

# St. Andrew's Signpost

The Rev. Canon Linda Mayer—Vicar

Linda Cox—Bishop's Warden

Bob Beeson—People's Warden

FEBRUARY 2022



## Potluck Invitation

Sunday, February 6, following 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- The 2021 Church Year in Review
- Election of Candidates to our Bishop's Committee
- Election of our Delegates to the Fall Diocesan Convention

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## The Episcopal Church Women

will hold their February luncheon on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at noon.  
Please join!



## The Good Book Club -Lent 2022 - Exodus

Linda Mayer will be hosting a Lenten bible study. She will have more information at the Annual Meeting.

## Bishop Curry visit

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, current and presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church will visit Washington state April 28 through May 1, 2022.

Elected in 2015, he is the first African-American to serve as presiding bishop in the Episcopal church. He was previously bishop of the diocese of North Carolina.

Bishop Curry is married to the former Sharon Clement and they have two grown daughters.

Terry LaBrue, APR

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### **Photini: The Truth Seeker**

You know her story, but chances are you aren't familiar with her name. This month, we recognize Photini; otherwise known as the "woman at the well". Her story is significant as is it the longest recorded discussion a person had with Jesus. Not only is it impressive that she had just as much speaking time as Jesus did, but being a woman and having that opportunity was shocking! In many Bible stories, we see passerby's as passive listeners while Jesus speaks to the crowd and shares parables. Photini was bold and curious; she had questions for Jesus and he gained her trust and faith by showing her that there was no barrier he wouldn't cross to be close to someone who wants to know more from him. This interaction not only changed her life, but it changed many lives as she went on to share this experience with others in her town.

Perspectives on Photini have changed over the course of history as more scholars look over her story. It has been widely interpreted that her story is one of amazement as Jesus is willing to interact with a woman who is seen as an adulteress, as an outcast. Photini's curiosity builds as Jesus tells her that he knows about her whole life. He knew that she had been married five times and was currently living with a man who was not her husband. The assumption surrounding her is that she is an adulteress; however, during that time in Samaria, women weren't allowed to divorce. Although we do not know the specifics of her life, we can assume that her marriages were probably situations where she had been married from an early age and widowed several times, or perhaps she was unable to conceive and was left by a husband. Instead of recording her marriages in scripture to portray her as a sinner, it could have been recorded to help the reader understand the extent of how hard her life was. We will never know the details of Photini's life and the reasons for how she lived, but we do know that Jesus never referred to her as a sinner in their conversation. Their talk did not revolve around Jesus asking her to repent.

Jesus didn't see her as a sinner. He saw her as a truth seeker. He saw that she had a desire for truth and she had the intelligence to understand what he was going to tell her. Because he valued her in this way, she left the well and spread the word to all she could that she met a man who is the Messiah. Photini is regarded as an evangelical with the gift of ministry, and it all started at the well with Jesus. Their conversation also breaks the mold of what was acceptable at that time because her questions for Jesus were borderline argumentative. For a Samaritan, especially a woman, to speak to Jesus in that manner showed courage and a striving to understand what he was trying to tell her about the living water. Even in our world today, sometimes we might feel like it is not acceptable to question God, to seek more answers and to press God for more. Photini's story shows us that questioning and seeking God is okay to do! Not all questioning comes from having doubt, but it comes from having faith and the desire to have more faith. Photini's desire to search for the truth led to one of the most extraordinary stories in the Gospels.

## Diocesan Digest Calendar of Events

To learn more about online events happening through the Spokane Diocese go to the Diocesan Calendar online at [www.spokanediocese.org](http://www.spokanediocese.org).

### Diocesan Prayer Groups

- February 10<sup>th</sup>—Prayers of anger
- February 24<sup>th</sup>—Prayer of Examen


### Lay Leadership January/February Zoom topics—Episcopal 101

- February 3: Church History overview
- February 17: Vestry/BC 101

Join these meetings on Zoom - Meeting ID: 827-6025-3562 | Passcode: 661675

### February Calendar

February 6—Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.  
February 10—ECW Luncheon—Noon  
February 13— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.  
February 17—Bishop’s Committee—3:00 p.m.  
February 20— Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.  
February 27— Morning Prayer—10:00 a.m.

<p><b><u>Happy Birthday</u></b></p> <p>Jennifer Anderson—4 Pat LaPorte—8 Tamara Larson—11 Linda Cox—15 Cris Kollmeyer—17 Terry LaBrue—25</p>	<p><b><u>Happy Anniversary</u></b></p> <p>Shannon and Cris Kollmeyer—5</p> 
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Make us instruments of peace. Help us to recognize the evil  
latent in a communication that does not build communion.  
Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

May our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;





Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony'

Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;



Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

Pop Francis (Adapting St. Francis prayer)

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