



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

*For the Week of May 29*

### *Message from Margaret:*

The Gospel this week is all about faith. It presents the extraordinary faith of one who might well have been excluded by the people of Jesus' day. Luke tells the story of a Roman centurion and of his slave who was healed by Jesus. A Roman centurion would have had two strikes against him in the Jewish world. He was first a gentile and secondly, he was a symbol of Roman oppression. Yet-Jesus-marveling at the centurion's faith—healed his slave. Jesus said that *not even in Israel* had he seen such faith! For the orthodox defenders of the religion of that day, such a statement was blasphemous. The God they worshiped had called them to separateness as the stance necessary to survival. Jesus' words could shake the foundation of their security. Such words could call into question the integrity of the sacred tradition that defined God and God's people, causing offense to the hearts of the faithful. Such words could unsettle their minds-minds that they had assumed were permanently settled.

The message of Jesus in word and deed was not subtle. Jesus proclaimed a God who was not bound by human definitions. Such a God could not be captured in the sacred traditions of yesterday, nor be fenced in by time honored prejudices. In Jesus something new was happening in God's world. Those systems to which human beings had given their deepest commitments were being revealed to be not ultimate but relative, not unchanging but fluid, not closed but open. For many this was a message of joy and freedom. But for others it presented a grave threat that was met with a hostile response.

Religious hostility always reveals uncertainty and fear. Religious hostility also carries with it a killing intensity. The Jesus who reached beyond the national and religious barriers of his people to embrace a Gentile and a Roman, and to heal a slave, was crucified by forces of fear and hostility. Paul who caught the vision of universality in Christ was stoned, beaten, banished, arrested and finally, put to death. Prophetic voices who see a new vision have, throughout Christian history, been regularly and viciously challenged by the defenders of the way things had

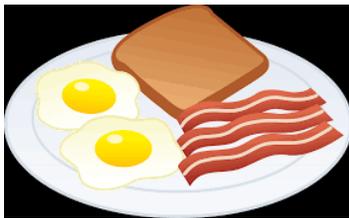
always been. New wine is always a threat to old wine skins. Even new life in Christ was and is an uncomfortable reality for the structures of religion to absorb.

We know that Jesus was first sent to the chosen people, but as Paul would emphasize, he was also to be a “light to the Gentiles”—the answer to the longing and desperate need of all the nations without God. All of Jesus’ works and all of his ministry were, in a sense, a revealing of his life and purpose—to fulfill the Father’s will. He preached; but he *was* the Balm of Gilead. He spoke; but he truly *was* the Word, who was from the beginning.

All of the stories about Jesus in the Gospel form for us a mosaic of these truths, revealing in narrative and discourse how the light has come into the world. And so in our own petitions to our Lord, the heart of faith reaches out to his truth and love, seeking only *the word*—that our lives may be filled and healed and made whole.

*Blessings and love,*

*Margaret+*



**SUMMER BREAKFAST !!**

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, REUNION GROUP, ETC. AND SIGN UP FOR SUMMER BREAKFAST WHICH BEGINS ON JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> !! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30

*ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT SERIES COMING UP*

*June 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.*



*Pat C*

*Music from the 50's, 60's, and UP!*

*June 26 4:00 p.m.*

*Andy Lagrimas and*

*Chad Spears*

*Joint Piano Performance*



**SEND YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD TO BECKWITH FOR  
SUMMER CAMP  
SEE MARGARET FOR MORE INFORMATION  
LET'S HAVE SOMEONE FROM ST. ANDREW'S TO ATTEND!**

**AS YOU DO TO THE LEAST....**

Supper at Grace Thursday evening had the perfect combination to make it a wonderful experience- lots of guests and plenty of help to serve them. We served 75 dinners in the parish hall, prepared 48 take out dinners and passed out 50 sack lunches for the next day. Thank you to our Deacon Ray who encouraged many of you to come out for the first time. Preparers and servers were: Shirley Gobat, Laurie Ayers, Rose Dallas, Margaret Seeberger, Ann Bruce, Tom Brewer, Mary Johnson, Tom Sontag, John and Robbin Fowler, Linne Morgan, Nan Crane, JD Webster, Teri Floore and Diane Tate.

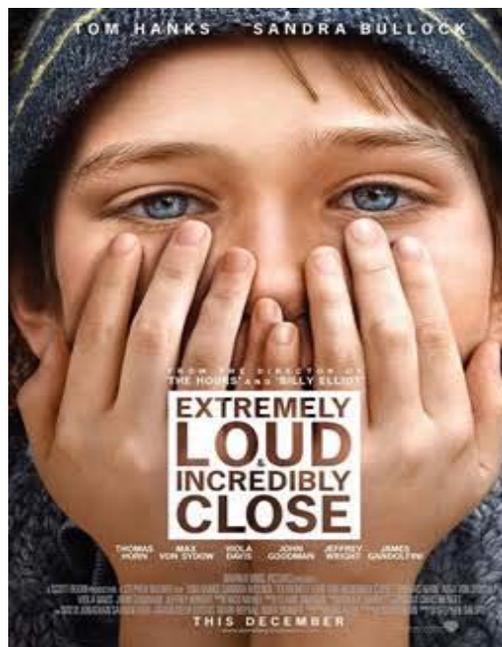
We will be serving Supper at Grace again June 16, save the date!



**MOVIE LOVERS MOVIE NIGHT**

**DINNER AND A MOVIE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 6:00 P.M.**



**STARRING TOM HANKS, SANDRA BULLOCK, MAX VON SYDOW, THOMAS HORN AND VIOLA DAVIS**

**NOMINATED FOR 2 ACADEMY AWARDS (BEST PICTURE AND BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS.)**

**A nine year old amateur inventor, Francophile, and pacifist searches New York City for the lock that matches a mysterious key left behind by his father, who died in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001**

## Supper at Grace

We traded with another church in April so we have to take their turn in May. So we WILL be hosting Supper at Grace the third Thursday of May AND June. That's May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>. We need many hands to make it light work. Hands in the morning to make sandwiches and pack lunches. Hands in the afternoon to cook and set up. Hands in the early evening to serve and clean up. We've done this so many times the process is almost automatic now, but it needs people to accomplish it! Please consider being one of those people. Contact Teri Floore and/or Diane Tate for more details and sign up on the list on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. It's a very rewarding opportunity of serving Jesus' children!

*(Names are left on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified for a longer time)*

*Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Mike, Warren, Mary, Ed, Debra, David, Barbara, Jenn, Cliff, Patricia, Jeffrey, Jane, Ken, Gale, Nell, Sandra, Vincent, Faye, Dawn, Elizabeth, William, Adam, Archie, Hank, Helen, Kathleen, Pam, Lou, Ava, Bobbie, Mason, Paul, Bobby, Dee, Rudy, Fred, Debra, Barbara, Cathy, Bobby Lee, Chris, Dylan, Kathy, Cynthia, Susan, Charley, Elizabeth, Dawn, Mary Lou, Barbara, Rick, Connie, Bea, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Lindsey, Bill & Janice, Christian, Sandi, Melinda, Reagan, Sean, Roy, Lori, Larry, Katie, Rick, Jarrod, Alex, Dustin, Christian, Bill, Janice, Lori, Austin, Lucy, Kristy*

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad:  
Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah, Richard,  
Ivan, James*