

St. Andrew's Signpost

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Notes from Linda, Senior. Warden

Rudy and Linda Mayer and I attended the 45th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, October 16-18 in Lewiston, Idaho with the Clearwater Deanery as hosts. As you know "you can't get there from here" - going through many small towns and remote winding roads.

The theme of the convention was *Living Water for Thirsty People*, and was broken up in three program sessions for discussion that all attendee's participated in during the convention. Gloria Waggoner led the session of *Care of Creation, telling our stories* St. Andrew's has a recycle program by recycling our paper products, using less water in the landscaping of our new courtyards, riverbed rocks etc., and Chelan has a city-wide recycle program. It was amazing to me that many churches and towns did not have any recycle programs.

The second session, led by Evita Krislock and Felicia Reilly, focused on the theme *Creating a sustainable water hole*. This is shown in the works of the Episcopal Relief and Development Commission by setting up wells and training people all over the world in water conservation.

The third session *Separating waters from waters; The many streams of human ecology*

was led by Birch Rambo. We all need water to survive; plants, crops, fish, humans, food supply and the responsibility to safeguard our waters against pollutants.

The convention was a good one, informative, thought provoking and with a timely theme. It was good to meet with representatives from other churches and to exchange ideas and concerns with other parishes. Several churches in the diocese are without full time clergy. Some are in the search process, and others adjusting to changes in ministry and worship patterns as is St. Andrew's.

I am continually thankful for those of you who continue to support St. Andrew's through your various gifts of ministry during our time of change and as we look forward to the future.

Linda Cox

Convention prayer

God of living water, cool us from the heat of pride, intolerance and selfishness;
God of living water, cleanse us from the sins of not-welcoming and not-listening,
God of living water, revive us to help heal and restore your good creation,
God of living water, flow among us, that all we do we do with you, in you and for you
Today and as long as we live. Amen

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Vestry Notes:

The vestry met Oct. 8, 2009. Members present were Rudy Mayer, Dave Gellatly, Jean Haskell, Linda Cox, Linda Mayer, Susan Fiala, Janice Hartl, Hannah Hubbard.

Absent were; Jack Reynolds, Jim Perry, Jane Farris.

Jordana LaPorte will be doing our financial statements and working with Dave Gellatly during the transition.

The exterior of the church and parish hall has been sprayed for spiders. Spraying will be done in the future as part of maintenance.

Rudy Mayer has installed new technology drip soaker lines in the courtyard areas of the new plantings. Mulch will cover the lines in the spring.

A draft parish profile by Jean Haskell was presented and discussed. This will be presented to St. Luke's and the Diocesan office as part of the search for a shared priest with St. Luke's. (see later in the Newsletter for an excerpt)

The St. Andrew's website needs to be updated and Jean was designated to look into upgrading etc.

Supply priests; Paton Boyle may be available to fill in for more Sundays for us. He will do Christmas Eve. Marilyn Wilder may not be as available during the winter months due to the driving conditions etc. She lives in Oroville.

The vestry approved a bid of \$172 from Cinder Electric to reconnect the bell tower light.

The vestry approved and sent a letter to the city approving the relocation of the Food Bank.

Jack Reynolds has been trained to be a worship leader and Eucharistic visitor.
Hannah Hubbard, Secretary

Hope you all remember to turn your clocks back on October 31st. Or you will be an hour early for church on Sunday!!

The Deacon went to the cellar

The other day I was working at the Church and Linda came and said "What can I do to help?"

Well, we needed the snow shovel out of the cellar under the church. So she went and got the key from Phyllis.

But first she had to sweep the leaves off the hatch cover to the cellar, and then after she got the hatch open she had to clean the cobwebs in the stairwell. After all that the shovel was not in the cellar

So I said "Look in the cellar under the kitchen." Well, the shovel was there, but she saw a bunch of boxes that were part full, so she emptied them and put the items onto the shelves and folded the boxes for recycle.

Meanwhile, she found a box of paper towels that no one knew was there.

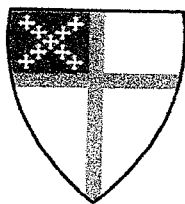
The only Deacon that I had heard about years ago was the one we sang about at Boy Scout Camp—"Oh, the Deacon went down, to the cellar to pray, he fell asleep, and stayed all day".

Well, Linda went to the cellar—I do not know if she prayed, but she did not fall asleep or stay all day!!

Signed; the Deacon's driver

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HE Boyle Harvest Dinner	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7
8 HE Wilder	9 Yoga	10	11 Yoga	12 Vestry	13 Yoga	14
15 MP	16 Yoga	17	18 Yoga	19	20 Yoga	21
22 MP	23 Yoga	24	25 Yoga	26	27 Yoga	28
29 HE Boyle Advent	30 Yoga					



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With God's help, we at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church seek to:

- pursue a common life, consistent with our Anglican heritage, that involves Eucharist, teaching, fellowship and prayer.*
- witness to the Gospel by word and example*
- recognize and serve Christ in all persons*