# St. Andrew's Signpost

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

# December 2013

#### **Vestry Notes November 14**

The treasurer's report was accepted after review.

A report was given concerning fabrication of the columbarium. The vestry will further plan when pre-sales will begin. (see further report below)

Jean Haskell gave a report from the Manual of Business Church Affairs and explained tax regulations as it affects churches ie: tax exempt status, concerning church employer tax ID, charitable giving, tax deductions, payroll taxes, travel and business expense, as well as actions that would cause a church to lose tax exempt status. St. Andrew's appears to be up-to-date and operating within the law on all points discussed. Jane Farris will report next month on another chapter from the Manual.

Bev Hill had vines cleaned off of the office building and a portion of Kelly's Hardware. She also had the St. Francis display case painted to match the exterior of the church. (Thank you Bev). Other housekeeping items that needed to be done around the church were discussed

Our Lutheran intern, Megan Sawyer is doing an excellent job teaching the bible study on Monday mornings. There were eleven present for the last study.

Linda Mayer will undergo surgery on November 26, she discussed changes and substitutions for the services in December during her recuperation. (see calendar)

The ceremony for the Peace Pole located at the corner of Johnson and Columbia streets will be Saturday Nov. 16 at 11:00 am. Linda will place a rock from St. Andrew's at the bottom of the Peace Pole.

Jean gave a report on the Food Bank, Chelan Hope new location slated for January 2014,

### Next months meeting will be December 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm

# Don't forget that pledge cards are due so the finance committee can work on our budget for 2014.

A visit from Bishop Waggoner and Gloria is always a special time at St. Andrew's. They joined the vestry for dinner at Campbell's for a time of conversation and good food. It was a time to be social and for him to get to know some of our new vestry members as well as our secretary April and her husband Tracy. Bishop Jim officiated at Sunday morning Eucharist and joined us for the Harvest/Stewardship potluck in the parish hall. We already look forward to his next visit, and will save a piece of pecan pie for him.

## **Out and About:**

**The Food Bank and Chelan Hope** will be moving into the vacated library building on Bradley St. in January 2014. They have worked out an option to buy with the city of Chelan and will soon begin a capital campaign for the purchase. Chelan Community Church sent a blessed donation to the Food Bank that may be used to kick off the campaign. Chelan Rotary will make improvements on the existing building

**Be sure and check out the Peace Pole** the next time you are near the Safeway parking lot. A prayer for peace in several languages is carved on the sides of the basalt columns. This is a thoughtful contribution to this busy intersection in Chelan.

**Mike and April Clayton** are looking for a nanny. Please share any good recommendations. **Trevor Farris**, son of Jane, is recovering well from surgery. They thank you for your prayers.

**Notice.....**St. Andrew's needs volunteers to help put our accumulation of pictures into albums. Albums and pictures are supplied. No prior experience is needed. To start after the first of the year, please contact Liz Perry or our secretary, April.

## <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>

Bob Beeson – 11 Linda Kuntz – 12 Liz Perry – 13 Jannel Rynd – 17 Jeannine Shaffer – 27

## <u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>

Jeff & Jordana LaPorte Dale & Kelly Peterson

# Mondays 10am Bible Study with Megan Sawyer in the Parish Hall Grief support is cancelled during December.

**Plans** are being made for the columbarium expansion project for members of St. Andrew's and their families. The stainless steel framing and bronze faceplates have been ordered. The new addition will be the same as the original with stone facing and old brick backing. The stone, as before, will be donated from member's beaches, gardens and property. The brick has been saved from the old St. Andrew's chimney taken down during our renovation in 2007. The vestry will further plan when pre-sales should begin.

For members of St. Andrew's who have not thought about arrangements this may be a good time to consider this reasonable cost option to remain in the environment in which you have worshiped.

#### December is Food Bank month! Volunteers are needed Monday's and Tuesday's.

**Linda Mayer Update**: Linda's surgery was successful. There were no surprises. As of Thanksgiving morning she was still in the hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

#### Read at the Harvest/Stewardship dinner November 17, 2013

Ode to St. Andrew's (with apologies to Ogden Nash and Eugene Field)

Our two Linda's are quite the pair, They go about their days with a lot of flair.

> We have watched them grow into their job, And they keep us from being an unruly mob.

Our long history in this log house has many stories to tell, The ups and downs and celebrations as well.

> The ancient old bell still rings every Sunday, And to the children that ring it, it is truly a funday.

We have survived pack rats under the altar, in the dishwasher too, and then Our Senior to the rescue – she slammed the door and called for the men!

> There has been blood on the walkway from a froggy Saturday night, On Sunday morning it was not a pretty sight.

We once found a sleeper behind the Columbarium, When told where he was he had as case of mild delirium.

> There have been people through the ceiling and walkers on the roof. Let's hope the next won't be something on the hoof.

From acolytes to gardeners, musicians to ushers, The Linda's, our secretary, and even the dusters.

> We treasure our church family, and greet each arriving guest, The gifts of our cooks are truly the best.

To have the Bishop with us is always a treat, And his travels around the diocese are no mean feat.

> There are so many who make up who we are, And we all do our job for the love of the Lord.

Each contribution, no matter how slight it may be Is our thanksgiving to God for giving us the key. By Liz Perry

# **Calendar for December**

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