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Rector

The Vision

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9 AM Bible Study, Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery
10 AM Holy Eucharist



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From the Rector:



Last month I aired some of my concerns about the lack of accountability in the leadership of CANA – well I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that on the very day that our newsletter was sent to you Bishop Minns sent a letter to “all CANA clergy regarding CANA’s Pastoral Structure.” In it he discussed the need to assign pastoral responsibility for geographical areas to our CANA bishops. (In a casual conversation with Bishop David Bena I got the impression that we would eventually come under the leadership of Bishop Roger Ames of Akron, Ohio; however, no official announcements have been made.) Bishop Minns also mentioned that all of the CANA bishops had met to pray for guidance as they considered the shape this new pastoral structure should take. All of us have been burned by the autocratic rule of Episcopal bishops, and it seems that Bishop Minns is striving to see that we don’t repeat that mistake. Our dilemma stems from the fact that the Good Ship CANA is already under way. We are building it as we sail, and we need a fully functional ship ... now!

Sitting comfortably in Cheyenne, I am positive that were I in Virginia I could whip things into shape and “have the trains running on time” in nothing flat. I could do that because I know how a diocesan office works, but my frame of reference is an Episcopal diocese. I applaud Bishop Minns for trying to think outside the box, and I pray that they will find new ways of “being the Church” that do not repeat our past mistakes. This is not a simple task.

Well, that’s the good news. And it is good news to hear that Bishop Minns has recognized this need and is responding to it. Every priest and congregation needs to be in a relationship with a bishop that accepts the responsibility of their pastoral oversight.

So, if that is the good news what is the bad news? Well, the bad news is that none of the St. Peter’s clergy were on Bishop Minns mailing list. I found out about his letter when a friend referred to it in an e-mail I received. As I said before, we are building this ship as it sails. It may be a long time before all the leaks are plugged, but in the end we should have a better vessel than any of us have known before.

God Bless you.

Skip +

**A Special Word Of Thanks
To All
Who Helped Provide
Furnishings For
Karen Connelly’s Home.**

**This Was A Wonderful
Out Pouring Of
Christian Love.**

The 3rd Annual Cheyenne Day Of Giving

St. Peter’s is one of the many churches participating in the **Day Of Giving** -- Friday, May 9, 2008 at the Kiwanis Community House in Lions Park.

This is an opportunity to donate food, personal care items, blood, and unused medical prescriptions. You will also have an opportunity to register as an organ and tissue donor as well as a bone marrow donor.

I know that some of you have thought about some of these things. Well – now is the time to do something about it.

VESTRY NOTES April's Vestry Meeting was held at the home of Marilyn Terwilleger. Following a short bible study, informal sharing included conversation about an opportunity we have before us to help a new congregant who could benefit from our assistance and who has new housing needs. Father Skip related the story about a man who gave him \$20 at a local restaurant saying the Lord directed him to do it. Immediately thereafter, Father Skip received a phone call from a woman in need of groceries to feed her children. No doubt as to where the money was to go and how God works in our lives.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report. Jim Mitchell has now fully assumed the role of Treasurer. We are ahead of projections in our financial picture.

Senior Warden's Report. Outreach. Jim Mitchell reported we are now into a regular schedule serving dinner on the last Wednesday of the month at the COMEA homeless shelter. Anyone interested in participating can sign up on Sunday mornings at church. The Greek Orthodox Church is looking for volunteers to help them with cooking for their annual Greek Festival. They are looking for churches with a similar belief structure to join in this effort. In that we are fundamentally of like mind, it would work well for us to assist, in which event we could have an advertisement in their brochures and possibly a banner at the Festival.

Property. ARK representatives are coming to Cheyenne the first weekend of May to review our situation and offer ideas and recommendations for building construction. They will bring floor plans for us to consider and will talk to us about planning and financing. The Vestry will meet with them at a potluck dinner on Saturday night and they will make a presentation to the parish on Sunday morning.

Deacons' Report. Deacon Marge expressed the need for someone to take charge of Sunday flowers. We will hope to involve one or two people from the congregation to undertake this ministry.

Deacon Dan gave an update on the Men's Ministry functions. The Saturday morning breakfasts are taking place successfully. They will do some experimenting with varying venues, times, days, activities, etc. and are looking to get more young people involved. He is also looking at a new ministry for St. Peter's centering around a combat veteran support system, connected with Warren Air Force Base and/or the Wyoming

National Guard. He further reported on the food basket for the Coalition for the Homeless. A more bountiful supply of donations seems to occur when there are more frequent reminders, so we will be more mindful of that approach

Rector's Report. Father Skip informed us of an upcoming church planting conference in Casper sponsored by the AMiA church there on May 6th and 7th. They are bringing in big leaders from the wider church to conduct the sessions and we are invited to attend. On May 9th the churches around town are banding together to support the Day of Giving at the Kiwanis Community House. There are numerous ways to participate, including donating blood, bone marrow, etc. We will communicate this to our parish and encourage involvement in this worthy endeavor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Goals. Various possibilities have been discussed, though firm plans have not been established for some of the options brought up. One upcoming opportunity is the Special Olympics Regional Games which are set for May 2nd and 3rd at East High School. They need volunteers to man the food booth. People can sign up for 2-3 hour shifts. Father Skip will take part and others are urged to give some time to this event as schedules allow.

Sign. Action is on hold until after we meet with ARK when we may have a more concrete vision of a timetable for building construction. We are contemplating a 'tent' event on our property when we erect the sign. Potluck, picnic, church service - any or all of these may be planned.

Quarterly Fellowship Functions. Holiday Park has been reserved for our July 4th Picnic. Another possible gathering at our property might be slated in May, perhaps around Memorial Day, for a 'staking' party, to lay out our building, parking, etc.

Photo Directory. The photo side of the directory is not ready, but Father Skip will collaborate with Bob Henney to publish a current printed directory in the meantime.

Faith Cards. New cards have been printed and are available for distribution. They offer a very comfortable way to reach out to others with a Christian message.

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

WCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need by the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless to work in the Look Your Best Clothing Closet, help with computer training, life skills, and job skills classes, minor carpentry, repair bicycles, build a storage shed, help install playground equipment, build a privacy fence in the bike repair area, plant flowers and landscape the lawn areas at the Richard Center, plan fundraisers, work the desk at the Welcome Mat on week-ends and holidays.

Walkers and ghost walkers are need for the annual Walk In My Shoes fundraiser on June 7, 2008. Registration forms are available on line at <http://www.wch.vcn.com/walkregis07.htm> or they may be picked up at 907 Logan Avenue.

There will be food, fun, door prizes, music and more. Bring you kids, bring your dogs (leashed only). The event will take place no matter what the weather brings -- snow, sleet, rain, blizzard, sun, wind be there. This is the only fund raising event that WCH does and it provides funds for client services.

The WCH Look Your Best Clothing Closet at the Richards Center will be open one day a week from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Days will vary. Call for more information.

For more information contact Virginia Sellner at 634-8499.

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM

May 2008

To preview the lessons, you may go to <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> for the Old and New Testament Readings and to www.bcponline.org for the Psalms.

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
May 4	Stephanie Reeves <i>Acts 1:1-11</i>	Matty Ludwig <i>Psalm 47</i>	Susan Oyler <i>Eph. 1:15-23</i>	Roger Ludwig	Stephanie Reeves Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Matty Ludwig Caryl Marion LEM: Matty L.
May 11	Shari Henney <i>Num 11: 24-30</i>	Jim Jensen <i>Psa 104:24-34, 35b</i>	Nancy Campbell <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	Susan Oyler	Stephanie Reeves Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Caryl Marion Jim Jensen
May 18	Matty Ludwig <i>Gen 1:1-2:4a</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Psalm 8</i>	Nick Dawson <i>2 Cor 13:11-13</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Jim Jensen Dan Clark Roger Ludwig	Stephanie Reeves Gaye Flack LEM: Dan Clark
May 25	Nancy Campbell <i>Isa 49:8-16</i>	Shari Henney <i>Psalm 131</i>	Jim Jensen <i>1 Cor 4:1-5</i>	Shari Henney	Jim Jensen Susan Oyler	TBA

If you need to make a change, please try to find a substitute. If you are unable to find a substitute, please let the Rota Coordinator, Matty Ludwig, know.