

St. Andrew's Signpost

Linda Cox—Bishop's Warden
Bob Beeson—People's Warden

February 2023

Annual Meeting Notice

St. Andrew's Annual meeting and potluck will be held after church on Sunday, February 5th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Episcopal Church Women luncheon

ECW will hold their first luncheon of 2023. Join this amazing group of women for delicious food, delightful conversation, and an opportunity to positively impact our local community.



Priest Recruitment Updates



Profile update: Our Priest profile has been uploaded on the Diocesan website. Our next step is to create 6 interview questions and practice a mock interview.

Prayer: We pray to you Lord with trust, as you lead us with your love on our journey for a new vicar. Give us wisdom as we search for someone filled with love for the Lord. A person who is compassionate and excited to be a part of our church family here at Chelan, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.



Flower Chart Sign-up Reminder

Altar Guild members select and arrange the altar flowers for Sunday services. We encourage the donation of flowers for the altar as an opportunity for donors to dedicate these flower arrangements in memory or in honor of special persons or occasions in their lives.

The flower chart is located in the Parish Hall on the back wall. The suggested donation is \$20. If the date you want to use already has a name written down, you can still use that date. There can be more than one name on the calendar date.

Linda Mayer's Final Sunday as Vicar at St. Andrew's

On Sunday, January 8th, Linda Mayer performed her last service as acting Vicar at St. Andrew's. The church pews were filled with loving members, family, and friends. Not a dry eye could be seen as she preached her last sermon and blessed her congregation one final time. A joy-filled celebration awaited her in the Parish Hall where she was presented with a plaque of recognition for her many years of service at St. Andrew's. Cake and champagne were served. It was a day of sad good-byes and exciting new beginnings. Best wishes to you, Linda!



Chelan's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bids Adieu to Long-Serving Vicar

(CHELAN) "Wow, how time flies," was Rev. Linda Mayer's observation as she announced last Sunday that the next weekly service would be her last as priest of the historic St. Andrew's Parish in Downtown Chelan.

Mayer was ordained a priest by then-Bishop James E. Waggoner Jr. of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane during a June 5, 2010 ceremony at St. Luke's in Wenatchee.

At the remarkable age of 67, Mayer began her exciting new career when most people are considering retirement. But the effervescent and ever-smiling priest was looking forward to an exciting life and uncharted challenges after working for the Lake Chelan and Wenatchee school districts after moving to North Central Washington in the late 1960s. She has been a central force and resident of Chelan for more than 45 years with her late husband, Rudy, who worked with the Chelan PUD and whom she married in 1974.

Serving as the principal of her own bookkeeping and secretarial service for ten years, she changed gears and retired for a time in 1991. Together, she and Rudy travelled the world and resided in a vacation home in Arizona.

A native of British Columbia, Mayer was born in Vancouver, and lived in various locations in the province. Her father was a mining master mechanic and moved the family to different mine sites in search of gold, tungsten, and lead.

Referring to herself as a "cradle Episcopalian" Mayer was involved in the Canadian Anglican Church from an early age. Her memories of the Westminster Chimes, which currently ring from St. Andrew's belfry on the quarter hour, have been a reassuring constant for her entire life. Two years ago, the parish funded a wall display that spells the lyrics of the familiar chimes and introduces the music to visitors and parishioners who stroll through the immaculate church garden.

Mayer began her association with St. Andrew's as an active member of the parish, first as serving on the alter guild, Sunday school, treasurer, Vestry member, senior warden, worship leader, and eucharistic visitor. She stated at the time of her ordination that she sought training to become a church deacon in 2004 to help give the parish "a sense of continuity between Rectors."

The rugged, log-cabin structure that is the home of St. Andrew's is the oldest continually used permanent structure in Chelan. For more than 114 years, St. Andrew's has welcomed generations of members and welcomes visitors to the valley. St. Andrew's currently counts approximately 100 members.

She said it was during the training for the priesthood — a lengthy process that includes summer seminary sessions, ministry weekends, and online classes — that diocesan leaders surprised her with their assessment of her future in the church.

“They told me I’d be better as a priest,” she said.

Mayer heeded their advice and completed training to become a priest, a process that has given her a life a “...deeper sense of meaning.”

“I’d like to say I’m at peace, but I was at peace before (becoming a priest),” she said with a smile.

However, Mayer offers kudos to one person of particular importance, Linda Cox. She was on this particular faith journey and has been senior warden during her entire time leading the St. Andrew’s congregation. “Linda Cox has joined me every year at Convention making the long drives to various parts of the diocese a fun time,” said Mayer.

Looking back over her 12 years serving the parishioners and the wider secular community of Chelan, she remarked that as a priest, she has helped people. Mayer has officiated at more than 700 weddings, memorial services and baptisms, Holy weeks, Sunday services, the blessing of countless animals and even the new Chelan Health Hospital campus.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, keeping her flock together was an extra effort. “We couldn’t even hold church, so the phone call was necessary,” she recalled. “It was family checking on family — and we did it.”

Ever pragmatic, Mayer observed “Being part of the church you just need to do what needs be done. Many (parishioners) have taken their place doing all sorts of things.”

“As I said when I was first ordained, ‘God put me where he wants me to be...to do the things he wants me to do.’”

“I am proud that my weekly sermons are simple and direct to the point. They are easy to understand, considering I have to understand them first, so it has to be simple,” she said with a laugh. “The most important gift of being a priest is to be flexible. You never know what’s going to happen next. You simply cannot be rigid.”

“So Jesus said we are all family — those who do the will of God. We at St. Andrew’s have a great family — everyone helping to do the will of God,” Mayer added.

— By *Terry LaBrue*, with generous assistance from *Marco Martinez* of the *Wenatchee World*

Join us!
2023 Annual
Pancake Supper



St. Andrew's Log Church

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$5.00

Children \$3.00

Family \$10.00

Pancakes, Ham, Applesauce, Beverages

February Calendar

February 2, 9, 16, 23 Ladies AA—12:00 p.m.

February 5—Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

--Followed by 2022 Annual meeting

February 9—Episcopal Church Women luncheon—12:00 p.m.

February 12—Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

February 16—Bishop's Committee—3:00 p.m.

February 19—Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

February 21—Shrove Pancake Supper—5:00-7:00 p.m.

February 22—Ash Wednesday—12:30 p.m.

February 26—Holy Eucharist—10:00 a.m.

Mon-Sat—AA—6:30-7:30 a.m.

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