# St. Andrew's Signpost

The Rev. Linda Mayer, Deacon Linda Cox, Senior Warden Liz Perry, Editor August 2009

#### Dear People of St. Andrew's,

It seems like only yesterday that I arrived to minister with you here in Chelan. As I write this, only one full week remains. Our time together has simply flown.

The Thursday Core Group continues in its work. They have completed most of the "remembering "phase. Now one of their new challenges will be to deeply ponder the remembrances and see what these memories have to offer your present. Before they do that, however, we will be completing some exploration of alternative models of ministry. We began that on the Thursday during Chelan's glorious Bach Fest! Our final meeting will continue that exploration and offer us a chance to consider next steps.

I have loved getting to know y'all (I just HAD to write that!). Your gracious hospitality has been so very welcoming. I would offer special thanks, but there are to many of you to say thank...and I would not want to leave ANYone out! My deepest thanks to you all for all of the gifts you have so generously shared.

Thank you for finding housing for me. Thank you for opening your hearts to me so deeply in our short time together. Thank you for welcoming me as a part of your common life. Such hospitality and openness is a considerable gift that speaks well for the possibilities that may lie ahead for you.

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## E. C. W. ST. ANDREW'S PIE SOCIAL Ladies and Gentlemen:

Saturday, August 15 from Noon to 5:00 PM (or until sold out) is our Annual Pie Social, and we hope you are all gearing up to make homemade pies this year. We will be contacting you for pies on or about August 4 and also for a Work Crew the day of the sale. If there are any times you would prefer to work, please call Meredith at 682-1056 or email mlbeeson@cablespeed.com. If you are unable to bake pies, we will accept cash donations as we purchase pies also from "The Pie Lady" in Manson to supplement the pies we receive from our congregation. We can only accept fruit pies with either the top made out of dough or a crumb topping.

We will not accept any CREAM CHEESE PIES, CUSTARD PIES, CHOCOLATE CREAM PIES, BANANA CREAM PIES, COCONUT CREAM PIES, OR MERINGUE PIES. We will be forced to dispose of them if you bring them—Health Department would shut us down if they came into the Parish Hall.

Please have your pies marked as to what they are and bring to Parish Hall by 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 15.

Hope to see all of you bringing pies and stopping by for a piece of pie with ice cream or purchasing a whole pie.

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These snippets communicate, yes. Unfortunately, as word spreads outward in concentric circles, shocking more and more people, the rush of conjecture and opinion would replace any sign of the Good News. Our transforming way of life would be lost amid inconsistent chatter and gossip.

Unlike the news of Michael Jackson's death and life, the Good News spread slowly, person to person within a community exploring a new way of living. The technology of the time did not betray them. The technology of the time held them toether.

We can use technology that is literally in our hands to express and explore our lives in Christ. Living our faith calls us to bring ourselves fully to the challenge, relying on far more than our thumbs. We are called to live the life of Christ with joy that attracts others. Luckily for us, we can bring our hearts and minds and souls to the journey and we can cultivate it throughout our lives without artificial restraints of time or space. We can surely use our keyboards to invite people to join us for the deeper journey. And we can say:

Hope UR ready 4 the ride. Let's go together.

Kate+



#### **Thoughts of Zoe Wolfberg**

When Zoe Wolfberg, 89, died on July 2nd, she left many good memories of good times with friends and thank you's for her service to St. Andrew's.

Her roots were in North Central Washington. Her family was from Oroville. She graduated from Wenatchee High School attended Wenatchee Junior College and nurses training in Spokane.

In her later life in Chelan and St. Andrew's she served several times on the vestry, and often would quietly work at various projects at church. She was active in E.C. W. and attended every Women's Retreat sponsored by E. C. W.

Known as a "very proper lady", she could break through that once in a while. Such as the time at a retreat she uncharacteristically passed out a box of cigars and had several women convinced for a time that they were real and not chocolate.

Her family had a cabin at Lost Lake in the Tonasket area and her special pleasure was to invite friends for a stay. Several times a year she would invite Pink Smith, Judy Oliver, Barb Sutor and Dorothy Jean Smith to the cabin for weekends of cards and dominos with many laughs thrown in. Sometimes they would be joined by Hugh and Doug Freels and Dave Ross. "The more the merrier" seemed to be the theme of the times at Lost Lake.

The weekends at times became work parties with the painting of the outhouse, and the time she bought a chain saw so Barb Sutor could cut down brush and small trees and other things that might get in the way or overgrown.

Zoe had one son, Richard, who died several years ago and is survived by one grandson., Amadeo, nieces and nephews and daughter-in-law Susan Conta who took care of her the past few years. There will be a memorial service for Zoe on September 6th at St. Andrew's.

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Thank you for sharing with me the lore of your historic worship space. It is quite unique indeed. How can that best be shared with people outside the St. Andrew's community? I have loved hearing "the stories" from so many more folks than just in the Core Group!

Though it is not commonly thought to be possible, transition can be a very exciting time. Think of it as a kind of Advent time of anticipation! As Tony sang in "West Side Story," 'Something's coming! I don't know what it is, but it is gonna be great!' The same old same old is no more. . And unpredictable possibility lies ahead. Thanks be to God, whenever we face the unknown, we know we are not alone. God's deep love and care for us all carries us through all the decisions, possibilities, challenges, and mysteries to come. We never walk alone. On that we can always rely.

I wish you well in your walk into your future with God at your side. As I begin my own walk into challenges, mystery and possibility, please know that I will carry you always in my heart.

In Christ's love,

Holladay+



### A Little Bit of History

When St. Andrew's was built in 1898 the only lighting was a central hanging, four globe kerosene lamp. In the winter months it was most probable that the early arrivals sat near the front of the church not only to have better light, but also to be near the barrel wood stove.

It wasn't until 1916 that electricity was added to the church even though downtown Chelan had had electricity for about twenty years. These were several single bulbs that hung from the rafters along the length of the nave.

The congregation made do with those fixtures until several women decided that better lighting was a necessity. In 1931 they began planning for something more practical and to give more light. The electric light fixtures in wood frames that you see today were added. They were slightly different with wood panels in place of the glass. That let light downward but didn't do much to light the surrounding area.

In 1957 new wiring and outlets were added in the church At some point red glass replaced the wood panels and that was some improvement. It wasn't until the 1990s that the semi opaque white glass replaced the red glass, and a dimmer switch was added to vary the level of light for special occasions.

The history of St. Andrew's is long and varied with each generation of worshipers leaving their imprint of improvement and loving care.