

St. Andrew's Signpost

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EVERYDAY LIVING (extracted)

What is harder; going to church every Sunday or living in Christ everyday?

If you think about it, the answer is obvious. Going to church is a very uplifting time; we are with believers, worshiping and strengthening our faith, finding companionship, learning and sharing together in the safety of community. Out in the world, things are not so comfortable and in Luke 21: 5-19 Jesus is warning his followers of how it will be when he is no longer with them.

Jesus also issues another warning: times will not be easy for his followers. Personal disaster and conflict will arise. If ever there is a timelessness to the Bible, it is here. We see war daily in our homes through television and hear rumors of more war and we cope and deal with personal conflict within ourselves and with others. How we live in and through these things has great bearing on how Jesus is perceived in the world through us.

Joy is what we experience when we recognize God at work. That joy can be held in our hearts or shared with others, now or at another time. Sometimes these stories are to be put in our back pockets to be brought out at an appropriate time when they are needed to inspire others and at other times they are to be shouted from the housetops.

We have made our plan: we will be followers of Christ. Be faithful, flexible and strong to that desire, but let God have a hand in how it will manifest. Every conflict we encounter when met with thoughtfulness, respect and a great measure of faith, will bring blessings in ways we cannot anticipate. Jesus is telling his disciples and us that there will be hard and dangerous times. Those can come in personal relationships or world disasters. Our reaction to them can bring hope and comfort or bring a negative impact and a fear for living for ourselves and others.

The Food Bank Needs you – December is St. Andrew’s month to help staff the Food Bank on Monday and Tuesdays. Two people from St. Andrew’s per week are needed to help with packaging on Mondays, and Tuesdays for distribution. You may volunteer for one day or both. The new location for the Food Bank is Chelan Mini Storage and Business Center, 100 Gala Ave. on the road to Chelan Falls. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Midweek Advent Services

Each Wednesday in Advent there will be a combined Episcopal/Lutheran Service starting with a Soup Supper at 6 pm.

At the Lutheran Church December 1 and 15
At St. Andrew’s December 8 and 22

The raffle drawing has been rescheduled for **December 12th** with a potluck dinner after church. A-J Dessert; K-M Salad; N-Z Hot Dish

This will be our Christmas Social and several raffle prizes will be drawn. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards providing clean water to a family or community that does not have access to clean water. This is through Episcopal Relief and Development and sponsored by our Stewardship Committee.
Buy your raffle tickets before the 12th and join the fun.

PARISH NEWS

ECW will be Wednesday December 8 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Eve Service will be December 24 at 8 PM. No service on Christmas Day. Eucharist service on Sunday December 26th at 10 AM.

Thanks to Dave Gellatly for stepping in to play the service music on the organ while Jack Reynolds played the hymns on the guitar. A dynamic duo!!

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Beeson.....11
Linda Kuntz..... 12
Liz Perry..... 13
Jeannine Shaffer – 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Jordan LaPorte - 4
Dale & Kelly Peterson - 25

Who was St. Nicholas?

Feast Day, December 6

Years ago, on the popular television show *To Tell the Truth*, celebrities would try to figure out which of three candidates was telling the truth about his or her occupation. At the end of the show the host would ask, Would the real [fill in the blank] please stand up?