

ST. ANDREW'S NETWORK
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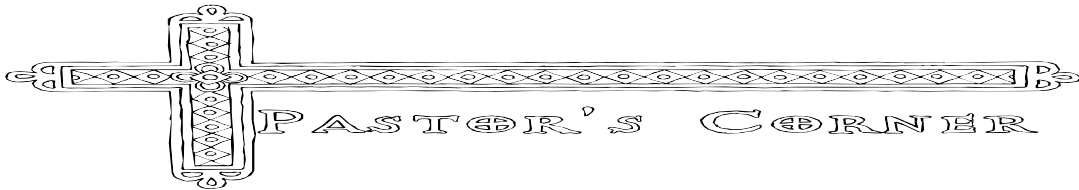
ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a welcoming family of believers in Christ Our Savior and are committed to Sharing God's unconditional love with all."

June 2008

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

*Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 -12:30 PM
Father Ted is often in the Office on Saturday from 9AM -12 PM
Call for an appointment*



PASTER'S CORNER

Father Ted's reflections

"...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus....For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. "Romans 3:23-28

As I reflect on this passage from Romans 3:23-28 I am continually awed by what Paul is trying to tell the community in Rome. It is a community that is in severe conflict. The conflict stems from a variety of sources. The main source of conflict stems from the fact that the community underwent a forced separation when the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews (Jews and Christian-Jews) in 49CE from Rome. There had been severe internal conflicts over the emergence of a new sect that later became Christianity. With the Jewish expulsion the remaining Gentile-Christians had total control of the emerging church. No longer was there any Jewish influence. During that six-year period the church began to change and become less Jewish. It wandered further from ancient Jewish customs like requiring circumcision to be a member of the community. Upon Claudius' death in 55CE the Jews were allowed to return to Rome. They were confronted with a radically changed church where circumcision was no longer required for the assurance of salvation or to be a community member. Conflict broke out over retaining the old ways, or adopting the new ways practiced by the Gentile-Christians.

Paul, faced with this devastating conflict within the Roman community, sought to quell the conflict by pointing out that all people are sinners, Jews and Gentiles alike. His response was an impassioned plea for unity, understanding and acceptance. Instead of dwelling on the differences between the feuding sects, he pointed to their unity. They were all sinners. Further their works (circumcision) could not save them. Instead, it was grace that saved them. Grace was the gift given to them by Christ. They had all been redeemed by Christ's redemptive act.

It was faith alone in Jesus that justified them, not any works. The law, which prescribed "good works", could never bring redemption or salvation. The law also identified acts that were sinful. As a result every person falls short. No one could keep the law. No one could avoid doing something that was sinful. Everyone is a sinner. It is by faith alone in Jesus that brings the redemption and salvation we so badly want.

It is interesting to note that to be a member of the early Christian community required only faith, not baptism or any other kind of work. Members were baptized solely for the washing away of their sins. Making baptism a requirement or initiation rite to the community would be to establish it as a "work" required for redemption.

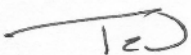
As I reflect upon Paul's radical theology of inclusion, I wonder how well we accept his understandings of what has been given to us in Christ? If we are all sinners, and no one can ever justify himself or herself by the law, then we shouldn't we invite all people to come, see and experience Christ's love at St. Andrew's? Those who come seeking, those who come in faith, no matter how strong or weak, and those who come desiring to put their faith in Jesus should never be turned away. In fact, if they come, they should be invited into the church as full members. They should be invited to participate in its affairs, and its leadership. By Paul's understanding we all fall short when it comes to justification by the law. Paul does not prioritize different sins; they are just sins, and they all bring us up short. Paul does not measure the person by what they have done or is doing. He only asks that they have faith in Jesus. What he calls us to do is to come in faith and to put all of our faith in Jesus, as best as we can, and to accept others who come, no matter what we think of them.

As I spend more and more time with Paul, I am overwhelmed with how close he stayed with the early teachings of Jesus as experienced in the Gospels. He has continued Jesus' radical inclusion of all who are searching in faith for God. He continued to call for unity in the church, and in the community. Unity that was wrapped up in faith in Jesus, not works.

As you begin your summer, it might be a good time to reflect on your views on inclusion, as you understand the Gospels, Paul's writings and the other New Testament books, to see if you are led to an understanding of radical inclusion? Radical inclusion can be unnerving. It means inviting others to join us who may not be like us, who may not look or act like us, who may not have the same beliefs as us, or who may be involved in things that we find wrong or we don't like.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. I hope to see you during the summer, but for those who are away or who can only get that Sunday morning Tee time, have a joy filled summer.

Blessings,



THANK YOU

The Kraker family wishes to extend their profound gratitude for all the prayers, cards, letters and phone calls received regarding the untimely death of their son. Thank you everyone for your caring concern and kind thoughts at a most difficult time.

SERVICE HELPERS FOR THE SUMMER:

June:

Altar Guild for June is Elaine Bushman and Kathy Smith.

June 1

Chalice: Monica Hazelwood and Craig Hoffman
Lector: Wanda Kloza and Craig Hoffman
Greeters: Stella Mears and Frank Kraker
Acolyte: Sabrina Hazelwood and Margaret Demasi Hazelwood
(crucifer)
Nursery: Sysha Surcica and Lisa O'Donnell
LEM: Harold Herman and Wanda Kloza
Flowers: The Hermans
Coffee Hour

June 15

Chalice: Linda Hoffman and Harold Herman
Lector: Cindy Elliott and Hannah Richardson
Greeters: The Davis Family
Acolyte: Brett and Brandon Erickson
Nursery: Kristina Faber and Chrissy Senecal
LEM: Linda and Craig Hoffman
Flowers: The Harpsters
Coffee Hour:

June 29

Chalice: Mike Morehouse and Wanda Kloza
Lector: Anne and Harold Herman
Greeters: Nancy Werner and Nancy Karcher
Acolyte: Maggie Morehouse and Will Davis
Nursery: The Hawkins and Allison Carey
LEM: Deanna Stouffer and Harold Herman
Flowers: The Babcocks
Coffee Hour:

July:

Altar Guild for July is Cindy Elliott, Wanda Kloza and Lisa Woolley.

July 6

Chalice: Monica Hazelwood and Cindy Gee

June 8

Samantha and Will Davis
Youth Sunday
The Harpsters
Margaret Demasi, Sabrina
and Brandon Erikson

The Eshlemans and Edna Guido
Monica Hazelwood and Lyn Babcock

Pearsons/Hoffmans

June 22

Marcia Warren and Nichol Free
George Rae and Elisabeth Davis
Nan and Katelyn Hancock
Elisabeth Davis and Davis Richardson
The Lowerys and Kim Steenstra
Lesley Carter and Arnold Gee
The Beatties

July 13

Arnold Gee and Harold Herman

Lector: Jody Harpster and Craig Hoffman
Morehouse
Greeters: The Cains
Acolyte: Kara Bushman and Sabrina Hazelwood
Nursery:
LEM: Craig and Linda Hoffman
Hazelwood
Flowers:
Coffee Hour:

Lyn Babcock and Mike
The Schlechts
Brett and Brandon Erickson
Wanda Kloza and Monica
The Krakers

July 20

Chalice: Marcia Warren and Wanda Kloza
Lector: Cindy Lou Franke and Wanda Kloza
Davis
Greeters: The Peters
Acolyte: Samantha and Virginia Davis
Nursery:
LEM: Lyn Babcock and Lesley Carter
Flowers: Palmer
Coffee Hour:

July 27

Heidi Demasi and Nichol Free
Lawrence Bradshaw and Sue
The Roses
Margaret and Elizabeth Demasi
Arnold Gee and Deanna Stouffer

August:

The Altar Guild for August is Sue and Virginia Davis and Amy Pryce.

August 3

Chalice: Harold Herman and Samantha Davis
Lector: Stella Mears and William Davis
Greeters: The Kitts
Elliott
Acolyte: Will Davis and Davis Richardson
Bushman
Nursery:
LEM: Wanda Kloza and Harold Herman
Flowers: Pledger/Krenitsky
Coffee Hour:

August 10

Craig and Linda Hoffman
Ann and Bill Fasnacht
Debbie Galbraith and Cindy
Margaret Demasi and Kara
Craig and Linda Hoffman
Davis

August 17

Chalice: Marcia Warren and Wanda Kloza
Lector: Cindy and Arnold Gee
Greeters: The Douglas's

August 24

Arnold and Cindy Gee
Ivy Kraker and Virginia Davis
Stella Mears and Frank Kraker

Acolyte: Elisabeth and Virginia Davis
Nursery:
LEM: Monica Hazelwood and Lyn Babcock

Brett and Brandon Erickson
Arnold Gee and Deanna Stouffer

Flowers: Rose
Coffee Hour:

Nancy Werner

August 31

Chalice: Monica Hazelwood and Nichol Free
Lector: Samantha Davis and Kristina Faber
Greeters: The Harpsters
Acolyte: Sabrina Hazelwood and Maggie Morehouse
Nursery:
LEM: Lesley Carter and Wanda Kloza
Flowers:
Coffee Hour:

YOU ARE INVITED!!

Who: All women of St. Andrew's
What: A retreat
When: September 12 – 14, 2008
Where: St. Joseph's Institute, Port Matilda, PA

Come and enjoy a weekend of spiritual and emotional renewal in a lovely atmosphere with your sisters from St. Andrew's. St. Joseph's Institute provides a relaxing atmosphere in which we can become better acquainted with ourselves both in body and mind. Room and 5 meals (Friday PM through Sunday breakfast) are provided for a cost of \$190.00. The cost of the retreat is not included but will be determined at a later date when we know the number of participants. There will also be time for you to enjoy the spa treatments also available at the Institute. The deadline for reservations is August 1, 2008. For further information see Jean. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's and given to either Jean Schlecht or Cindy Stitt. For a preview of the facilities go to www.stjosephinstitute.com.

KNITTING NOTE

The Knitting Group will meet on Monday, June 2nd at 6:30 in the dining room of the Episcopal Home. Please bring any completed items at that time for distribution.

LIBRARY NEWS

As we enter the countdown to the 2008 Lambeth Conference – that assembly of 800+ Anglican bishops from across the world – it seems appropriate to draw you good readers' attention to two recent books by Archbishop Rowan Williams that are in our St. Andrew's library. The first is a short, very readable book addressed to the layman: [Tokens of Trust: an Introduction to Christian Belief](#). A reviewer in [The Christian Century](#) said of it: "It is a happy coincidence that the most important Protestant theologian in the world is also the best." - what a compliment!

The other book, [Wrestling with Angels: Conversations in Modern Theology](#) is a compilation of Williams' theological writings between 1980 and 2000 - short articles and book chapters in which he engages in dialogue with theologians past and present, ranging from Hegel through Bonhoeffer to Marilyn McCord Adams.

And let's not forget our own Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori, whose wise and wonderfully friendly first book, A Wing and a Prayer, (chapter titles include "A Cup of Starbucks," "Gone Fishin'," and "The Family Table") is a joy to spend time with.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

1 cup Judges 5:25, last clause
2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
2 to 3 tablespoons 1 Samuel 14:25
6 Isaiah 10:14
3 ½ cups 1 Kings 4:22
2 teaspoons Amos 4:5
1 or 2 pinches Leviticus 2:13
2 teaspoons 11 Chronicles 9:9, or to taste
1 cup Exodus 17:6
2 cups 1 Samuel 30:12
2 cups Nahum 3:12
1 cup Numbers 17:8

Translation

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons honey
6 eggs
3 ½ cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 or 2 pinches salt
2 teaspoons spices: cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, cloves
and ginger are suggested, used in fractions to add up to
two teaspoons
1 cup water
2 cups raisins
2 cups figs, chopped
1 cup almonds, chopped and sliced

Cream butter, adding sugar gradually. Add honey and then eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. (Some recipes added only egg yolks and folded in the beaten egg whites last.)

Combine 3 cups of the flour with baking powder, salt and spices. Mix in alternately with the water. A few of the recipes called for milk or buttermilk instead of water. Your choice.

Dredge the raisins, figs and almonds with the remaining half-cup flour until well coated. Gently stir into the batter. Turn into a well-greased and floured 10-inch tube or bundt pan or a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Cool in pan 10 minutes, then turn out on a rack.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

June 8, 2008 is Youth Sunday! The children will be participants in the service and they will share some of what they have learned this year. The service will be followed by a special coffee hour.

In order to prepare for Youth Sunday, we ask that the children and youth practice the music **at 9:40 on Sunday, June 1** in the high school classroom.

The last day of Sunday school is June 1, 2008.

PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

We are still collecting items to send to our troops overseas. These items will be shipped on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please do not donate any more books. They do have libraries and they have plenty of books. Also, no aerosol cans (with the exception of shave gels) as these can be explosive items onboard the planes flying overseas. Also, nothing that contains alcohol.

BRING ON THE MUSIC

The Senior Voice Recital for Elizabeth Davis will be held on Sunday, June 8th at 2:00 PM. The recital is in St. Andrew's Church with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. All St. Andrew's church families are invited to attend.

Editor's Note: Deadline for inputs to the monthly Newsletter are due to Vic Karcher by the 20th of each month. There is a "Newsletter Box" outside the office in the hallway to deposit hard copy items. You may also send your inputs via e-mail to vickarchersr@comcast.net. If you have any questions please see Vic after the Service on Sundays or call 717-352-4699.

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