

St. Andrew's Signpost

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

September 2013

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At coffee hour on Sunday, September 8 we will wish **John McLeod** Godspeed as he leaves Chelan and St. Andrew's to embark on a new life in Bellingham where he will be closer to family.

Once the owner of Chelan Department Store, (Whaley's), John has served several terms on the vestry, as well as being very active in the community. He helped form the Lake Chelan Hospital, was president of the Lions Club and Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Commodore of the Apple Cup Hydroplane Association and a member of VFW.

John will be missed from his spot in the pews and we wish him many happy hours with his family. It is said that one thing he looks forward to, "is not having to eat his own cooking!" We won't say, "good-bye" just, "see you later."

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Vestry Notes: August 8, 2013

Financial reports were reviewed by the Vestry and we are well within budget. There was further discussion about the Lutheran intern to serve part time at St. Andrew's as an extension of her training.

Ministries that St. Andrew's is involved in now: Habitat for Humanity, Riverwalk Closet, Food Bank, Chelan Valley Hope, Bach Fest, Chelan Chase, sacred and tranquil gardens, a welcoming coffee hour, and communicating through our newsletter. Other ministries of Outreach were discussed.

Linda Mayer announced that September will be Creation month based on the Australian service and will include: Oceans, Flora & Fauna, Storm, Cosmos, and Blessing of the Animals.

Bishop Waggoner will be here Sunday, November 17th. He will meet with the vestry on Saturday evening. After church on Sunday, there will be a harvest dinner in the Parish Hall.

The meeting ended with Compline.

Next month's meeting will be September 12, 2013 at 5 PM.

OFFERING THAT WHICH IS HELPFUL – *St. Andrew's Opts to make Blessing Bags*

If you've been approached by a stranger who says they need a little cash for an emergency, you know what it is to feel conflicted about what to do next. How do you know the stranger is telling the truth? If you provide cash, it could be used for cigarettes, alcohol or even drugs. And besides, it's not safe to reach for your wallet when you don't know if the stranger could be a purse snatcher or worse.

There is something you can do to help a stranger which is much more uplifting than money. St. Luke's in Wenatchee came up with the idea and our Rev. Linda Mayer thought it worth copying and shaping into a St. Andrew's version. Eight food and non-food items are collected and put into a zip-lock bag which can be offered to the needy stranger. St. Luke's calls it a "blessing bag" because it also includes a written blessing from the Church. The bags are small enough to conveniently fit into a purse or glove compartment.

If you want to participate in this exciting project, there is a list in our Parish Hall where you can check off your donation for the blessing bags.

List of items to be donated for the blessing bags

- Quart size Ziploc freezer bags (app. 40 per box)
- Package of single wrapped anti-bacterial wipes (app. 24 per box)
- Peanut Butter cracker packs (app. 14 per package)
- Plastic spoons – 40 per pkg.
- Sweet & Salty granola bars or similar (app. 6 per box)
- Caprisun single drink pouches (app. 10 per box)
- Swiss Miss milk chocolate packets (app. 12 per box)
- 42 cans Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli in tomato & meat sauce with easy open tab top

One of each item will be included in the bag along with a brochure with community services and resource information, and a note with a blessing from the church.

Our church secretary's husband, Tracy Boosinger, will be taking the lead in this venture. Call April if you have questions or leave an inquiry on the church phone **509-682-2851**. Church members will be notified when the blessing bags are assembled and ready to offer to that stranger in need.

Jean Haskell

The annual Pie Social held on Saturday August 17th once again was a big success. There were 102 homemade pies donated. We sold whole pies, pieces of pie with ice cream as well as plain pieces. Coffee and ice tea were free. We took in a total of \$1,943.58. This money is used to maintain supplies for the fellowship hall, coffee hour, and community outreach.

Special thanks to: Bob & Meredith Beeson for all of the advertising; Joan Hazelton, Pat LaPorte, Sadie Reynolds and Betty Pettit for placing fliers in Chelan and Manson; Betty Pettit for manning the cash all day; Nyla Kamphaus Judy Oliver, Pat LaPorte, Hannah Hubbard, Cris Kollmeyer, Jennifer Anderson, and Susan Fisher for working the kitchen; Margaret Kamphaus, Linda Kuntz, Beverly Hill, Jeannine Shaffer, Sandy Gellatly and Susan Fiala for money donations; and last but not least, to Larry Hazelton for helping set up and clean up.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 1 – Holy Eucharist 10am

Sept. 8 – Holy Eucharist 10am

Coffee for John McLeod

Sept. 12 – Vestry 5pm

Sept. 15 – Holy Eucharist 10am

Visiting families Jamtaas, Taxelius, Vick, Thayer

Sept. 21 – Fall Gathering, St. Luke's, Wenatchee 9:30am

Sept. 22 – Holy Eucharist 10am

Sept. 29 – Holy Eucharist 10am

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