

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

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Monthly Newsletter

St. Andrew's Signpost

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Surprise!!! Surprise!!!

I have now been at St. Luke's/St. Andrew's for a month and have still only attended St. Andrew's once on a Sunday! This will not do! The shared ministry between the two churches is experimental, and we have much shaping of it to do.

These are a few of my observations and hopes for the Body of Christ at St. Andrew's after only one Sunday, but weekly visits on Thursdays, Good Friday service, and Maundy Thursday worship. I can make these observations because the challenges that face St. Andrew's are evident, not only nationwide for Anglican churches, but worldwide.

As caring a group as we are at St. A., that is not enough in today's community, we need not only to welcome newcomers, but to reach them at their point of need. Courses for those inquiring about the Christian faith; induction events for new attenders who are already Christian; explanations about what we do and why we do it for recovering Christians.

You will notice that I use the word Christian, and have not yet referred to "Episcopalian". That is because it no longer has much currency in attracting outsiders, and those who are seeking a faith are after Christ and his way, truth and life, not Anglo-Saxon religious clubs.

We are going to have to be flexible on;

Service times: if 10 AM on a Sunday does not work then we must try alternatives.

Formality: (much less of it), the rest of the world no longer dresses up each week and carries candles and bows and acts so stiff as we do.

Programmes: Sunday morning worship and coffee is not sufficient to build a Christian community of depth and love; we need to meet during the weekdays, pray more, provide more life guidance to those who seek it, and offer training and courses that speak to the need of modern American (and Mexican) people.

How do I know of these things after one month and only one Sunday? Because they are the

problems that beset every mainline church, and other besides.

- *What is God calling us to be at St. A.?**
- *Whom is he calling us to reach?**
- *How far will we go in his service?**
- *Are we a centre of prayer?**

The future of St. Andrew's Church is at stake!!

Doug Cockbill

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 11, 2010

In the area of education, three sessions have been completed during 2009 with the following being trained: Jack Reynolds as Worship Leader and Eucharistic Visitor; Linda Cox as an Eucharistic Visitor and Macaela LaPorte as our new Acolyte.

The one baptism during 2009 was Khye Ray Blair, great grandson of Imogene Blair. Our deacon, Linda Mayer focused on Pastoral care conducting services for two committal services at our Columbarium, one burial service at Wenatchee Cemetery and two memorial services at St. Andrew's.

Our Junior Warden, Jean Haskell served on the Joint Search Committee, along with Senior Warden Linda Cox and Linda Mayer, as the representatives from St. Andrew's to hire a parish priest to serve both congregations. She will also serve as the webmaster for St. Andrew's website in 2010. Jean assisted with Pastoral Care and served as worship leader for Morning Prayer.

The new landscaping began with the new irrigation system, pavers for the patio and columbarium areas installed and the storage shed built. Funds coming from memorials and as part of the restoration of building and grounds campaign.

Although our 2009 income from pledges, plate and other income was \$7,435 under budget, by a careful watch over expenses we ended 2009 only slightly over budget,. (less than \$500). The budget for 2010 is in progress with our new financial person, Jordana LaPorte.

Judy Oliver, Pat LaPorte and Barb Sutor were elected to the vestry. Jean Haskell and Linda Cox were elected as our delegates to the Diocesan Convention with Rudy Mayer as alternate. Leaving the vestry are Jim Perry, Jean Haskell and Janice Hartl.

Bishop Waggoner will be at St. Luke's May 23rd at 4 PM to install Doug Cockbill as parish priest for St. Luke's and St. Andrew's. All are invited.

VESTRY NOTES APRIL 8, 2010

The Genie Rarden plaque has been placed in the Columbarium courtyard. The courtyard and patio pavers were paid for by a memorial to Genie.

The Newsletter will be posted on the St. Andrew's website instead of an all parish mailing in order to save postage. A printed copy will be available for pickup in the parish hall and still mailed to those that prefer a mailed hard copy or do not have web access.

It was voted to renew our membership in the Historic Downtown Association.

Jean Haskell will attend the Church Development Conference to be held in June in Federal Way.

Doug would like to host a Youth Group once a week after school with discussion, music, art & crafts or whatever would be of interest to them. Jack Reynolds agreed to provide music on occasion. Doug would also like to provide a weeknite bible study for parishioners - probably Thursday evenings which is his day in Chelan.

New Vestry time will be second Thursday's of the month from 4:30 to 6 PM.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

On May 15, at 2 PM, ECW will host a baby shower for April Clayton in the parish hall and all are welcome. Mike will be there and hopes the men will join him! Mike and April wish not to know whether it is a boy or girl, so we will all be surprised. It should be a fun time.

The next ECW meeting will be Thursday June 17, at 12:30.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday May 1st, Bonnie and Wendy invite the congregation to a celebration of John McLeod's 90th birthday from 1 - 4 PM at the church.

Larry Hazelton and Judy Oliver (those landscape worker bees) would like to add top soil to the flower beds when the plantings are in. Donations of money or a couple of bags of soil would be much appreciated. They are using top soil from Walmart. It is \$1.58 for a bag and is Earthgro brand in a white bag with red lettering. Thank you for your support.

***Want an Idea for a Mother's Day gift?
Lake Chelan Hospital Guild Y is selling See's Candy.***

For \$16 you can purchase a one-pound box of See's chocolates for something that every mother can enjoy. There is no tax or shipping cost and all proceeds benefit your local hospital. Guild members have two choices in boxed candies - either nuts and chesw or soft centers. Peanut brittle and candy bars will also be available. Purchase your candy from a Guild member at First Friday on May 7, or call Mike Richardson at 682-1028 - leave a message if she is not at home. Candy will be gift wrapped on request.

The Gates Great Giving Match - A Time-Limited Chance to Contribute More to Those in Need

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has offered to match donations for two non-profit agencies right here in Chelan. Individual or corporate donors who contribute money to the **Lake Chelan Food Bank** or the **Lake Chelan Teen Center** will have their donations matched by the Gates Foundation up to the amount of \$10,000. There are 31 other agencies in North Central Washington also eligible for matching funds in this arrangement.

Your St. Andrew's vestry felt this was a special opportunity to make our outreach dollars go further and voted to contribute \$2,000 to the Food Bank before the match deadline of June 30,2010. If you are interested in donating further, talk to Jean Haskell. She has the donor forms and will explain how to write the check and select the qualifying agency you would like to support with your contributions. Call Jean at 682-4448

KEEPING UP WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bob Beeson has had surgery, problem found, and at the last report is doing well. Hoe to see you soon at St. Andrew's Bob and Meredith.

The Cross family - Sarah is in Paraguay with the Peace Corp. Nathan will finish his Navy service this summer and will be going to law school. Laura is at the University of Washington. Cindy has had knee replacement.

Past mainstays of our parish, Thayer's, Taxilius's and Jamtaas's had a gathering in Brookings, Oregon where Darrell fell off of a ladder. Between aches and pains it is reported that he is recovering well. (and we thought an ex-orchardist would be used to ladders!)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

John McLeod - 3
Dave Gellatly - 12
Mike Clayton - 17
Nyla Kamphaus - 20
Jon Madden - 23
Judy Thayer - 29
Fred Rarden - 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jeannine & Bill Shaffer - 4
Orlo & Bev Hill - 24

IN THE GARDEN

Hello again! As the weather is warming up we are all getting the itch to get out in the garden. The nurserys are open and selling all those cute little plants we all love, pansies, primroses and our flower basket plants. Living in Chelan there is a rule of thumb, (some may have heard this before, some haven't). If there is snow on the Butte it is not time to plant. Hold off until it is gone. But if you see that plant you just have to have, put it on the porch or some place that is warm, we still might get a cold snap in the next week or two.

Also it is time to look at what damage has been done by winter. This year was a light winter and not much has died back, but I had some and now is the time to get it all taken care of and spruced up. If you want to divide some plants to fill in some holes, now is a good time.

While you are out weeding check for insects that might have come to visit. I have some root weevil that has appeared so I am getting out the tangle foot to see if I can head them off at the pass.

Some of you might like roses and I had an opportunity to visit this gentleman's house and found out quite a bit about roses in the northwest. The name of his company is Northland Rosarium. His roses are all on their own root stock. Which means if the top part dies you can cut it back and it will come back from the roots. They are not grafted. If you would like to visit his web site, his address is northlandrosarium.com phone 509 448-4968.

Since these roses are grown in Cheney it is not to far to go take a look at them in bloom. So if you want to take a little trip you won't be disappointed, it is worth the trip.

Susan Fiala
Master Gardener

THE PASCHAL CANDLE ~The Light of Christ

The early church called Easter, Pascha, a word derived from the Hebrew for Passover. It is a large white candle often, but not necessarily, decorated with a cross, the Greek letters for alpha and omega, the year, grains of incense and other symbols of the Resurrection. The candle is lit during the first service of Easter and burns for all services during the 50 days of the Easter season. The candle is lit for the ten o'clock service and continues to burn until everyone leaves the church.

The Paschal candle is also used at baptisms and funerals. The newly baptized receive a small candle lit from the Paschal candle as a symbol of passing from darkness into light by receiving the Light of Christ. At funerals, if the casket is present, the Paschal candle precedes the casket down the aisle and is placed to the left of the casket near the pulpit on the Gospel side. If the ashes of the deceased are present, they are placed on a small table at the bottom of the chancel steps with the candle near the table on the gospel side.

LOOKING AHEAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Early June Linda Mayer Ordination to priesthood date & place to be announced

August 12 ECW Pie Social

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2010

- May 1 Saturday John McLeod's 90th birthday party 1-4pm Parish Hall**
- May 2 Holy Eucharist The Rev. Doug Cockbill**
- May 9 Holy Eucharist The Rev. Marilyn Wilder**
- May 13 Thursday Vestry 4:30 pm**
- May 15 Saturday - Baby Shower for April Clayton 2 PM Parish Hall**
- May 16 Morning Prayer**
- May 23 Morning Prayer**
- May 30 Holy Eucharist The Rev. Doug Cockbill Regency Manor 4PM**

Yoga - Monday and Fridays from 7:30 - 9AM Parish Hall
AA Men - Tuesdays 7PM Parish Hall
AA Women - Thursdays 12 Noon Parish Hall

Due to the increase in postage and in order to keep expenses down, we are putting the Newsletter on the St. Andrew's webpage and hope that you can go online and print it. www.standrews-chelan.org. Click on newsletter. If you wish to have a Newsletter mailed to you, please let the editor know at psgstudio@aol.com or (509)682-1304 (leave message). Copies will also be available in the parish hall.

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