



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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From the Rector:



Over-and-over-again I am asked, "How are things progressing?"

Sometime people are asking about the Episcopal Church. "Is it falling apart?" "Is it returning to its historical orthodox roots?" "Are things ever going to return to normal?"

Sometime people are asking about the progress being made in forming a restructured Anglican Church in the United States that will replace the Episcopal Church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

About the Episcopal Church:

I really don't know much about ECUSA any more, and I only try to keep up with how they relate to the rest of the Communion.

I do know that they were asked to do three things by the greater Church (1. Offer Repentance, 2. Establish a Moratorium on consecrations of those sexually active outside marriage, 3. Fix a Moratorium on same-sex blessings.), and in the eyes of the greater Church they have done nothing.

I also know that the new Presiding Bishop will be marginalized at meetings of the Anglican primates, and is unlikely to be invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury to attend the Lambeth Conference in 2008. (This would be tantamount to being "kicked out" of the Anglican Communion.)

About the restructured Anglican Church in the USA:

On this front, two exciting things have taking place:

1. The Archbishop Of Canterbury has asked Archbishop Drexel Gomez to chair a

group of Global South leaders in drafting an "Anglican Covenant" that would be binding to those who agree to it. (The world's liberal bishops were dragging their feet on this, and its timely completion is essential to the continuance of the Anglican Communion. We got into the mess we are in today because we never bothered to write down what it means to be an Anglican.)

2. At a meeting which ended September 22, 2006, the leaders of the Global South said: ***"We are convinced that the time has now come to take initial steps towards the formation of what will be recognized as a separate ecclesiastical structure of the Anglican Communion in the USA. ... We understand the serious implications of this determination. We believe that we would be failing in our apostolic witness if we do not make this provision for those who hold firmly to a commitment to historic Anglican faith."***

A restructured Anglican Church is now in the process of being formed that will change the face of Anglicanism worldwide. For the first time in our history members of the Communion will subscribe to the "Anglican Covenant," and everyone will know what we believe and where we stand.

Here in the United States a new province of the Anglican Communion will be formed and a denomination will be legally incorporated that will try to distance itself from the continuing Episcopal Church. Because we are a "communion" of Churches these are things we cannot do alone; however, things are happening, and "heavy hitters" from around the world are going to bat for us – right now. The ECUSA bishops will resist these changes. There will be lawsuits, pain and posturing. I am sure they will win in some courts and lose in

others, but they will be powerless to stop the changes that have been set in motion.

God bless you
Fr. Skip

St. Francis Day

Wednesday, October 4th

*The Blessing of
Pets and Animals*

6:00 p.m.

at the Mitchell's home
301 Sioux Drive

FROM THE SR WARDEN



Another month has passed and while some things seem much the same, there is also much happening both among and around us. First for the among - Lamar Gordon continues his strong leadership in our outreach to the Coalition for the Homeless. Our regular Sunday collection of healthy snack items for this program continues at a consistent pace, providing convenient and nutritious food to those in our community who find themselves without regular access to sit down meals. Lamar is also spearheading a service project to improve the appearance of several rooms in a new facility the Coalition is opening up to expand their operations here in Cheyenne. This work includes a little sheetrock work, some minor nail hole patching and then a new application of paint. We plan to complete this work at our workday session on Saturday, Oct 14th. Plan to join us. We'll have some breakfast beginning at 8AM and hope to have all tasks completed and things cleaned up by noon. Maps will be available at church for those who need them.

This new facility will provide much needed space for several new initiatives by the Coalition including: a day care center for children of the homeless, a sewing shop for fabricating sleeping bags and repairing clothing, a computer lab for training and providing job search tools, a bicycle repair shop to refurbish donated bicycles to be used by the homeless and an administrative area for

managing these operations. We plan to continue our support to this activity as one of our ongoing outreach activities. If you would like to be more involved in this ministry, let Lamar know and we'll keep you posted on new opportunities. There are also a number of other outreach activities going on among us and we plan in coming months to highlight some of these in this newsletter. Our hope is that each member of St. Peter's will be involved in some aspect of our outreach program.

On a broader scale, things are happening as well. The recent meeting of Anglicans in Casper was an uplifting experience for those who attended and our own Roger was one of the speakers, presenting information on the authority of scripture. There is also considerable work going on in global perspective with meetings taking place both here in the U.S. and in other parts of the world, all focused on realignment of the Anglican Communion to provide a structure for bishops in the U.S. to those who can no longer worship in good conscience within the Episcopal Church. There are now 8 dioceses in the U.S. which have requested alternative primatial oversight and literally dozens of churches like ours, which are seeking the support of a bishop. The Anglican Communion in the global south is working hard to provide that support.

One other thought comes to me that I think is important to our church. That is the importance of liturgy to our worship. I know this is a sensitive subject for some, but for me it offers a great opportunity to learn and expand our understanding of how worship relates to our personal beliefs and spiritual growth. Its clear to me that there is no specific liturgy that matches all our individual personal preferences. For me this offers an opportunity for increasing our knowledge about the roots of our liturgy and understanding in more depth what aspects of liturgy are most important to us and how those things relate to our worship experience. We have recently started using a Kenyan liturgy on a periodic basis and Fr Skip has asked for inputs on how that service meets our worship needs. The vestry has discussed the issue and plans are underway to develop a blended service with some of the aspects of the Kenyan service interspersed with features from other rites to find a balance between old and new. We also plan to include some new service music as part of this effort - written by Dr. Eric Unruh from Casper College who is the music director

for the new Anglican Church in Casper. I entreat you all to provide inputs to Fr Skip or any vestry member on this liturgy issue so your views can be included in this process.

IHS,
Dan

VESTRY NOTES September's Vestry Meeting was held at the home of Jim Mitchell and was opened by prayer. Following a short bible study, informal sharing included conversation about liturgy rites and efforts to address varying preferences within the congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Ken Flack reported that our financial picture remains healthy. We received our quarterly Albertson's check and are pleased parishioners are shopping there to provide the fringe benefit of increasing our coffers. Interest from our money market account is providing nice additional income as well.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT. Jim Krouch reminded us services for September 17th will be held in the Training Center. This should be the last time we are moved from our regular conference center rooms since we have contracted to lease them both for the long term. Since Christmas Eve this year falls on Sunday, we will plan to hold services in the evening, with nothing to be scheduled for Sunday morning.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT. Dan Clark led a discussion about scheduling ongoing workdays and / or the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Both will be continued. The next work project will once more be at the Coalition for the Homeless on the 2nd Saturday of October. Conversation about ideas for Christian Education followed. The need to develop support teams for Sunday tasks was an important topic, so the load doesn't continue to fall on the same folks all of the time.

RECTOR'S REPORT. Father Skip gave an update about what is happening regarding the ever fluctuating state of the church. There are three upcoming occasions that could be watershed events. They could point a more clear direction of where The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion are headed.

OLD BUSINESS. Cheyenne House of Prayer. Marge Marcewicz reported her findings upon visiting this group. While they are a faithful gathering, their path does not seem to align with the direction we are laying out for St. Peter's, so the recommendation is that we do not pursue this endeavor further at this time.

AMiA Affiliation. There was a meaningful exchange concerning the advantages of joining AMiA, along with the consideration of aligning with CANA, a new entity just forming in this country with oversight from Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria. AMiA can offer fellowship in our region, while CANA appears it could be the primary structure where the American Anglican Council is funneling churches who are or have been disenfranchised by The Episcopal Church. It seems poised for considerable growth in coming months and years. We will explore both options further and pray about what will be the best fit for St. Peter's, planning to meet later in September to report on the results of our study and prayer.

Property Acquisition. Consideration was given to renting space in the former Gibson's store on Carlson which is now leasing the building. Reconsideration of the warehouse on East Pershing was re-opened upon learning the asking price has dropped. We will try to set up a meeting to see it the next Sunday after church.

NEW BUSINESS. Anglican Conference in Casper. Roger and Susan reported on the success and enthusiasm of the sessions there.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. We are covering the covenants that God has initiated that define his relationship with mankind. Beginning on October 1st we will let scripture define the New Covenant that was begun at the death and resurrection of Jesus. Sunday's, at 9:00 am through October we will examine the New Covenant in our daily lives, clarifying what God expects of us and what we can count on from God.

Roger

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM

October 2006

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

| | OT LESSON | PSALM | NT LESSON | PRAYERS | CHALICE | PRAYER TEAM |
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| Oct. 1 | Lu Hart <i>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</i> | Barb Clark <i>Psa. 124</i> | Matty Ludwig <i>James 5:13-20</i> | Susan Oyler | Stephanie R. Susan Oyler Dan Clark | Lu Hart Caryl Marion LEM: Matty L. |
| Oct. 8 | Jim Jensen <i>Job 1:1; 2:1-10</i> | Dan Clark (C) <i>Psa. 26</i> | Barb Clark <i>Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12</i> | Stephanie Reeves | Lu Hart Roger Ludwig Stephanie R. | Marge M. Matty Ludwig LEM: Lamar G. |
| Oct. 15 | Susan Oyler <i>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</i> | Stephanie R. <i>Psa. 22:1-15</i> | Lu Hart <i>Heb. 4:12-16</i> | Roger Ludwig | Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler Marge M. | Stephanie R. Gaye Flack LEM: Dan Clark |
| Oct. 22 | Matty Ludwig <i>Job 38:1-7, 34-41</i> | Dan Clark (C) <i>Psa. 104:1-9, 24, 35c</i> | Susan Oyler <i>Heb. 5:1-10</i> | Marge Marcewicz | Stephanie R. Dan Clark Susan Oyler | Matty Ludwig Caryl Marion LEM: Marge M. |
| Oct. 29 | Stephanie R. <i>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i> | Marjie Klebe <i>Psa. 126</i> | Jim Jensen <i>Heb. 7:23-28</i> | Susan Oyler | Marge M. Lu Hart Dan Clark | Gaye Flack Stephanie R. LEM: Marge M. |

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