



St. Andrew's Tidings

A Message from Margaret

Loving our neighbor who is as our self. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *The Cost of Discipleship*, asks: "What is ...love? Love which shows no special favour to those who love us in return? When we love those who love us, our bretheren, our nation, our friends, yes, and even our own congregation, we are no better than the heathen and the publicans. Such love is ordinary and natural, and not distinctively Christian. We can love our kith and kin, our fellow countrymen and our friends, whether we are Christians or not, and there is no need for Jesus to teach us that...He takes that kind of love for granted...How then do the disciples differ from the heathen? What does it really mean to be a Christian? Love that is extraordinary, unusual, which is not a matter of course. It is unreserved love for our enemies, for the unloving and the unloved, love for our religious, political and personal adversaries. In every case it is the love which was fulfilled in the cross of Christ. It is the love of Jesus Christ himself, who went patiently and obediently to the cross—it is in fact the cross itself."

To love our neighbor is to accept him or her as our equal in worth and selfhood, worthy of the same understanding and treatment that constitute healthy self-respect. The Prayer book tells us to "respect the dignity of every human being." Proper self-love will prompt us to stand up for our own rights or our own dignity; but love for neighbor will mean that the concerns of other people are just as important to us as our own. Self-love means taking care of our own health so that we may fulfill our personal tasks and aims. To love our neighbors will mean to take care of them, to strive to assure decent shelter and sanitation, adequate food and access to medical care, even for those who may be indolent or incompetent. When others are seriously deprived of these things it is a threat to our own welfare. As someone has said, "Our neighbor's peace is half our own."

As we value our own freedom, we must be equally concerned for the liberties of others—not in the sense of imposing our own form of government on everyone else, but in maintaining equality of opportunity. If freedom can be denied to anyone, it cannot be secure for ourselves. So we love God by serving those whom God loves. The neighbor whom we *value as we value ourselves* may think differently or live differently, but needs must be met and hopes kept alive and dignity maintained as part of our own true service to God.

Rainer Maria Rilke wrote in *Letters to a Young Poet*: For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation." When we begin to understand this truth, we too, like the scribe, will find ourselves "not far from the kingdom of God." C. S. Lewis wrote in *The Four Loves*: "Perhaps an analogy may help. Let us suppose that we are doing a mountain walk to the village which is our home. At midday we come to the top of a cliff where we are, in

space, very near it because it is just below us. We could drop a stone into it. But as we are no cragsmen we can't get down. We must go a long way round; five miles, maybe. At many points during that detour we shall, statically, be farther from the village than we were when we sat above the cliff. But only statically. In terms of progress we shall be far nearer our baths and teas."

Thus we may at times through love—though we are far from the end of our journey—nearly touch and feel God's kingdom.

Blessings and love,

Margaret +

Sunday School for October: Forgiveness

9:00 a.m.

Bay Lights is Coming Soon!: November 1st. Plan now to attend!! Buy your raffle ticket from the Jimmersons for a chance at \$5,000! Don't forget your Wine for Beckwith!

Chairs

The Chairs are \$240 each. If you would like to purchase a chair in honor of or in memory of someone, please see Anne Staley following the service.

Office Volunteers

We are in need of office volunteers. If you can spare a few hours, morning or afternoon, please speak to Kathy Lopez. You can also call her at 785-960

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ALL SAINTS' DAY WILL BE READ ON ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY. PLEASE ADD NAMES OF ANY FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO THE LIST ON THE TABLE IN THE CARPETED AREA OF BYRNE HALL

Columbarium

Our construction is moving along and it will not be too much longer before completion. If you would like to take advantage of the lower price of \$500 per niche in the Columbarium, please call the office, or send in the Columbarium form. If you do not have one, extras are on the round table in Byrne Hall. Upon Completion, the cost will be \$1,000 per niche.

Don't Forget your Pennies from Heaven For Living Stones



Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Iva, , Jeremy, Rosemary, Dorothy, Kiley, Maggie, Patricia, Anne, MaryLou, George, Walt, Debbie, Susan, Nurse Nancy, Dr. Kent, Mary Jane, Sammy, Rick, Jane, Joy, Ryan, Virginia, Diane, Glenda, Laura, Pam, Pat, Ashley, Hazen, Mary, Robin, Pam, Anna, Diane, Sara, Debbie, Glenda, Sarah, Diane, Robin

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad: Jeff, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah