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CANA'S NEWEST DEACONS

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From the Rector:



As all Anglicans know, Lent is a penitential season; however, the 3rd Sunday in Lent proved to be a joyous day in the life of the Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor, Cheyenne, Wyoming. On this Sunday the Rt. Rev. David C.

Anderson ordained Ms. Marge Marcewicz and Mr. Dan Clark to the diaconate. These were the first deacons to be ordained by Bishop Anderson, and the culmination of many years of work for the ordinands.

Marge Marcewicz has been serving as a lay chaplain to the Laramie County Community College for past twelve years and is the senior college chaplain in the state of Wyoming. She also leads an intercessory prayer team within the parish that is a vital part of our worship and community life.

Dan Clark is a retired Air Force colonel and has worked for years to develop various lay ministries and programs within the parish, in the community and around the world. By ordaining these persons the Church is recognizing the work that they are doing as examples of Christian service.

The real work of most deacons generally goes unseen by their fellow parishioners; however, we do see the symbols of their work each time they participate in a worship service. We see deacons reading the Gospel, preparing the altar, dismissing the congregation, and sometimes preaching. These are all symbols of what they do in their ministry and of what all of us are called to do in our daily life. Whenever we see them read the Gospel or preach we are reminded that we too are called to bear witness to our faith in our daily lives. When we see them prepare the altar we are to be reminded that Stephen, the first deacon,

was appointed help the apostles by taking over the work of distributing food to the widows in Jerusalem. We too are called to care for the poor and needy. And, at the end of our worship services it is the deacon that dismisses us with the words "Go forth in the name of Christ," etc. which is appropriate. Here we have persons intimately involved in the secular world bidding us to "Go forth in the name of Christ" as they themselves go forth. Thus, deacons are icons. They are icons that represent or symbolize the ministry to which all Christians are called. Think about this the next time you see a deacon assisting in a worship service. They are not simply helping your priest with the service, they are reminding you that in all we do we can serve the Lord. Ministry is in the world among the people God loves.

God bless you.
Fr. Skip

EASTER LILLIES NEEDED: We are asking that anyone who has Easter lilies available, please bring them to our Easter Service, March 23rd. After the service, remember to take them home.

Thank You

ALTAR FLOWER CHAIRMAN NEEDED As I am passing along the job of altar guild chairman, a chairman will also be needed for the altar flowers. The sign-up list is set out every Sunday. The weekly flower dedications are sent to Father so he can print the next Sunday bulletin. The chairman makes sure that the flowers get purchased and brought to the church on Sunday morning and then makes sure the flowers are properly dispersed such as to someone who is ill. For details about this, please leave me a call back message at 632-2661 or talk to me at church.

Gaye Flack

VESTRY NOTES: February's Vestry Meeting was held at Westgate Clubhouse. Following a short bible study, Father Skip announced that Dan Clark and Marge Marcewicz will be ordained as Deacons later in February. Deacons are considered clergy, and as such, normally attend Vestry meetings. They have a voice, but no vote. We welcomed them both here today. Thereafter, as part of the Vestry Retreat, each attendee prepared and shared a short testimony according to guidelines developed to enhance our ability to deliver an effective witness for Christ and begin taking the first steps to actively see the Lord transform lives around us.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report. The report was handed out and shows we remain in the black.

Senior Warden's Report. Jim Mitchell is in frequent contact with ARK, the agency which facilitates the purchase or other procurement of property for churches. ARK will send an assessment team out to review our financial and membership situation. They feel we are a pretty small congregation to embark on building financing, though feel we are financially sound. They currently have two possible investors which may be willing to finance our building project.

OLD BUSINESS

Bishop Anderson's Visit. He is scheduled to be here on February 23 & 24 to conduct the ordination of Dan Clark and Marge Marcewicz to the diaconate. He would like to meet with the Vestry on Saturday evening to get a feel for who we are and fire us up for evangelism and growth.

Ordinations. On Sunday morning we will have regular church in the morning with the ordination service at the Faith United Methodist Church in the afternoon. This Methodist church has been exceedingly gracious in hosting us for this occasion. There is no charge to us, though Stephanie wondered if it might not be nice to give them a donation for their kindness. Father Skip noted they are remodeling their kitchen, so we could give money to their kitchen fund. It was so moved and unanimously approved. Stephanie Reeves will chair and Sue Wilson will co-chair the Reception Committee. The choir will vest and sit behind the altar in the choir pews.

CANA Annual Council. This conference has been moved to August 21-23, 2008, to be held in Akron, Ohio. We want to encourage as many folks to go as possible, as prior attendees have attested it is a very uplifting and inspiring event. Dan and Marge will attend as clergy. Three lay delegates are also to be chosen. By motion and

vote, Becky Burney, Lynnnann Mitchell, and Susan Oyler were selected to represent St. Peter's at this gathering. Barbara Clark will go with Dan as an observer.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Officers and Ministry Heads. With the installation of a new Vestry comes the election of a new officers. The Senior Warden position is appointed by the Rector and Jim Mitchell will continue in that role. Jim Mitchell was approached to find out if he might be willing to assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer post. He graciously agreed. Stephanie Reeves was asked to continue as Junior Warden and Susan Oyler as Secretary, they being willing. They are. Each of these selections were elected by unanimous acclimation. Marge Marcewicz will take over Altar Guild duties.

CANA Newsletter. Father Skip will enlist Roger's aid to make a photographic record of our upcoming ordinations for inclusion in the next issue of the CANA Newsletter. He invites others to take the initiative to write an article for the newsletter, describing our ongoing saga of efforts to buy land and get a building to make a church home.

Advertising. We would like to get a news release about the Bishop for submission to the newspaper. In our continuing ad, we might send the message, "Has your church left you, come to St. Peter's," as there are several mainstream churches now facing the divisions the Episcopal Church is experiencing. "If you feel without hope, here is a church that believes in traditional, biblical teachings."

Goals for 2008. Last year we set out to double in size and procure property. We did purchase land, so accomplished a portion of our objective. The same goals are still viable for this year. We need to bring them into greater focus.

For membership growth, we want to conduct one new outreach function on a quarterly basis, such as helping with the Ark Services (disability development and training, rehabilitation, etc.) bowling event, the Special Olympics auction, seat people at Little Theatre, usher at the symphony, etc. We will begin serving an evening meal at COMEA house one night a month. Stephanie emphasized that we engage in these undertakings in the name of Christ, to give a presence in the community.

Additionally we want to expand our fellowship activities to enrich our church family life. Father Skip appointed Becky as Coordinator

of Fellowship. Further, we need to center on how we benefit our own in times of need.

ARK will help with the progression of our church building. Jim Mitchell gave an assignment to come to the next Vestry meeting with concrete ideas.

Directory. Rough draft is done. Publication is near.

Rocks of St. Peter. Because of the mammoth efforts and contributions they have given to St. Peter's, we want to recognize Ken Flack for his monumental work as Treasurer, Set-Up Committee, computer programs, etc., to Gaye

Flack for her untiring devotion to Altar Guild, and to Jim Mitchell for the untold amounts of time he has invested in property acquisition and other Senior Warden duties. We will present them with "Rocks of St. Peter."

Thanks. To Father Skip and Stephanie for hosting the Vestry Retreat and Bishop's Reception in their home.

Blessings to all, Susan Oyler,
Secretary / Clerk of the Vestry

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM

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

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Mar 2	Barb Clark 1 Samuel 16:1-13	Shari Henney Psalm 23	Matty Ludwig Ephesians 5:8-14	Barb Clark	Jim Jensen Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves	Matty Ludwig Marge Marcewicz LEM: Matty L.
Mar 9	Roger Ludwig Ezekiel 37:1-14	Marge Marcewicz Psalm 130	Susan Oyler Romans 8:6-11	Marge Marcewicz	Marge Marcewicz Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Gaye Flack Stephanie Reeves LEM:
Mar 16 Palm Sunday	Jim Jensen Isaiah 50:4-9a	Barb Clark Psalm 31:9-16	Shari Henney Philippians 2:5-11	Roger Ludwig	Dan Clark Jim Jensen Roger Ludwig	Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves LEM: Dan Clark
Mar 21 Good Friday	Roger Ludwig Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Stephanie Reeves Psalm 22	Dan Clark Hebrews 10:16-25	x	Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen	x
Mar 23 Easter	Susan Oyler Acts 10:34-43	C: Dan Clark Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Nick Dawson Colossians 3:1-4	Susan Oyler	Dan Clark Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen	Jim Jensen Susan Oyler LEM: Marge M.
Mar 30	Stephanie Reeves Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Jim Jensen Psalm 16	Matty Ludwig I Peter 1:3-9	Stephanie Reeves	Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen	Caryl Marion Matty Ludwig LEM: Marge M.