

St. Andrew's Signpost

The Rev. Linda Mayer, Community Priest
Linda Cox, Senior Warden
Michael Clayton, Junior Warden

October 2012

Vestry Notes: September 13, 2012

The 2011 audit of St. Andrew's was extensively examined and discussed by the vestry. The comments and recommendations of the audit committee pertaining to internal control and other operational matters were noted and discussed. The Audit committee members were The Rev. Linda Mayer and Tamara Larson, CPA.

After discussions with the Diocesan office it was voted by the vestry to make another significant payment on our St. Andrew's rehabilitation loan in an effort to reduce the loan balance and lower the amount of interest paid.

The picture book of, and from, the congregation will be presented to Phyllis Hyde next Sunday, Sept 23 as a tribute for her 26 years as our church secretary.

A visit with Phyllis

Sunday after church Linda Mayer, Linda Cox, Cris Kollmeyer and Liz Perry made a short visit to the home of Phyllis Hyde to present her with the picture book from the congregation. The pictures and well wishes of the congregation along with pictures of the five priests she had served were included. Those were The Reverends Gary Jones, Tom Turnbull, Mark Brinkman, Melinda St. Clair and Linda Mayer. Also included in the album was a copy of her original job application to Gary Jones.

She looked well, is feeling better, still on oxygen mainly because of the smoke, and was anxious to take the time to read every word that you all had written to her.

Linda Mayer's sermon on Sunday, September 23, said that Jesus told us to include the least of us and used a child as an example. The Sunday bulletin on September 30, included information on how the members of St. Andrew's can assist with Chelan Valley Hope as they help families and children in our area. More will be written about this.

Convention will begin on Friday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. in Spokane at the Cathedral. Our elected delegates are Joan Hazelton and Jane Farris. Linda Mayer will be attending as Community Priest for St. Andrews'. Members of the congregation can attend the convention, but they need to let Linda Mayer know so they can be registered.

Bishop James Waggoner visits St. Andrew's on Sunday October 28th and will officiate at the 10 o'clock Eucharist. A congregational potluck will be held after church. Everyone is to bring a salad, or main dish casserole, or dessert.

Around the parish.....

Continued Prayers for those of St. Andrew's who are ill:

Barb Sutor, Orlo Hill, Larry Cox,

Recently joining our church family are Dave and Tamara Larson of Withrow. They may be retired, but we quickly put Tamara to work by taking advantage of her experience as a Certified Public Accountant to help with the St. Andrew's audit. We give them grateful thanks and a warm welcome.

A new family in church.....are the Rynds. Recently moving into their new home on the south shore near Minneapolis Beach are Adam and Jannel Rynd and their sons Kyle, age 7, and Sean, age 5. Please give them a special St. Andrew's welcome at coffee hour.

Saints and Sinners, our fellowship group, had a very successful progressive dinner in September. Watch for another event hopefully the first part of November.

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ECW meets Wednesday October 17th at 12:30 in the parish hall. Lunch will be hosted by Linda Mayer and Susan Fiala. All women of the parish are welcome, please join us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Marci Hale – 1st

Larry Cox – 4th

Ken Hartl – 6th

Jack Reynolds – 13th

Randy Farris – 14th

Kathy Madden - 17th

Madi Reynolds – 25th

Happy Anniversary to:

David and Tamara Larson – 14th

As a reflection of Linda Mayer's sermon last Sunday from Matthew 18: 1-4

At this time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" So he called a little child to him and set the child in front of them . Then he said, "I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. And so, the one who becomes as little as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

J. R. R. Tolkien (1892 – 1973)

John Ronald Reuel Tolkein is one of the world's great storytellers. He lost both his parents by the time he was twelve. A priest in Birmingham, England then took him under his wing and saw to his education. Though his early years had been spent in rural settings, as an orphan he was forced to live in crowded cities. From childhood he had been fascinated by languages, mostly for their beautiful sounds. Surrounded by urban squalor, he took refuge in his imagination and began inventing new languages.

Soon after his marriage, he was sent to fight in France during World War I and contracted trench fever. After convalescing in England, he taught languages at Oxford most of the rest of his life. As a scholar he lived at the margin of society, nourishing society by his teaching and research. He died in a rest home at the age of eighty-one.

He is best known as the author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, stories that began as entertainment for his two young sons, but that developed into a vast work of mythology. Starting with languages he invented, he imagined races of people to speak the languages, then histories and mythologies could take place. As a devout Catholic intellectual, he felt that such creative use of our imagination was a reflection of God's own creative activity. God in whose image we are made. Like an alchemist, he transformed his experiences and suffering at life's margins into timeless truths that rise to the level of myth. Millions have read his books, which have now been translated into many different languages, and have rediscovered in themselves the childlike gift of imagination that belongs to us all as icons of God.

Lentz, Robert, Gateley, Edwina, *Christ in the Margins*, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY, 2003

CALENDAR October 2012

October 7 – Holy Eucharist 10AM

October 11 – Vestry 4 PM

October 14 – Holy Eucharist 10AM

Bishop Waggoner at St. Luke's, Wenatchee

October 17 – ECW 12:30pm Parish Hall

October 19 – 21 – Diocesan Convention in Spokane

October 21 – Morning Prayer 10AM

October 28 – Holy Eucharist 10AM

Bishop Waggoner at St. Andrew's

Potluck dinner in parish hall

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