted Christopher:
euc11@psu.edu



Deacon Joe Announces Retirement

Joe DeLauter was baptized at St. Andrew's, has been a life-long member, and for the past eighteen years, has served as our deacon. He will retire from the Diaconate this fall and we will celebrate and offer our thanks for his ministry on Sunday, October 8.



A message from Joe follows:

Let me start with how much a pleasure it has been serving the St. Andrews parish for these past 18 Years.

My journey started with a call and interest in serving the church while I was working in Washington, DC in 1998. Fr. Larry Hofer was the rector at St. Andrews at the time. We talked and discussed the requirements, and I elected to move forward. The process for ordination to the diaconate at the time with the School of Christian Studies, was a 3-year program. Unfortunately, due to my work assignments in Washington, DC, it took a year longer.

I have been very fortunate to have been able to serve and assist Father Larry, then Father Richard, and now Father Jeff, as well as the interim priests here at St. Andrews. During this time, I have been blessed to serve under Bishops Creighton, Baxter, and now Bishop Scanlon. It has been a blessing to have been able to serve this church and our diocese for this period.

The members of this congregation have been wonderful. While I have been a member of St. Andrews my entire life, the time from when I began this journey has been very special for me and my family.

The people of the congregation that make up the committees, the volunteers that put in so much of themselves for this parish, all that do the little things behind the scenes, you are so amazing and wonderful. Thank you for letting me be a part of your ministry and service.

I am sorry to have to be retiring from ordained ministry, but several things have happened that have led to this decision. While it is a sad time for me to retire, it is a blessing that we will continue to be members of St. Andrews.

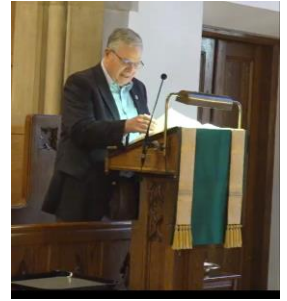
Is God Calling You to Ministry?



Acolytes play an essential role in the Sunday worship service, but if all is going well, their work may go unnoticed. Acolytes lead the procession and recession, light and extinguish the altar candles, hold the scriptures for the reading of the Gospel, assist the clergy with communion, and more.

Acolyting fosters in children and youth an appreciation for the sacred and a sense of belonging and ownership of the worship experience at St. Andrew's. It helps familiarize them with the liturgy and rituals of the church and teaches them about our traditions. Acolytes usually work in groups of twos or threes, and they get to meet new people and spend time with friends during the worship service. Adults can also find this ministry rewarding!

Please consider acolyting for you, your child or youth this school year. We will announce training sessions for new acolytes soon. Please direct questions to Jason McCloskey (jam080@bucknell.edu). Thank you!



We are looking for new **lectors** and new **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**. Lectors are those who read the lesson in church on Sunday. If you like to read and don't mind being in front of a crowd, this may be a ministry for you. Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are people, licensed by the diocese, who assist with the worship on Sundays, or other days. They also read a lesson but may read the Prayers of the People and assist with serving Communion. In order to be a LEM, there is some training required. Both opportunities to serve are fun and rewarding.

If you have any questions or are interested, speak to Father Jeff.

Opportunities for Prayer and Worship

In addition to sitting in the pews on Sunday, St. Andrew's offers these additional opportunities for worship, both virtual and in-person.

Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday
8:30 a.m. on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting <https://psu.zoom.us/j/447273331>

* Monday

8:30 a.m., Meditation Chapel in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center at PSU

Noonday Prayer

Wednesday
12:15 on Facebook Live

facebook.com/standrewsc/

Compline

Monday – Friday
7 p.m. (recorded Compline posts to FB; available to watch until 12 a.m.)

facebook.com/standrewsc/

Virtual Holy Eucharist

Sunday
10 a.m. on FB Live
Recording available on FB and YouTube
Following the service

facebook.com/standrewsc/
youtube.com/@saintandrew1707

We livestream our 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist on our Facebook page each Sunday. Following the service, a recording will remain on our Facebook page. If you are on our email list, you will receive an email Sunday containing links to the recording on Facebook and YouTube to watch any time. If you do not receive our emails but would like to, please email the office at office@standrewsc.org.

* Eucharist and Bible Study

Wednesday
12:15 p.m. in Eisenhower Chapel at PSU

* This service is offered by Episcopal at Penn State as part of their Campus Ministry. All are welcome. To learn more about Episcopal at Penn State, visit their website at episcopalatpennstate.com

Centering Prayer

Monday

2:20 p.m. at St. Andrew's, in the church

A group that met weekly at St. Andrew's prior to the COVID shutdown has recently returned. Although this is not a ministry of St. Andrew's, the group invites any interested parishioner to join them. No instruction is provided during these silent prayer sessions. If you would like more information about participating or about Centering Prayer, please contact Nancy Cord-Baran at 814-574-8296 or ncb612@gmail.com.

Worship at the Village

Third Wednesday of the Month

3 p.m.

Any resident of the Village is welcome to participate.

Worship at Foxdale

Schedule under construction. Watch your Foxdale newsletter for more information or contact Fr. Jeff

Eucharistic Visitors

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, there is a group of trained and licensed lay people at St. Andrew's who, in addition to Fr. Jeff and Fr. Ted, would be happy to visit you. Please contact the office to schedule or for additional information.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



July 2023

	July	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2023 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 30,439	\$ 305,940	67%	\$ 454,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 34,367	\$ 329,002	68%	\$ 485,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 43,680	\$ 309,974	58%	\$ 535,003
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (9,313)	\$ 19,028		

*Includes pledges, plate offerings, and special holiday offerings.

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



August 2023

The vestry did not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. in the Library, Room 324. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Approved vestry minutes are always available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

Adult Forum

Sunday, September 10

9-9:45 a.m. in Canterbury Hall

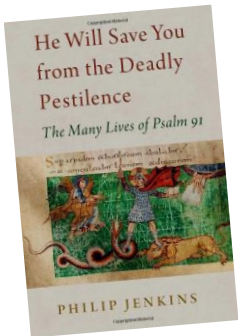


The Psalms

Presented by Philip Jenkins

On Sunday, September 10, we will “kick off” a new season of Adult Forum offerings as Philip Jenkins introduces the Psalms, in the first of what will be an occasional series of forums and conversations over the coming year.

In all the liturgically oriented churches (like our own St Andrew’s) every service includes at least some portion of the Psalms. Jesus often quoted the Psalms, and in turn the Psalms shaped the most basic Christian theology. Throughout Christian (and Jewish) history, Psalms have been very frequently used for prayer and devotion, and they have influenced mainstream culture. Although the 23rd Psalm is perhaps the most famous today, others have been just as popular in bygone years. But what are the Psalms? Where did they come from? Why have they been so completely indispensable to Christian life and thought? Did you know that in their origins, they were divided into five different books, each with their own focus and theme?



Some of this work grows out of his most recent book *He Will Save You from the Deadly Pestilence: The Many Lives of Psalm 91*. That book, incidentally, traces the many uses of one particular psalm, through the many leading cultural figures who so venerated it. That would include, for example, St. Jerome, St. Benedict, St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and, more recently, Jerry Garcia, Chuck Norris, and Sinéad O’Connor. No, really.

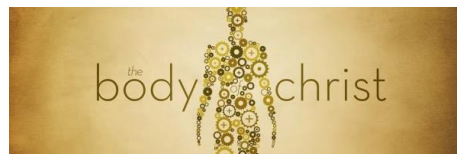
(For a preview, see <https://www.amazon.com/Will-Save-You-Deadly-Pestilence/dp/0197605648>.)

Sunday, September 24

9-9:45 a.m. in Canterbury Hall

The Church and the Body of Christ

Presented by Kevin Lowe



What is the church? The metaphors we use for describing the church hold great power for how we see ourselves and what we do. One of the oldest metaphors for the church — and a favorite of the apostle Paul — is that we are the body of Christ. But what does it mean to *be* the body of Christ? How does this metaphor relate to our real, complicated, uncooperative, sometimes disabled bodies? In this forum we will reflect on the metaphor of the body of Christ, and the physical and spiritual practices into which it invites us.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

News from our CHILDREN and YOUTH PROGRAMS



Welcome to our New Church School Year!

We are starting our Church School Program on **September 10th!**

All children ages 3 years old up to 6th grade meet every Sunday morning during the 10 a.m. church service!

Please join us.

If you have any questions or you would like to help, please contact Robin Children@standrewsc.org

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to care for ourselves and others.

We ask your prayers for our adults who share their faith with our children as they teach them in our classrooms.

Nursery

Lauren Cozad
Marisa Ferger
Mary Beth Hoffman
Julie Kwasnica
Betsy Llewellyn
Andrea McClosky
Meira Minard

Church School:

Lauren Cozad
Marisa Ferger
Katie Gaines
Elizabeth Hughes
Liz King
Andrea McCloskey
Meira Minard
Kitty Mussett
Darlene Nordoff
Amy Pritchett

Youth

Rite 13
Alison Jaenicke
Sian Packard

Confirmation
Christina Ford
Daniel Foster
Kelley Paulsen



PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:30 A.M.

SPRING CREEK PARK

Last name A-L, please
bring a side dish.

Last name M-Z, please
bring a dessert.



WANTED: 2 - 4 people to come early, set up the grills, start the fire, and take turns flipping burgers and hot dogs.

If you would like to show off your grill skills, please contact Allison at 814-237-7659 or office@standrewsc.org.

OUTREACH

Third Annual Community Care Auction

Auction dates: September 5 to September 10



The Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction will be held from September 6 at 9 a.m. until September 11 at 9 p.m. Use the link following to preview or bid on items and help support their ministry. St. Andrew's is a member congregation of IHS, a collaborative effort of faith communities whose purpose is to address many unmet social and economic needs of low-income residents.

[AUCTION FRONT PAGE](#) Click to see more great items like these:

The logo for Framing Company is a green diamond shape with a yellow border. Inside the diamond, it says "FRAMING COMPANY" in yellow, with "FINE STATE COLLEGE" and "AND COLLEGE" in smaller text above and below it respectively. To the right of the logo is a small purple hand icon.

Gift Certificate-
State College
Framing Co.-
\$100
Starting bid: \$1

The logo for RE Farm Cafe features a green apple with a brown stem and leaves. The words "re" and "FARM CAFE" are written in a stylized font over the apple. To the right of the logo is a small purple hand icon.

Experience- 4
Course Dinner
For 2- RE Farm
Starting bid: \$1

The logo for the PSU Football vs Rutgers game features a green football field with a white yard line. Above the field are the logos for Penn State (a blue lion) and Rutgers (a red "R"). To the right of the logo is a small purple hand icon.

Sports- 4
Tickets and
Parking Pass –
PSU Football
vs Rutgers –
Section WEU
Starting bid: \$1

The logo for The Nature Inn features a green tree and the text "THE NATURE INN" in a green serif font. Below it, in smaller text, is "EAT DRINK & BE MERRY". To the right of the logo is a small purple hand icon.

Gift Certificate-
1 Night Stay-
The Nature Inn
At Bald Eagle
Starting bid: \$1

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Monday, October 16

5:30 p.m. at the Penn Stater

9-9:45 a.m. in Canterbury Hall



***You're invited! Please join us for "A Place to Call Home,"
Out of the Cold's annual fundraising dinner***

Out of the Cold: Centre County is hosting their annual fundraising dinner on Monday October 16 at the Penn Stater. We invite you to join us at the St. Andrew's table to hear exciting updates about the shelter and guest stories of impact. The meal is free, but attendees will be asked to help the organization through donations and/or support of the silent auction. All money raised through our fundraising dinner will be used to maintain and expand Out of the Cold's services to our community. You can RSVP by emailing or speaking to Julie Breuninger - julieknits4@gmail.com

The number of individuals experiencing homelessness is rising in our community! Out of the Cold is providing shelter for 28 guests/night and there are 40 people on our waiting list. For the past two years, we've had a waiting list of between 20 and 60 individuals. Some of these folks are able to temporarily stay with friends, but others are street homeless. Although Out of the Cold cannot provide overnight shelter for those on our waiting list, these individuals can utilize the day shelter and resource center for lunch, showers, laundry, case management support, and a safe place to spend time. Your help through prayer, time, talent, and finances is greatly appreciated.

If you can't make the dinner, you can help by donating items from Out of the Cold's Amazon "Wish List." Use the following link to select and purchase your selections and they will be shipped directly to Out of the Cold!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31CVRXEPB46LQ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?

Community Café Laundry Volunteers

Do you want to volunteer with the Community Café but don't have the time on Thursday evenings?

Do you like doing laundry?

Then the Café's laundry team may be for you!

We're in search of a few people to take turns washing the towels and aprons used by the café. It only takes a few hours every 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Marisa Ferger at 814-777-0961 or mferger@psu.edu.

The laundry team would like to thank **Mary Valentine** for helping us out over the summer. And a huge round of applause goes to **Lorna DonTigny** and **Ann Shepherd** who are retiring after volunteering with the team for over a decade. Thanks ladies!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Penn State Day of Service

Every fall at the beginning of the new academic year Penn State offers students the opportunity to explore community service in State College. This year St. Andrew's welcomed 12 volunteers to help with some of those cleaning jobs that sometimes get neglected. Our faithful sexton, Scott Luzier, gathered supplies and showed the teams how to renew the shine on our wood paneling and get the smears off our window glass. Carolee Grillo brought cookies to munch on, and the students worked so efficiently that they completed all Scott's tasks in record time. Thank you, Penn State, and thank you, volunteers!



IDEAS EVERYWHERE! INSPIRATIONS FOR POETRY

Poetry Retreat

SEPTEMBER 22 TO 24, 2023

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER

Facilitator: **Marjorie Maddox**

Award Winning Author, Retreat
Leader, & Poet

Offering: \$275.00 (includes 2 nights, meals, lodging, and deposit)

Deposit: \$75.00

[Register Now](#)

For more information call 814-263-4855 or email bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com

To register go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org

The everyday, the eternal, and everything in between—ideas for poems are everywhere! During this retreat, we'll focus on generating poems from both the mundane and the miraculous, using—as time permits—the arts (paintings, photographs, movies, music), sacred texts and rituals, nature, news, place, sports, and the medical as springboards. By drafting, revising, and discussing poems in a supportive community, we'll consider how one poetic choice leads to another, each contributing to the work's overall effect. Arrive ready to engage, experiment, write, laugh. Leave with new ideas and strategies for future poems.



Professor of English at Lock Haven University, **Marjorie Maddox** has published thirteen collections of poetry—most recently *Transplant*, *Transport*, *Transubstantiation* (Yellowglen Prize); *Begin with a Question* (Paraclete Press, International Book Award Winner), and *Heart Speaks, Is Spoken For* (Shanti Arts), an ekphrastic collaboration with photographer Karen Elias. Her poems are featured in *Christian Poetry in America since 1940* (Paraclete Press), edited by Michael Mattix and Sally Thomas. In addition, she has published the short story collection *What She Was Saying* (Fomite); four children's and YA books—including *Inside Out: Poems on Writing and Reading Poems with Insider Exercises* (Finalist International Book Awards), *A Crossing of Zebras: Animal Packs in Poetry*; *I'm Feeling Blue, Too!* (a 2021 NCTE Notable Poetry Book), and *Rules of the Game: Baseball Poems*—plus the anthology *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania* (co-editor) and the literary journal *Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry* (assistant editor). *In the Museum of My Daughter's Mind*, based on her daughter's paintings (www.hafer.work) + works by other artists, is forthcoming in 2023 (Shanti Arts).

Please see www.marjoriemaddox.com Marjorie hosted St. Andrew's 2022 Poetry Contest during the Arts Festival last year. You can also find Marjorie's poems in St. Andrew's Poetry Contest anthologies, *Poetry in a Time of Pandemic* and *Caring for Creation* available on Amazon.com

GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if they submitted an item for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, September 10

11:15 a.m., Room 324



The Knitting Ministry will for the first time this fall on Sunday, September 10 following the 10 a.m. service upstairs in the Library. The mission of Knitting Ministry is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. All are welcome. Bring your knitting and a snack treat to share. We are knitters, crocheters and weavers -- all parishioners and local friends. We meet on the second Sunday of the month with a July-August hiatus. For more information or a Zoom link, email Anne at anne.hoag@gmail.com."

Next meeting: Sunday, October 8

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King is a national organization to which women make a vow of prayer, service, and evangelism. Our St. Andrew's chapter meets regularly with other Diocesan chapters and attends national events as well. We foster support and community for the women of the Order in our own chapter as well as the wider church. Meetings are currently held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 3:30 p.m. and are open to anyone who wants to see what we are about. We will host a class for new members this fall. Curious? Call or text Kelley Paulsen at 814.574.1989.



BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, September 26

7 p.m., Room 324

The St. Andrew's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, September 26, to discuss Stephen King's novel, *The Stand*.

The book is described by the publisher as "an apocalyptic vision of a world blasted by plague and tangled in an elemental struggle between good and evil remains as riveting—and eerily plausible—as when it was first published." A patient escapes from a biological testing facility, unknowingly carrying a deadly weapon: a mutated strain of super-flu that will wipe out 99 percent of the world's population within a few weeks. Those who remain are scared, bewildered, and in need of a leader. Two emerge—Mother Abigail, the benevolent 108-year-old woman who urges them to build a peaceful community in Boulder, Colorado; and Randall Flagg, the nefarious "Dark Man," who delights in chaos and violence. As the dark man and the peaceful woman gather power, the survivors will have to choose between them—and ultimately decide the fate of all humanity." (Penguin Random House)



Newcomers and visitors are always welcome

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a September birthday and do not see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.

2 Allison Shea
3 Peg Barksdale
3 Simon Murphy
4 Corinne Coplan
9 Colleen Kennedy
9 Scott Thomas
9 Larry Hofer
10 David Gaines
12 Chris Gamrat
14 Bob Ascah
15 Anna-Rose Rigas



16 Bob Shepherd
16 Ted Alter
18 Ron Krasnansky
18 Paige Andrew
18 Thomas Hall
18 Callie Gericke
19 Steve Allison
19 Peter Luckie
19 Doug Dailey
20 Lorna DonTigny
21 Frank Barksdale

21 Aaron Packard
23 Jason McCloskey
26 Anna Christopher
26 Gabriel Perez-Edgar
27 Richard Held
28 Zach Humphreys
29 Ian Bell
29 Andrew Chisholm
30 Gloria Meder



Those for Whom We Pray

Sandy, Erica, Molly, Teri, Janet, Mavis, Dave, Vivian, Joan, Don, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Ivonne, Robert, Poryan, Michael, Joann, Kevin, Francine, Diane, Frank, Sara, Emily, David, Vicki, Leslie, Tom, Chuck, Bill, Merru, Peter, Chris, Bob, Charlie, Dave, Elle, Emily, Roger, Miles, Michaela, Matthew, Chris, Shawn, Pam, Sam, Wynne

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric, Andrew, Amy, Zachariah, Cameron, Doug

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