

St. Andrew's Signpost

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

April 2013

Vestry Notes.....March 14, 2013

The vestry studied the newly formatted financial statement according to the numbering system in Quickbooks. All submitted bills will be posted to this system.

A note was received from Tamara Larson explaining assets of the church.

A motion was made to accept the updated ECW and church policy concerning the use of the facilities. The vestry approved the motion to accept the ECW Church Facilities Policy for use. This basically states "Set up, clean up, and leave it like you found it."

The Vestry retreat will be an all day meeting on June 8th, with the main topic to discuss goals for St. Andrew's. This will be held at the Perry's on the southshore.

The Food Bank will be moving to the basement of the Eagles. Renovation has begun at their former temporary location of the new library building in the old Masonic Hall.

The Presiding Bishop sent a letter requesting funds for a hospital in Gaza. (see below) Funds will be dispensed from the Columbarium account to the Landscape account to be used for care and maintenance of the landscaping in the area of the columbarium.

Junior Warden, Mike Clayton, shared with Senior Warden, Linda Cox that downstairs does not have mold as first thought. It is a harmless calcium deposit from the cement that formed when there was an earlier water leak from outside irrigation. That has now been corrected. Also, the attic has no sign of mold. Good News!!

The next meeting will be April 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

From Presiding Bishop

The Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza has endured violence, lack of supplies, inadequate equipment, and funding reductions amid enormous and expanding demand for its services. This hospital, owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, is a beacon of hope and healing. The Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, has requested that we join her in support of Anglicans throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East by a Good Friday offering. Since this is past, offerings may be made out to **The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society** with Good Friday Offering added in the note field, and put in offering plate or given to Linda Mayer. She will then combine the offerings and send together to DFMS- Episcopal Church US.

North Cascades National Bank Sponsoring Spring Food Drive

NCNB is sponsoring a Spring Food Drive, the following are some items that our local Food Bank has listed that they are in need of this time of the year.

Peanut butter (popular item), cereal, oatmeal, flour, canned fruit (peaches, pears, and pineapple are favorites), apple sauce, beef stews, canned meats, salsa (El Pato brand)

There are boxes outside the bank building on Johnson Ave.

Happy Birthday

Jean Vick – 1st
Mike Richardson – 9th
Elbert Hubbard – 10th
David Pettit – 18th
Betty Pettit – 18th
Orlo Hill – 19th
Desiree Blair – 25th

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Susan Fisher – 7th

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.
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ECW Meeting and Luncheon Thursday April 11

Looking Ahead...

Preaching Seminar June 14/15 and June 28/29, Friday evening and all day Saturday
Vestry Retreat - June 8th

Get to know Supply Priests Visiting St. Andrew’s this year

The Reverend Tony Green

A resident of Wenatchee, Rev. Green has been a welcome guest at our Sunday services in recent months. He has a delightful sense of humor that prompts us to look at things from a different perspective. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA. in 1953 and points out that his birth year coincides with when Eisenhower and Nikita Krushchev came to power

A product of Catholic schooling, Rev. Green eventually was ordained a Catholic priest in 1978 where he ministered in Illinois and Georgia for ten years.. He left the ministry to work in insurance and computer sales in the early 1990’s. In 1996, he converted to the Episcopal Church and was received into the ministry in 2005 at St. Luke’s in Wenatchee with Bishop Waggoner presiding. He married Jeannette Larson from Quincy, WA. in 2013. Between them they have three children.

Tony is a permanent supply priest at St. John’s in Ephrata where he preaches monthly, but he is always learning new skills and doing interesting other things. Examples are charter bus driving, substitute teaching, and recent efforts to become a certified nursing assistant at Wenatchee Valley College. And he has a fun side. He is a season pass holder at Chelan’s water slides and follows Mariner baseball. His favorite quote from Sean O’Casey is “*All the world’s a stage, and most of us are desperately unrehearsed*”.

Thank you Rev. Tony for enriching our Sunday services here at St. Andrew!

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Jesus as a Human Being

“Who Then Is This?” the disciples of Jesus asked. A pale Galilean with a pale halo around his head? A misty-eyed visionary? A narrow fanatic? Merely a convenient swear word? A dying, tortured figure? A distant, supernatural being, a Divinity with no humanity about Him at all? These are some of the images our culture projects.

What was his own individual way of seeing things and approaching life? What was important to him? What was he like? In age, during the period of which we have record, he was around thirty. In any period, any culture, this was an age when the vigor of youth and the wisdom of age can meet - when all of one's being can fulfill itself in response and responsibility to life. We are confronted by a man at the peak of his effectiveness, ready and able to use all his powers.

He was fit, in a lean hard manner. He could walk for miles across hilly country, he could go for a long time without food, he thought nothing of living out in the open for days on end. He was tough. He had endurance for the life he lived and for the death he died.

He was no superman, however. The thronging crowds with their constant pressure of wants and needs, exhausted him more than once to a point that led him to escape into the countryside to be alone. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shows a more than theoretical awareness of, and interest in, hunger, thirst, tiredness and poverty – all troubles of the body.

If the quality of his body was outstanding, the quality of his mind is even more interesting. He had no use whatever for dim-wittedness, and one of his less well-known parables (Luke 16 1-9) says in effect, “Who says you have to be stupid in order to be good?”. In another place he said, “Be wary as serpents,”. His own mind had this keen, shrewd quality, and he could use it with brilliance. (Luke 20 19-26)

Even to trap questions his answers go beyond the merely clever. On one level they are skillful evasions; but they have their strongest existence at a far deeper one, the level of permanent truth. Jesus' mind was quick, keen, and profound.

It was also a questioning mind, with an ability to lay bare the innermost heart of a situation, and an expectation that others could and would do the same. “What do you think?” he was constantly asking. He seems to have had more respect for human reasoning powers than many of his followers, ancient and modern – and no wonder, because he knew at first hand what the mind can do when it is honestly used. He believed that truth can be found and that the ordinary human mind, well used, can find it.

Another of his gifts was the gift of poetry. “Consider the lilies of the field” – this kind of thinking came naturally to Jesus, judging by how often his thought states itself in pictorial, poetical images.

Humor is in these images too – a camel squeezing itself through a needle's eye; drinkers carefully straining out something as tiny as a gnat; a woman turning her household upside down looking for one coin. The reverential atmosphere that surrounds Jesus in our Christian tradition tends to extinguish his humor, but enough traces have survived to show that he had it and used it.

Jesus did not appear to have extraordinary powers of intuition. He seems to have been intellectually a man of his age, thinking as his teachers thought, accepting the current assumptions about insanity, Hebrew history, and the authorship of the Psalms. He had to ask for information, like the rest of us. When someone touched him and he wanted to know who it was, he had to ask. Earthbound questions about the Kingdom of God, such as “When?” or “Where?” drew from him answers clothed in imagery, or what amounted to a flat “I don't know.” (Mark 13:32)

Whatever his thought processes may have been – and they were brilliant – they were carried out with natural endowments like ours. He had no special equipment, either physically or mentally, but what he had was good, and he used it well.

Excerpted from *Jesus, Sketches for a Portrait* by Mary C. Morrison, 1968

APRIL 2013 CALENDAR

April 7.....Holy Eucharist 10 am

April 11....ECW meeting and luncheon 12:30

April 11....Vestry 5pm

April 12 Regional Clergy meeting in Moses Lake

April 14 Holy Eucharist 10am – Bekki Lohrmann preaching

April 21 Holy Eucharist 10am - Marci Hale preaching
Regency Manor service of music & prayers

April 27 NW Regional meeting at St. Lukes, Wenatchee

April 28 Holy Eucharist 10am

April 29-May 1 Clergy Conference in Spokane

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