

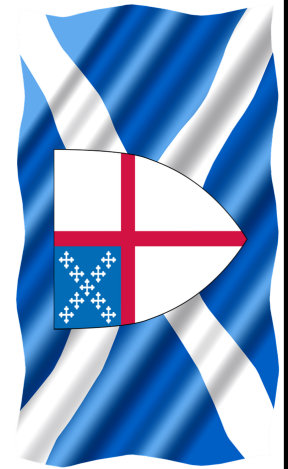
JULY

St. Andrew's Signpost

2026

WITH GOD'S HELP, WE AT ST. ANDREW'S SHARE GOD'S WORD AND LOVE BY MINISTERING TO OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER THROUGH PRAYER, LEARNING, WORSHIP, AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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"Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and
mourning." Joel 2:12

Vicar's Vagaries ~ July

As July begins, many of us will pause to celebrate the Fourth of July and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this country: the freedom to worship, to speak, to gather, and to live in hope. The Book of Common Prayer offers a beautiful prayer for Independence Day, asking God to help us use our liberty in "righteousness and peace" (BCP, p. 242). That is a worthy prayer in every generation.

Yet as Christians, there is an even deeper freedom for which we give thanks: the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. In him, we are freed from all that weighs down the heart – from guilt, fear, shame, and the quiet burdens we sometimes carry alone. Jesus does not simply set us free from something; he sets us free for something: for love, for joy, for service, for compassion, and for a life rooted in God's grace.

This theme echoes beautifully in the Prayer Book through July. In the readings and prayers of this season, we are reminded again that life with God is not a burden, but a blessing. Week by week, we are invited to rest more fully in God's love and to share that love generously with our neighbors. That is the shape of Christian freedom: not self-centered independence, but joyful dependence on God and faithful love toward one another.

This month, may we give thanks for our nation, while placing our greatest trust in the liberating grace of Jesus Christ. May each of us know the gentle, steady freedom of Christ more deeply, and may we find in him peace for our hearts and strength for each day.





We have the opportunity to support Colton Bowthorpe and other teens from RealLife on their mission trip to Costa Rica.

If you would like to help support this ministry, we will be accepting donations through July 19th. A basket is available for donations on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

- What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? Tea-shirts.
- What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.
- What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?
Everything; it can't sit down.
- If you cross a patriot and a dog with curly hair, what do you get?
A Yankee Poodle.
- What ghost haunted King George III? The spirit of '76.
- Was the Declaration of Independence written in Philadelphia?
No, it was written in ink.
- Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
Because the horse was too heavy to carry!
- What is the most popular sport on the 4th of July? Flag football.
- Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?
Yeah, it cracked me up too!
- Which colonists told the most jokes? Punsylvanians!
- What does the Statue of Liberty say when visitors leave?
Stay in torch!
- What did Luke Skywalker say on the 4th of July?
"May the 4th be with you!"
- What are the most patriotic flowers? Yankee Doodle Dandylions.
- What did one American flag say to the other flag?
Nothing. It just waved.
- Which flag is the most highly rated?
The American flag. It has 50 stars!
- What do you call an American revolutionary who draws cartoons?
A Yankee Doodler.
- Why were the first Americans like ants? They lived in colonies.
- What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?
The Americans licked the British.
- Why did the duck say bang? Because he was a firequacker.
- Why doesn't fire get to enjoy a day off on the 4th of July?
Because fire works.
- What do you serve with cheese on Independence Day? Fire crackers.
- Why should you research fireworks before purchasing them?
To get the most bang for your buck!
- What did the little firecracker say to the bigger firecracker? "Hi. Pop!"
- Why did the firework become a teacher?
Because it wanted to spark curiosity in students.
- What did the lightning say to the fireworks? "You stole my thunder!"



Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are pleased to offer this Cycle of Prayer resource for members of the military, their families, and chaplains serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans Affairs medical centers, and federal prisons. It is prepared for use throughout the wider Episcopal Church as a way to hold these groups in prayer.

Each week of the year, this cycle lifts up specific chaplains, installations, and ministries across the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. It is a tangible way for congregations, dioceses, and individuals to remain connected to the vital work of pastoral care in these unique contexts. Whether in times of peace or conflict, our chaplains serve as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, often in places of great challenge and need.

We invite you to incorporate this cycle into your parish intercessions, diocesan communications, and personal devotions. By doing so, you join a community of prayer that spans the globe and strengthens the bonds of love and support across our church.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia
Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
The Episcopal Church

Week of July 5

Those serving in South Dakota—at Ellsworth Air Force Base, the 114th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Camp Rapid, Federal Prison Camp Yankton, and the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center.

Week of July 12

Those serving in Tennessee—at Arnold Air Force Base, the 164th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, the 134th Air Refueling Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Memphis, and the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center.

Week of July 19

Those serving in Texas—at Fort Bliss, Fort Hood, Joint Base San Antonio, Laughlin Air Force Base, Federal Correctional Complex Beaumont, and the VA North Texas Healthcare System.

Week of July 26

Those serving in Virginia—at Fort Belvoir, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Fort Gregg-Adams, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Naval Station Norfolk, and the Richmond VA Medical Center.

Week of Aug. 2

All our Coast Guard service members on their 236th birthday and those serving in Utah and Vermont—at Hill Air Force Base, Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, Camp Williams, George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center, the 158th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Camp Jonson, Coast Guard Station Burlington, and the Burlington VA Medical Center.

As we gather to celebrate the Fourth of July, we give thanks not only for the birth of our nation but also for the enduring faith that has sustained people through its most defining moments. Throughout American history, hope in God has often been a source of courage during times of uncertainty and change.

When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, many of its authors spoke of humanity's God-given rights and the belief that freedom carries with it the responsibility to seek justice, mercy, and the common good. Those ideals have challenged every generation to work toward a nation that better reflects God's love for all people.

In times of hardship, faith has continued to guide the nation. During the Civil War, churches became places of prayer for peace and reconciliation. In the years of the Great Depression, congregations cared for neighbors in need, sharing meals, clothing, and hope. During the Civil Rights Movement, countless Christians answered God's call to stand for dignity, equality, and justice, reminding us that every person is created in the image of God. in the world.

These moments are not reminders that our nation has always been perfect, but that God continues to call ordinary people to extraordinary acts of compassion, courage, and faithfulness.

As we enjoy fireworks, family gatherings, and community celebrations this Independence Day, may we also pause to thank God for the freedoms we cherish, pray for wisdom for our leaders, and renew our commitment to love our neighbors. May we remember that true freedom is found not only in the liberties we enjoy as citizens, but in the grace and hope we have through Christ, who calls us to be peacemakers, servants, and faithful witnesses in the world.



JULY 11-18

LAKE CHELAN
BACH FEST

EVENT SCHEDULE

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERTS - FREE FOR EVERYONE!

JULY 11

7:30PM

Gala Concert No. 1
Tango Cowboys
Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce

JULY 12

3:00PM

Young Musicians' Concert
Chelan Lutheran Church

7:30PM

Artists-in-Residence
Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce

JULY 13

10:00AM

Courtyard Concert Series
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

12:00PM

Noon Concert Series
Chelan United Methodist Church

6:00PM

Winery Concert
Vin Du Lac Winery

JULY 14

10:00AM

Interactive Programs
for Children
Riverwalk Books

12:00PM

Noon Concert Series
Chelan United Methodist Church

6:00PM

Winery Concert
Chelan Ridge Winery

JULY 15

10:00AM

Courtyard Concert Series
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

10:00AM

Music with Love
Heritage Heights

12:00PM

Noon Concert Series
Chelan United Methodist Church

7:30PM

Winery Concert
Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards

JULY 16

10:00AM

Interactive Programs
for Children
Riverwalk Books

12:00PM

Noon Concert Series
Chelan United Methodist Church

6:00PM

Winery Concert
Lagriothe Winery at Chelan Valley Farms

JULY 17

10:00AM

Sip and Stroll
*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Courtyard and Riverwalk Park*

12:00PM

Noon Concert Series
Chelan United Methodist Church

6:30PM

Know the Score
Concert Preview
St. Francis Catholic Church

7:30PM

Classics Concert
St. Francis Catholic Church

JULY 18

7:30PM

Pops in the Park Concert
Riverwalk Park PavilionScan to learn more
or donate online
BachFest.org

BACH FEST COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Something sweet is coming! Join us in making our annual Cookie Fundraiser at the final Riverwalk Park concert on **Saturday, July 18** a sweet success.

We need lots of cookies! Marci has labeled sandwich bags available for packaging. Cookies can be put in the church freezer ahead of time (or the refrigerator closer to the event). Please drop off your cookies by **5:30 p.m. on July 18**.

Thank you for helping make this a fun and delicious fundraiser!

Sing A New Song
2026 Prayer for the
Episcopal Diocese of Spokane

*O Holy One of steadfast love,
 the fount of hope in whom we trust;
 Draw near to us in our laments
 and bind our broken-heartedness.*

*God, you alone our song and source,
 sustainer of our every breath;
 In every chorus teach your way:
 do justice, mercy, humility.*

*Our melody we lift to you,
 Creator of the sea sky;
 Sing glory, laud, and praise utmost,
 to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

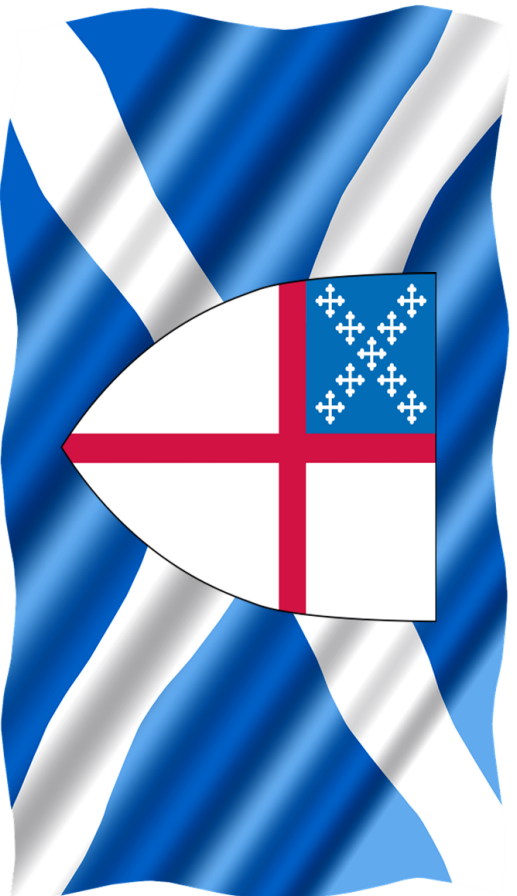
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