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The Vision

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Is Your Glass Half Empty or Half Full?

(Written the Tuesday after Easter)

From the Rector:



As I sat down to write this article for Bob Henney today I was feeling pretty depressed. This past year St. Peter's has had several members leave, and we miss them. And then, going into Easter Sunday, we lost four more people who were very active in the life of St. Peter's ... and friends. Their absence really hurts.

Most of those we have lost described themselves as "8 o'clock" people, and were never really comfortable with any other style of worship. If we were a larger congregation it would have been a joy to add an additional service that would have made them more comfortable.

As I said, I was pretty depressed as I sat down to write this article, and was taking these losses personally. And then I began to remember our Easter service two days ago. Just minutes before the service I don't think we had more than twenty people in the building. And then people began to arrive - and arrive - and arrive. As we were packing up after the service Lamar Gordon, our greeter, told me he was sure that we had seventy-two people present, but "it could have been eighty." With all the movement of the children he had a hard time counting.

When we opened our doors on January 18, 2004 we had seventy-five people present. That number was matched for the first time this past Christmas Eve. This Easter I officially recorded seventy-two people in our register - but "it could have been eighty."

I just spent a week looking at a glass that was half-empty. That glass is now half full, and looking better minute-by-minute.

God bless you
Fr. Skip

National Day of Prayer
Wednesday, May 4, 2006
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Congregations of Cheyenne will gather on the Capital Steps to join in prayer for the leaders of our Community, State, and Nation.

"Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you." Jeremiah 29:7

FROM THE SR WARDEN



This month I am going to focus on vision. Last Sunday our Old Testament reading from Isaiah said in part "A people without vision will perish." Since we have been working on a vision for St. Peter's for several months, that line caught my attention. Then at a recent business conference which I attended I heard a secular corollary "You have to have a vision to succeed." Since I had been thinking about vision, this line further refined my focus on this subject. It's clear to me that having a vision is very important.

So what is our vision at St. Peters? The closest answer I can come at this point is to say it's in work. We have had a set of meetings and collected information from many of you and discussed the subject at various vestry meetings, but to this point, we do not have a final vision statement for our parish. One reason we're not finished with this process yet is that we want to make sure that when we finalize our vision statement, it is one we can all support. This idea of support isn't just a theoretical idea, but rather it carries with it a willingness on all our parts to act. A vision is not just something we agree to in principle, but rather something that we live into by our actions.

So where are we in this process today? From our information gathering and parish meetings last fall, we have agreed that we are: A Bible based church, liturgical in our worship style, guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by

prayer. We are an accepting community and have a special gift of caring for those in need, both within our parish and in our broader community. Based on this foundation, Fr Skip recently provided some guidelines to help us focus the visioning process. He identified three near term goals for our church as follows: move into a building which will give us a sense of place and provide expanded opportunities for ministry throughout the week, align with a Bishop who can be present with us from time to time, and grow in both numbers and in our ministry.

Our vision for the future of St. Peter's will evolve in coming days from this basis. I would like your help in this endeavor in two ways. First, I would like you to envision what you would like St. Peter's future to look like and let me know. Second and most important, I would like you to be prepared to act on our vision. Think and pray about this in coming days and be ready to take action to make our vision come true. It is what God is calling us to do.

IHS,
Dan

VESTRY NOTES The April Meeting of the vestry was held at Becky Burney's House. After opening prayer and bible study there was a long informal sharing.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The treasurer reported a total bank account amount of \$70,727.30. We are now insured as requested by AMiA. We are also paying for the full area for Sunday class and service.

- Our Sunday school teachers indicated they want all our children together. They expressed frustration in the lack of having a place to leave information/instruction if they are needed at home.
- We discussed the hows and whys of our gift to Bishop Anderson.
- Roger and Dan will continue to look into a "vision/mission" statement for our parish.
- Discussion of land and building: at this time we as a parish need to look at more than just a building. We need a stewardship discussion for now and the future. The subject of a "storefront" location was mentioned as many AMiA parishes are in storefronts and there are several available in Cheyenne.
- Dan is continuing to look into developing teams for our "parish life" such as coffee hour and greeters.
- Fr. Skip indicated Russ Peck (in Riverton) could use some help. Dan will check with his AMiA coach to see what is needed.
- The meeting ended with prayer by Marlin who then announced his resignation. Fr. Skip called the vestry back to order. At the unanimous vote to ask Jim Mitchell to join the vestry, Dan offered to contact Jim. (This has since been done and Jim has accepted).
- Due to various schedule changes for some of the vestry, the next meeting will be held on May 2, 2006, at Shari's house.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Marcewicz
Acting secretary

**ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM
MAY, 2006**

To preview the NIV readings, you may go to www.biblegateway.com. This site includes both the printed texts and an audio reading.

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
May 7	Barb Clark	Lu Hart	Jim Jensen	Susan Oyler	Lu Hart Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Matt Edwards Gaye Flack no LEM
May 14	Lu Hart	Dan Clark (CN)	Marjie Klebe	Roger Ludwig	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Lu Hart Caryl Marion Lamar Gordon-LEM
May 21	Dan Clark	Linda Kidwell (CN)	Barb Clark	Stephanie Reeves	Dan Clark Stephanie R. Lu Hart	Marge M. Stephanie R. Dan Clark-LEM
May 28	Jim Jensen	Stephanie R.	Lu Hart	Marge Marcewicz	Stephanie R. Marge Marcewicz Lu Hart	Matty Ludwig Matt Edwards Marge M. LEM

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