



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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## MAY 2010

### From the Rector:



At the urging of Bishop Minns, the vestry has set growth as its primary goal for the past several years. We haven't done too well in meeting the bishop's expectations; however, we aren't doing too badly. I know that we have given a strong witness to the community, and I continue to hear from Christians in other denomination just how encouraging our actions have been as they struggle with the same problems. Not only have we given a strong witness, but we have grown stronger in our faith and in our fellowship. I like St. Peter's – I like it a lot.

This year, at our vestry retreat in January I suggested a new goal. I asked the vestry to give a high priority to develop a plan that will assure the continuity of our worship and communal life when I finally and fully retire. (Stephanie expects to fully retire in March of 2013, and our children are insistent that we live closer to them when that day comes.) It may seem awfully early to be thinking about this; however, it is like insurance – you can't wait until you need it to buy it.

At the vestry retreat I appointed Dan Clark to gather a few people to help him look into the various options open to us in providing a continued ministry, and the expense associated with each of them. The most obvious option is to contact the bishop and have him help us find an ordained priest that is willing to work for an amount that our budget will allow. However, there are other options. One that Dan suggested would involve developing people within the congregation to shoulder various parts of the ministry and bring in an ordained person from Casper or Denver on a regular basis to consecrate the elements

for Holy Communion when they are not with us. This is a model that I am very familiar with.

In 1988 the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (Seattle, Washington) appointed me "Diocesan Missioner," with the responsibility of working with six congregations that were on the verge of closing because of the economic collapse of the lumber industry and a declining population. The diocese had pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into these congregations, and had come to the realization that money wasn't the answer. One of these congregations refused to have any part in this program. They demanded that the diocese spend \$60,000 to repair their building, provide them with a fulltime priest, and refused to train anyone to shoulder any part of the ministry. They were "calling the bishop's bluff." Well, the church in Hoquiam, Washington closed! It is now an antique flea market, and its people worship in the neighboring town of Aberdeen, Washington. Another congregation was across a mountain range called the Willapa Hills, and was cut off for about six months by a huge mudslide. Fortunately they developed a relationship with a strong congregation that was nearby and found a way to survive. I worked with the remaining four for about five years. During that time I trained people in each of the congregations to continue the ministry and these ministries are now in their second and third generations. Three of the congregations are a little larger than they were. Their property is well maintained and they feel good about their ministry in the community. One little church that the diocese had written off as unsalvageable has grown from twelve elderly members to a congregation that averages fifty people on a Sunday. By-the-way, twenty of them are children. So, this is a model that works, and works well.

Dan Clark and the vestry will continue to explore all of our options, and I am sure that we

will train and develop leaders within the congregation no matter what we do.

**God Bless you.**  
**Skip +**

**CLEAVING**

by Marilyn Terwilliger

You touch the pane of Heaven's moon  
and speak in roils of purple clouds,  
You made the stars that sweep the sky.  
A drop of dew brimmed the sea,  
one ray of light gathered dawn.

I've sinned in all cuts of time  
and my eyes own tears of rue.  
When night whispers call to me  
I'll find You beside fragile mist,  
and cherish Your forgiving heart.

Hold my hand in omen's wraith,  
engulf me in halo's light  
and drape my soul with Your grace,  
I vow to walk a Holy path.

I hear a chorus with angel's voice,  
their spirits You endowed with wings.  
When trailing echoes in shadows speak,  
I'll cling fiercely to my deepest faith  
and will forever cleave to Thee.

**APRIL VESTRY NOTES:** The Vestry of The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor met on April 14, 2010 at the home of Karen Steiner. Vestry members attending were Karen Steiner, Sue Wilson, Lou Nagel, Jim Mitchell, Rev. Dan Clark, and Shari Henney.

Informal sharing included healing prayers for Lynnann Mitchell, Susan Oyler, and Sue Wilson. May eternal peace be granted to Judy and Julie and comfort be given to their families.

**REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer**—reports were reviewed showing March's net income for the quarter totaling \$8757.42.
- **Fellowship**—Skip will be out of state for the July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck. The Vestry will look into another summer date.
- **Junior Warden**—no report
- **Senior Warden**—Dan Clark announced that Men's Fellowship will be held every

Wednesday, 11:30 AM at the Department of Transportation cafeteria.

- **Rector**—no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Our next Prayer for Growth meeting will be held June 5, 2010 at the Westgate Club.
- Further discussion was held about Skip's future retirement. The Vestry will be granted a six-month lead-time to finalize our decisions about replacement ministry.
- The Vestry will ask Susan Oyler and Marge Marcewicz to represent St. Peter's at the CANA Council 2010 on July 19-24.
- KIVA committee will choose their businesses on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the home of Caryl Marion. A presentation to our congregation will be announced.
- Wal-Mart has granted permission to provide space for our Mosquito Net project. Time for the event will be announced at a future date.
- Sandy Chaplin's therapy building continues to be on the market for \$240,000. The Vestry will not pursue at this time a purchase offer for this property.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The next Vestry meeting will be held at the home of Sue Wilson on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Henney  
Secretary/Clerk of the Vestry

**MARCH VESTRY NOTES:** The Vestry of The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor met on March 10, 2010 at the home of Lou Nagel.

Vestry members attending were Karen Steiner, Sue Wilson, Lou Nagel, and Shari Henney. Informal sharing included prayers for the Mitchell family as they research special medical studies for Matt; for the Gordon family that they will have God's peace and comfort in the final days of Lamar's life

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer**—reports were reviewed showing February's net income of \$10,041.38.

**Fellowship**—plans will soon begin for our July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

**Junior Warden**—no report

**Senior Warden**—no report

**Rector**—no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Skip announced that Stephanie's retirement will be in March 2013 so our committee for

ministry options will have more time for investigation.

- CANA Council 2010 will be held in Herndon, VA, July 19-24, 2010.
- Susan Oyler, Marge Marcewicz, and Katie Niefert have expressed interest in going.
- Prayer for Growth had their first meeting on March 6 with 10 attending. Our next meeting will be at 9:00 AM on April 3 at the Westgate Clubhouse. A prayer of commitment will be added each Sunday through our PowerPoint pre-service presentations.
- Kiva will set up an account from the church computer at Skip's home.
- Mosquito nets—no report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sandy Chaplin's therapy building is currently on the market, however, a prospective buyer has put in an offer.
- The next Vestry meeting will be held at the home of Karen Steiner on Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted,  
 Shari Henney  
 Secretary/Clerk of the Vestry

**ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM  
 June 2009**

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](http://www.bcponline.org) for the Psalms.

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
May 2	<i>Acts 11:1-18</i> Lu Hart	<i>Psalm 148</i> Stephanie Reeves	<i>Revelation 21:1-6</i> Matty Ludwig	Roger Ludwig	Lu Hart Roger Ludwig Stephanie Reeves	Susan Oyler LEM: Matty Ludwig
May 9	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i> Marjie Klebe	<i>Psalm 67</i> Susan Wilson	<i>Rev 21:10, 22-22:5</i> Susan Oyler	Stephanie Reeves	Susan Oyler Roger Ludwig Stephanie Reeves	Caryl Marion
May 16	<i>Acts 16:16-34</i> Roger Ludwig	<i>Psalm 97</i> Shari Henney	<i>Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21</i> Susan Wilson	Susan Oyler	Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Matty Ludwig LEM: Dan Clark
May 23 Pentecost	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i> Matty Ludwig	<i>Ps. 104:24-34, 35b</i> Lu Hart	<i>Romans 8:14-17</i> Nick Dawson	Shari Henney	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Lu Hart LEM: Marge M.
May 30 Trinity Sunday	<i>Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31</i> Shari Henney	<i>Psalm 8</i> Marjie Klebe	<i>Romans 5:1-5</i> Stephanie Reeves	Stephanie Reeves	Lu Hart Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Stephanie Reeves LEM: Marge M.

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.

**Information on Orthodox Anglican/Episcopal Parishes in Cheyenne**

There are currently 3 orthodox (conservative) Anglican/Episcopal parishes in Cheyenne. They are in order of origin; St Andrews Episcopal Church, All Saints Anglican Church and The Church of St Peter, Apostle and Confessor. I will outline below the primary characteristics, similarities and differences among these three entities.

**St Andrews** is a spin off from St Christopher's Episcopal Church, Cheyenne dating back to the mid-1970's. Key reasons for starting the church were related to liturgy disagreements and progressive secularization in the Episcopal Church. Details on St Andrew's Episcopal Church can be found at: <http://www.standrewscheyenne.com/>. Some extracts from that site follow:

The Book of Common Prayer, 1928 Edition, is the basis for worship at St Andrews. Services at St Andrews alternate between Morning Prayer on the first and third Sundays and Holy Eucharist on second, fourth and fifth Sundays. The music is traditional, normally with organ accompaniment. Hymns typically are from the 1940 hymnal. St Andrews is staffed by a bi-vocational priest, Fr Tim

Davies (who currently is working full time at CSU in Ft Collins) and a local postulant for Holy Orders, David Ivestor. St Andrews is associated with the Episcopal Missionary Church – additional data can be found at: <http://www.emchome.org/>.

**All Saints** is a spin off from St Andrews, Cheyenne which took place because of affiliation disagreements (Episcopal Missionary Church vs the Province of Christ the King). After leaving St Andrews, the group met in a local retirement center for a time and now are at their new location off Terry Ranch Road. The church is staffed on a part time basis by The Rev. Richard Andrews, Vicar from Ft Collins. They also have gotten support (primarily in constructing their building) from a sister church in Windsor, CO.

All Saints is associated with the Anglican Province of Christ the King. Details on All Saints Anglican Church can be found at: <http://www.anglicanpck.org/dioceses/churchdetails.shtml?churchid=wycheall> and information on the Province of Christ the King can be found at: <http://www.anglicanpck.org/index.shtml>. Like at St Andrews, worship at All Saints is guided by the 1928 Prayer Book and the music is traditional.

**St Peter's** began its existence in 2003 with most initial members coming from St Mark's. While many perceive this split as being primarily driven by concern about the consecration of a homosexual bishop, it was in larger part due to a growing concern with the broader revisionist theology being promulgated in the national Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Wyoming. Details on St Peter's can be found at: <http://www.stpeterscheyenne.org/>.

St Peter's is associated with the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA). Details on CANA can be found at: <http://www.canaconvocation.org/>. Worship at St Peters is liturgical in style and includes various liturgies; some from the 1982 Episcopal Prayer Book and some from other sources such as a Kenyan rite which was obtained via a sister church in Casper. All liturgies which are used include the essential elements of the traditional Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. The music at St Peter's is also varied, including some traditional styles and some more modern praise/gospel pieces. St Peter's is staffed by a full time priest, Fr Skip Reeves and two permanent Deacons, Dan Clark and Marge Marcewicz.

**Similarities and Differences:** While there are many similarities among these three churches in terms of theology, worship style and focus, there are some differences which should be noted. In addition to those related to liturgy and music cited above, perhaps the most significant is that St Peter's has an ordained female Deacon while neither St Andrews nor All Saints allow the ordination of women. Also, of the three, St Peter's is the only parish that is connected formally to the Anglican Communion. Both St Andrews and All Saints are categorized as "continuing" Anglican churches in that they use traditional Anglican forms of worship, but are not recognized as being connected to the Anglican Communion through the hierarchy of bishops. For additional information on the Anglican Communion and the status of the Continuing Churches, see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuing\\_Anglican\\_movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuing_Anglican_movement).



# 5th Annual Cheyenne Day of Giving

Together we can do so much.

## When:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday, May 7, 2010

## Where:

Kiwanis Community House  
in Lions Park

Visit [www.cheyennetwork.com/dayofgiving](http://www.cheyennetwork.com/dayofgiving)  
or call 635-3943 or 637-5193  
for details.

### Donate food and personal care items

- Include all sizes of canned and non-perishable food
- Include trial and regular sizes of personal care items: shampoo, toothpaste, razors... etc.

### Donate blood

- Be older than 17 (with parental consent form) and weigh more than 110 lbs.
- Call Greta at 635-3943 for an appointment to give at the Day of Giving on May 7
- Call United Blood Services at 638-3326 to make an appointment to give anytime May 4 - 15 in the name of Day of Giving

### Donate prescription eyeglasses and over-the-ear hearing aids to Lions Club

### Donate durable medical equipment

- Able to accept walkers, shower chairs, toilet risers, commodes, usable wheelchairs with foot rests, and other small items
- Due to limited storage space, unable to accept hospital beds and chairs
- Call Jessica at Wyoming Independent Living 637-5127 for more information

### Donate leftover medication

- Give to Wyoming Medication Donation Program
- Bring medication in original bottle or blister pack

### Register as a bone marrow donor\*

- Be between 18 - 60 years old and in good general health
- Answer some confidential health questions and do four cheek swabs
- Call the Colorado Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-619-1099 for more info
- Optional donation to assist with cost of tissue typing

### Register as an organ and tissue donor\*

- Sign up with the Colorado Donor Alliance at the Cheyenne Day of Giving or
- Go to [www.donoralliance.org](http://www.donoralliance.org) for more information or to register

\*Those who are already registered need not register again.

Questions? Call Greta Morrow at 635-3943, Pam Pallak at 637-5193, or visit [www.cheyennetwork.com/dayofgiving](http://www.cheyennetwork.com/dayofgiving).

## CHEYENNE DAY OF GIVING

Friday, May 7, 2010  
At the Lion's Park Community House

This charitable event is the largest of its kind in the state of Wyoming, and has gained national recognition. This is a truly worthy cause, and you can help.

### Organizations and Agencies Helped

COME A Shelter	Lions Club Vision Program
United Blood Services	Wyoming Cares / Wyoming Shares
Home Away From Home	Safehouse Services
Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation	Salvation Army
Laramie County Centralized Pharmacy	Colorado Marrow Donor Program
Needs, Inc.	St. Joseph's Pantry
Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless	Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network

### 10 to 15 Volunteers Are Needed Each Hour

Greeters	Set Up & Take Downs	Kitchen Help
Parking Lot Control	Sign Up Donors	Sort Donations
Unload Cars		

### Ways To Give

Non Perishable Food	Personal Care Items	Unused Prescriptions
Register as a Bone Marrow Donor	Blood Donation	Old Eye Glasses
Working Hearing Aids	Home Medical Equipment	Register as an Organ Donor

**Last year 12,000 pounds of food was collected.  
It was gone in about three weeks.**

Needs provided food for 383,220 meals. The Salvation Army is feeding 168 meals each day including 4 toddlers. COMEA provided 35,146 hot meals. Home Away from Home housed 2,260 medical patients and their families. Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless helped 1,580 people and served 8,125 meals and snacks. Safehouse Services assisted 579 people and provided 3,233 services. St. Joseph's Pantry provides food to 500-900 families each month.