

St. Andrew's Signpost

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Linda Cox, Senior Warden
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January 2013

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Happy New Year - May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand Now and Forever

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A New Years greeting from St. Andrews to the following who have recently left to be closer to their families, and while in Chelan served St. Andrew's so well with their "time, talent and treasure".

Don and Jan Jamtaas
Tom and Joanne Taxelius
Darrel and Judy Thayer.

Vestry Notes, December 13, 2012

Financial reports were discussed with a slight shortage on pledges for the year. That might be made up by the end of the year. Pledges for 2013 are up.

Funds were approved for disbursement for the attic/roof ventilation project. An exhaust fan has been installed in the kitchen of the parish hall. Outdoor lights will be checked and made operable.

Bekki Lohrmann, intern from the Lutheran Church, will preach December 23, and once monthly through April.

Linda Cox reported that the dishwasher has been fixed with a reminder not to switch controls to quickly, wait about 2 minutes. And only use one scoop of soap.

Barb Sutor reported that ECW will give monies toward the attic/roof ventilation project.

Annual meeting, February 10, 2013

Committee reports need to be sent to the church office by January 24, 2013.

Proposed bylaw changes will be explained and voted on at the annual meeting.

Article II leave out *United States of America*

Article V change time of meeting to – *In accordance with canon 9.3.1 of the Diocese of Spokane, the annual meeting of the parish shall be held between December 1 and February 28 at a time and place to be determined by the Vestry.*

Article VII Changed to 18 years of age or older

Article IX, Section II a change is suggested – *Any person appointed as Senior Warden shall serve a maximum of five consecutive years, or longer per local discretion.*

Preaching Seminar June 14-15: 28-29, in Spokane. This class is for lay people to be licensed to serve as preachers. Linda Mayer highly recommends taking this class. Individuals are instructed to write a sermon with discussions, writing and preaching. Linda encourages everyone to think positively about your abilities to write a sermon.

Next vestry meeting January 10, 2013 4 pm

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

Epiphany: The feast of the Epiphany is January 6, and the Epiphany season runs from January 6 until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color is white, until after the First Sunday after the Epiphany, when it becomes green. Epiphany means “revealing” or “showing forth,” and begins with the showing of Jesus to the Gentiles, specifically to the wise men of Matthew’s Gospel, who are the first to know of his divinity... with God’s promises of salvation now applying to all the peoples of the earth.

Epiphany season stained glass

As you face the altar, on the left, the third set of three windows represents the Epiphany season. The medallion with lilies for purity, innocence and immortality and a symbol for Mary. The three crowns suggest the Wise men or Magi.

The center medallion is one of the seven sacraments, Anointing of the sick symbolized by the dove and healing power of prayer and presence of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharistic candle, represents the coming of Christ in the Eucharist. The last medallion contains the vine and branches representing the new relationship between God and Man during Epiphany. An orb depicts the world symbolizing the spread of the gospel throughout the world. The lower border is green for the color of the Epiphany season.

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There has been some discussion around the church about the Advent wreath and symbolism of the colors of the candles used. Research has shown as many explanations as there are mentions in publications and on the internet.

One, from *A Dictionary for Episcopalians* by Rev. John Wall Jr. says,

A circle, usually covered with evergreen foliage, with four candle holders. Candle colors may vary: four purple or white, or three purple and one pink. A purple candle is lighted on the First Sunday of Advent, . . . a second purple candle is lighted on the Second Sunday and so on until all four candles are lit. If a pink candle is used, it is first lighted on the Third Sunday, reflecting the tradition that the lessons for the Third Sunday are more celebratory than on the other Sundays. A recent development in Advent wreath is the Christmas candle, usually a larger white candle in the center of the wreath, lit on Christmas Eve.”

And on the internet the symbolism listed was: 1st Sunday, purple candle for prophecy from Old Testament, 2nd Sunday, purple candle for Bethlehem or preparation, 3rd pink candle – the Shepherd or Joy, 4th angel candle for peace. And also candles 1-4 listed as Hope, Peace, Joy, Love.

**'Twas the Week after Christmas
(Expressions of gratitude from the Food Bank)**

'Twas the week after Christmas
And at the Food Bank
We were making a list
Of whom we should thank.

There are numerous organizations, churches, individuals and businesses that give generously throughout the year. Whether it be a food drive, a wall on a restaurant where people can donate and have their name written, or school children collecting food from their neighbors, thousands of pounds of food have been donated. Bacon, bread, or basil, it has all been used and appreciated. But it is more than just the donations that we want to emphasize. How do you capture the sense of community that exists at the Lake Chelan Food Bank? The laughter, hard work, encouraging words given to a weary traveler, the toy handed to a small child and the volunteers extraordinaire? St. Andrew's volunteers who prepared food stuffs or helped people select their groceries in December were Joan and Larry Hazelton, Nyla Kamphaus, Jack and Maureen Reynolds and Hannah and Elbert Hubbard.
The Food Bank thanks and salutes all of the volunteers who help throughout the year!!!

The next ECW meeting will be Thursday February 14 at 12:30.

The meetings will change to Thursdays throughout the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April Clayton - Jan. 11
no known anniversaries....
Linda Mayer - Jan 14
Don Jantaas - Jan. 20
Johanna Ingrid Clayton - Jan. 23
Tom Taxelius - Jan. 24
Hannah Hubbard - Jan 26
Phil Madden - 28
Jordana LaPorte - 30
Katherine Davis - 30

Please remember in your prayers these people in our parish who are dealing with recent health issues:

Rudy and Linda Mayer
Larry and Linda Cox
Orlo Hill

