



Fr. "Skip" Reeves
Rector

The Vision

The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor
201 Lakeshore Dr. Cheyenne, WY 82009
Services at LCCC, Center for Conferences and Institutes, Room 130
9 AM Bible Study, Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery
10 AM Holy Eucharist



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LENT

From the Rector:



Lent begins on February 6th, Ash Wednesday. So, a few weeks ago I checked to see if the Westgate Clubhouse was available for a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. It wasn't. That's the sort of scheduling problem we won't have

to worry about when we finally get a building of our own. Fortunately we planned a year ahead for our 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service which will be in our usual space at LCCC. Mark your calendar.

For about twelve years I have been trying to help Marge Marcewicz jump through all the hoops to be ordained a deacon, and it has been frustrating. Last year I added Dan Clark to the list ... and our luck changed. Actually, going to the CANA Council in Virginia is what brought about the change. There is something powerful that takes place when you stand toe-to-toe, look eye-to-eye and ask a question. At the CANA Council I was able to corner the right priest, who pointed me to the right bishop, and the three of us worked things out in about three minutes. Amazing!

As I announced in Church a couple of weeks ago, Bishop David Anderson has been assigned the duty of visiting us. Bishop Anderson is the President and CEO of the American Anglican Council. I know that some of you have been a member of that organization for a long, long time, and appreciate the work he has been doing to promote orthodoxy. He formerly was the rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Newport Beach, California, and now makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia. He also was one of the four bishops ordained at the CANA Council in December

Finding a location for our ordinations also proved to be a challenge. LCCC was booked solid

that weekend, and as you might imagine – not every church in Cheyenne welcomes our conservative brand of Christianity. Some, who probably would have welcomed us, were simply way too large for our expected congregation. The Rev. Delbert Hansen, at Faith United Methodist Church; however, did welcomed us, and he was enthusiastic about it. If you happen to know him, please give him a word of thanks.

God bless you.

Fr. Skip

God willing
The Rt. Rev. David C. Anderson
Suffragan Bishop of the
Convocation of Anglicans in North America
will ordain

**Marguerite Langtry
Marcewicz**
and
Daniel Ralph Clark
to
the sacred order of deacons
at
3:00 P.M., February 24, 2008

Reception to follow
at
Faith United Methodist Church
522 East 6st Street
Cheyenne, WY 82009

**ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST
AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES
LCCC – Conference Room 130
February 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.**

VESTRY NOTES

Vestry members present: Fr. Skip Reeves, Ken Flack, Gaye Flack, Becky Burney, Jim Jensen, Stephanie Reeves Marilyn Terwilliger, Shari Henney, Jim Mitchell, Marge Marcewicz.

The meeting opened with prayer and a bible study, followed by informal sharing. The Campbell's have enough meals for now and Paul is in hospice at home. Please keep Roger, Matty, and their daughter Heather in our prayers.

MINUTES: corrections--there was no bible study last meeting as we went straight to a conference call. In the 4th paragraph "adds" needs to read "ads". Minutes approved as corrected.

REPORTS: Treasurers report. Ken gave us a four-page report. The top page is a year-end report. The second page is a monthly distribution report. The third page is the parish report and the fourth page is today's balance which shows a checkbook balance of \$16,926.34. After a brief discussion, with thanks to Ken for his color report which helps us follow his report, the reports were accepted as presented.

Jr. Warden's report: Stephanie has been given another name for signs. With the frozen ground outside we are only able to plan at this time.

Sr. Warden's report: Jim told us things were on hold with ARC until the end of the year although he had a telephone conference scheduled tomorrow. Jim also said he had been approached by members of the congregation about a back-up pianist and hymnals. Since much of our music comes from different sources (and is photocopied and put either in the bulletin or on the chairs) and that if we had hymnals someone would need to be responsible for bringing, distributing, collecting and storing them, it is impractical at this time. Shari said she is mentoring a back-up person at this time and hoped she would be ready and comfortable by June.

The Rector's report would come later.

OLD BUSINESS: Our 2007 goals were to double in size and find land and a facility. While we have not doubled in size, this congregation has become stronger, has become deeply committed as seen in the giving. Fr Skip also felt that when

he was at the CANA conference there was a strong feeling of community. This parish upholds this with a strong feeling of being a family and this is good. And we have purchased property for our parish which is completely paid for in full. Jim and Ken gave the vestry the deed to see. Jim Mitchell pointed out that we were now receiving serious legal documents that needed a safe place. Jim has several safety deposit boxes that are fireproof, weatherproof, etc. and he would be glad to give us what we need.

Nominating committee: Shari and Marge reported that they each had spoken to several people about being on the vestry. All those people declined. However Jim Jensen, who is eligible for election did accept. The new by-laws which will be presented at the parish meeting will allow for fewer vestry members and we are okay.

The Potluck: the church has utensils, paper plates, cups etc. and will provide these, rolls and lemonade.

Roger's mission trip: this is on hold due to the political upheaval where he was going.

Photo directory: Now that Bob has a new hard drive he is able to continue with this project.

NEW BUSINESS: The vestry retreat is scheduled for Feb. 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hopefully at the Westgate clubhouse. If there are changes, Fr. Skip will inform us.

Ordination: Fr. Skip has had a hard time receiving answers from Bishop Anderson. After talking with Dan and Marge, who have family and friends from out of the area they would like to accommodate, would a 3:00 p.m. service be agreeable? The vestry agreed. Fr. Skip will check on rooms.

A "Resolution on Housing" was presented to the vestry. This would prepare us for thinking about this when Fr. Skip retires and we need a new priest. Becky moved and Marilyn seconded that we accept this resolution. The motion passed.

CANA Council: Fr. Skip and Stephanie have chosen to not go this time so that other members of the parish could have the opportunity to experience the Council. They would like to see the travel allowance set aside for this function be made available to official parish delegates. In discussion, Fr. Skip pointed out that CANA by-laws at this time allow for 1 clergy and 3 delegates per parish. An informal acceptance was made at this time to allow the next vestry to vote formally.

Jim Mitchell saw that Comea is advertising for servers for the 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays, is this an outreach we might want to pursue?

In looking to the next vestry meeting the group would like to make that happen at the end of the vestry retreat as there are many things going on in all of our each of our lives at this time.

As Shari is retiring from the vestry, she thanked everyone for this experience of seeing how the business of the parish is done and that even though we don't always agree that with hearts open to each other we could find the compromises when necessary.

The Flacks have also announced their respective retirement from the state in October. They will be moving to Montrose, Colorado to be closer to their parents. This will be a transitioning time so that someone may come forward to do the work of the treasurer and the head of the altar guild. Ken gave his thanks to the vestry also.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Marcewicz
Acting secretary

**Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
January 18, 2008**

I. The meeting opened with prayer following our potluck dinner.

II. WARDENS REPORTS AND VESTRY ELECTION.

Jr. Warden: Stephanie Reeves explained the need for changes in the church by-laws and went over those changes with the parish. The biggest change was in the number of people on the vestry. The number has been changed from 9 to 6 owing to the current size of our congregation. This number can be changed in the future as the parish expands. The second change was the creation of an Executive Committee.

Stephanie moved and Becky Burney seconded the changes be accepted. As there was discussion at each change, Ken called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Sr. Warden: Jim Mitchell reported that the business of the parish is going well. One of his jobs is to see that services take place when the rector is not available. Jim found that Dan and Marge had that covered. Jim commented that this vestry has been very open with one another. While we have not always agreed, we have kept open and fair-mindedness working through to a solution.

We now have property and will need to finance a building. This is our next challenge. And as Ken Flack our treasurer will be leaving, Jim is willing to fill this position if he has a few weeks to tie up some other business.

Jim mentioned that Comea Shelter has need of servers only, twice a month. (They now have a full time cook.) This would be a nice outreach for the parish and help us to be more visible.

Rector: Fr. Skip Reeves gave a special thanks to Jim Mitchell and Ken Flack. These men gave countless hours of their own time to gather and present the necessary information that led to the purchase of our property. We would not have been able to pay for their expertise and time.

Bishop Anderson, who we know from the American Anglican newsletter, will be coming to ordain Dan and Marge the weekend of February 23-24. This service will be an afternoon service to allow local and out-of-area friends to participate. Fr. Skip would like Dan and Marge to speak to the congregation about how their new role will play out in the parish and outside it.

Fr. Skip reminded the parish that deacons cannot be vestry members but they can go to CANA Council meetings as clergy. We were reminded that CANA has set up the Council meeting as having 1 clergy and 3 members as delegates from each parish. He said he would like to see other parishioners have an opportunity to participate in Council and would like to see the travel allowance he would use be made available to those people who would like this experience.

Fr. Skip would like the parish to wrestle with who we are. His vision of us is:

We are a rock of orthodoxy
A steady port in the storm of theology
Compassionate seekers of souls

A beacon of hope for all who are looking for a personal relationship with the living Lord. While orthodoxy is had to define, you will know it when you see it.

Vestry selection: Marge reported that having spoken to many "candidates" who declined and having asked Jim Jensen (who had finished someone else's term, which makes him eligible for three-year-term election) who agreed to serve this was where the committee was. Stephanie moved and Marilyn Terwilliger seconded Jim Jensen's election to vestry. Motion passed unanimously. Fr. Skip reminded the parish that vestry meeting are open to all parishioners.

Fr. Skip then announced to the parish Ken and Gaye Flack plan to retire from the State in the fall and move to Montrose, Colorado to be closer to

their dads. This gives us time to transition others to take over as Treasurer for Ken and altar guild for Gaye.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken reported that for the fourth year in a row all the accounts were in the black. We have a total of \$18,929.38 in our accounts, \$6,000.00 is in the money market account and \$12,885.00 is in checking. We ended the year at approximately \$8,000.00 more than we proposed in the budget.

The pledge drive was outstanding and we have \$84,000.00 in pledges which is a 15% increase. The 2007 additions to the budget included CANA, the Church website, and the rector's housing reserve-which is building money we will need when we need to hire new rector-are all fully funded.

In response to a question from the floor, Ken answered that any additional expenses are always brought to the vestry. In addition we have \$3,000.00 in undesignated reserve. There being no further question it was moved and seconded the budget be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. GOALS: The vestry at its 2007 retreat chose as their goals to double in size and to find property. As mentioned, while we have not doubled we did find property. The congregation is asked to consider what they think our goals should be and please pass your ideas to the rector or vestry for their retreat which is scheduled on February 9, 2008

V. OPEN FORUM: Stephanie was asked about signs for the property. She said we are looking

into a v-shaped sign that can be seen driving either direction on highway 30. Because the ground is frozen we will have to wait to put it up. There was a question about having a celebration and blessing when the sign goes up. Another question is about the possibility of a summer service on the property. Fr. Skip is agreeable to both with details to be worked out later.

There being no further business, Fr Skip closed the meeting with prayer, asking us to keep Flossie and Paul and their families in our prayers and to remember Lynnann and Stephanie for healing.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Marcewicz
Acting secretary

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our current supply of prayer shawls is getting low with all the requests we have had lately. Please try to find your knitting needles and skeins of yarn and put your hands to work to rebuild our supply. Thanks!

WE'VE HEARD YOUR REQUESTS! Exciting changes are coming soon to facilitate your worship experience. Sue Wilson has begun her internship to become a church musician. Presentation changes in music notation are being revised also with our excellent team. Please keep giving us feedback if these improvements are helping you.

Shari

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM February 2008

To preview the lessons, you may go to www.biblegateway.com

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Feb. 3	Dan Clark <i>Exodus 24:12-18</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Psalms 2</i>	Matty Ludwig <i>II Peter 1:16-21</i>	Roger Ludwig	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Marge Marcewicz	Matty Ludwig Caryl Marion LEM: Matty L.
Feb. 6 Ash Wed.	Shari Henney <i>Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17</i>	Marge Marcewicz <i>Psalms 51: 1-17</i>	Dan Clark <i>2 Cor.5: 20b-6: 10</i>	Marge Marcewicz	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Marge Marcewicz	TBA
Feb. 10	Matty Ludwig <i>Gen .15-17; 3:1-7</i>	C: Dan Clark <i>Psalms 32</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Romans 5:12-19</i>	Barb Clark	Stephanie Reeves Dan Clark Roger Ludwig	Marge Marcewicz Gaye Flack LEM:
Feb. 17	Nick Dawson <i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>	Marge Marcewicz <i>Psalms 121</i>	Stephanie Reeves <i>Rom 4:1-5, 13-17</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Marge Marcewicz Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen	Matty Ludwig Gaye Flack LEM: