

# St. Andrew's Signpost

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### Grateful Giving 2012

Before trains crisscrossed the old west, travel was done in horse-drawn carriage. In those days, there were three classes of passengers. If the wheels became stuck in the mud and you held a first-class ticket, you were allowed to remain in the coach while it was dislodged. If you held a second-class ticket, you were required to disembark from the coach and observe from a distance. If, however, you held a third-class ticket, you had to get out and push.

In the coming weeks, you will be asked to renew your pledge to St. Andrew's for the year 2012. When it comes to giving your time, talent and treasure, it is hoped that we will all be "third-class" parishioners.

**During the Stewardship Dinner** on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, we were asked five thought provoking questions about our lives at St. Andrew's. The answers given may surprise you, but also important is that we would like to hear from you.

**1. What special purpose do we at St. Andrews serve? Would we be missed?**

Green space in the middle of town. Provide historic value and with the bell/chimes. A location for community events in the courtyard and other group meeting space for the community. People do stop throughout the week and sit on the benches in meditation, refuge or perhaps inspiration and enjoy the garden, and tour the church.

**3. In addition to our fixed expenses, what other good might we accomplish with our money?**

Pay off our loan to the Diocese for the recent renovation of our building and grounds.

**4. Into what kind of life are we inviting people?**

Spiritual, musical, church family, active participation in liturgy.

**5. Whose lives do we mean to change and in what way?**

We may not know the results of those lives we touch through our church family, church service, music, or our contacts with people outside of St. Andrew's, it is everchanging. We need to take care of our own. We need education and resources for those who are ill and/or elderly.

**"We reveal what kind of God we believe in by the way we live."**

**Our first gift basket** was raffled on November 20 at the Harvest Dinner. The happy winner is Macaela LaPorte! She was thrilled with the beautiful knitted scarf included in the basket. And her family was quite happy with the rest of the basket contents.

The grand total of 32 tickets sold and donations amounted to \$110.00 The money will be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development to be used where the need is greatest, and it will be doubled to do twice the good! Thanks to all for the donations.

The second gift basket will be raffled on Christmas at coffee hour. You still have a chance to win some terrific prizes and continue to make your dollars serve a very worthy cause. Episcopal Relief and Development helps people in need world wide with nutrition, clean water, seeds and animals for farming, mosquito netting, education for children and women, micro business assistance, disaster relief and much, much more. We will continue to have a jar available for loose change - it all adds up.

An additional "Thank you" to all who donated items in the raffle baskets.  
Hannah Hubbard

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**The St. Andrew's Outreach Fund** has grown to over \$2,300 through donations by those participating in the Yogafit and other users of the parish hall. At their last meeting the vestry voted to distribute \$1,000 each to Chelan Valley Hope (which aids families in crisis situations) and the Lake Chelan Teen Center (located in the Methodist Church). Both organizations fill a great need to citizens of our valley. The Chelan Valley Hope director also expressed a need for non-food items to be shared with the families they assist. Some of these items are: soaps (bath, laundry, dish) shampoo, large size baby diapers, paper towels, TP, toothpaste, etc. We will have a box in the parish hall for such donations – and it will be ongoing throughout the next year.

Hannah Hubbard

### **FOOD BANK**

December is our month to volunteer at the Food Bank. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall for either Monday mornings to bag and stock and Tuesday mornings to distribute the food. The Food Bank is temporarily located on East Woodin across from Prechts Chapel.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** was November 27<sup>th</sup>. Each Wednesday in Advent there will be a combined Episcopal/Lutheran Service starting with a meal at 6:00 PM, followed by Evening Prayer at 7PM. There is a