



# 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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## September 2006

### From the Rector:



#### **Rally Day**

Sunday, September 10, 2006, is Rally Day. Children are back in school, vacations are over, and St. Peter's returns to its regular routine. Sunday School will resume with vigor, Roger's Adult Class will begin a study of God's Covenants, Old and New, and the choir will be in full voice. I look forward to seeing everyone as this fall season begins.

#### **About the Kenyan Rite**

At this writing we have used the Kenyan Rite twice, and all the comments I have received have been favorable. The last time we used it I asked for some serious feedback. Two people handed me service booklets with comments penciled in the margin – all positive. We will be using this service again on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10, 2006. If the response continues to be positive we will rotate the use of this service on a regular basis.

At a meeting of the Adult Class, with about 25-28 people present, I asked if they would also like to use Rite 1 occasionally. No one supported this idea. About a year and a half ago we tried using Rite 1 once or twice a month, but stopped because of a strong negative response. I know that a few people do like this service, and the early morning hours often associated with it. If we can ever buy or lease a location of our own ... or if we should see some significant growth we will add an additional service.

#### **Great News From Africa**

On August 20, 2006, Archbishop Peter Akinola, of Nigeria, ordained the Rev. Martyn Minns to be the bishop in charge of his newly formed "Convocation for Anglicans in North America" or CANA. Bishop Akinola has 27

Nigerian congregation in the United States that will not associate with the Episcopal Church, and Bishop Minns will become their bishop. He will also begin to gather up parishes like St. Peter's that have splintered off from ECUSA, and offer them his episcopal oversight. This is the sort of action many of us expected to see happening a couple of years ago, and are thrilled to see it finally taking place.

I have touched base with Bishop Minns to inquire about the process of joining this convocation, and will keep you informed as things develop. This new convocation has a web site ( <http://www.canaconvocation.org/>) that you can check out on your own. For congregations like St. Peter's, this is one of the most hopeful and potentially helpful developments in the restructuring Church.

God bless you  
 Fr. Skip

### FROM THE SR WARDEN



This month, I am again going to focus on our Vision for St. Peter's. I will do this by touching on two activities that are part of who we are and what we see as God's call to us. The first of these is the importance of preparing ourselves to share with others about our faith. The genesis of this was a plea by many in our congregation for information and tools to help us articulate our faith more clearly – why did we form St. Peter's and what do we see as our ministry? To meet this challenge, we have worked diligently through both sharing literature and in our Christian education program to provide that information and those tools. We will continue in these efforts and in addition have a new

opportunity to offer. It is an Anglican conference being conducted on Saturday, Sep 9<sup>th</sup> in Casper. See the notice of that activity in this newsletter.

Second, is our focus on reaching out into our community, to reach those that are outside our current church family. Most of you know that for several years, we have been collecting snack food items for the Coalition for the Homeless here in Cheyenne. In August, we went a step further by conducting a work day to help refurbish a new complex that the Coalition will be using to broaden their service to the homeless in our community. We plan to continue this expanded relationship to share our resources of time and talent with those in need.

In addition, we continue to conduct other outreach activities to show our concern for God's children in all walks of our community life. An example of such activities was the end of summer picnic held at Lion's Park on the last Saturday in August. It was an evening to remember with fine food, great fellowship, a light show in the gathering storm clouds and then a proverbial flood of blessings from the heavens. Participation in this memorable event was excellent and included a number of regular stalwarts and some new folks as well.

I entreat you all to avail yourselves of both of these two aspects of our church life to serve God and be enriched by your service. Plan to attend the conference in Casper on Sep 9<sup>th</sup> if possible and join in our outreach and service projects as often as you can. It is in such activities that we can best live into the vision for our church – sharing the Good News with those who are open to hear it.

IHS,  
Dan

**VESTRY NOTES** August's Vestry Meeting was held at the home of Susan Oyler and was opened by prayer. Following a short bible study, informal sharing included conversation about prayer needs within the parish and about how we might recognize the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lamar and Dot Gordon. We will celebrate at the Parish Picnic.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Ken Flack reported that our bank balance continues to grow monthly and our financial picture is healthy.

**JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT.** No report. Jim Krouch was gone.

**SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT.** No report. Dan Clark was out-of-town.

**RECTOR'S REPORT.** Father Skip advised he has been flooded with e-mails following the action of ECUSA at their recent convention. It seems leading figures at Canterbury are scrambling to keep everything together; however, indications are those efforts will likely not be successful. There is a big meeting coming up in Texas which will pull together many of the conservative Bishops in this country. It will be headed by a Bishop we have not been hearing a lot about previously, but who is one of the most prestigious and powerful Bishops in the Episcopal Church. This could be a major development. ECUSA Presiding Bishop Griswold is quite upset by these actions which are, step by step, eroding the church base and they are watching it fall apart. One idea being floated is to create "floating" provinces with which conservative parishes can affiliate. They will still be Anglican, but will be separate from ECUSA. This is an attempt to prevent conservative churches and clergy from affiliating with African Bishops. Should this movement evolve, it could set up Archbishop Akinola in Africa in a position to exist parallel with Canterbury, which could widen the split in the Worldwide Anglican Communion. It looks hopeful that something concrete could be apparent by mid-September.

**OLD BUSINESS. Cheyenne House of Prayer.** Marge Marcewicz is gathering further information so we can evaluate whether there is a potential for our interaction with them.

**NEW BUSINESS. Anglican Mission in America (AMiA).** Due to recent information which has come about, the Vestry has moved away from our previous objective to become a member of this body. These thoughts and recommendations need to be presented to the parish and a vote taken on the direction we want to go as a congregation. We will call a special parish meeting to be held with a 1-item agenda following a Sunday church service. It would seem more favorable to wait toward the end of September to determine scheduling, when we might be more knowledgeable about what is happening in the wider church so we may have a better idea of what our options might be.

**American Anglican Council / Anglican Communion Network.** Payments designated for these entities were suspended when little action or support was forthcoming from them and

when our interest in exploring membership in AMiA became serious. A portion of these funds was used to meet AMiA liability insurance requirements. The balance remains set aside in the budget, but has not been distributed. It looks like we will not now be sending allotments to AMiA, so this money will continue to be held until such time as we make a parish determination of alignment with any other Anglican community.

**Work Day.** In his absence, Senior warden Dan Clark submitted information concerning the painting project to be undertaken at the Coalition for the Homeless on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. They have a new building which was donated to them by the federal government. Additionally, there may exist a possibility for us to rent space from them for services, Christian education and other activities. We will look into this further.

**Parish Picnic.** Dan also provided input by e-mail for planning of the picnic on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements were made for food and supplies for activities, along with notifications to all church members.

**Liturgy.** There have been requests for various forms, including Rite I (without music), Kenyan, and the continuation of Rite II. Father Skip offered to do a home service, should there be those who would like to experience a particular liturgy that is not presented regularly, but it is not feasible to conduct two services on a Sunday, due to constraints of set-up and lease parameters, though we could alternate from time to time. The Vestry voted to vary the services on occasion and invite feedback regarding how satisfactorily such an arrangement is working out.

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

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION God's Covenant with You** God has made a solemn covenant with you personally. Do you know its terms? What he promises and what he doesn't? What you have pledged? Perhaps this is something we should clearly understand!

We will study passages of scripture that detail this "new" covenant, and will also come to understand the covenants which precede it,

particularly one to Abraham and the obsolete "Old" covenant with Israel. Understanding this will allow us to properly apply the Old Testament to our lives.

Beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at 9:00 am, lasting five to six weeks.

Roger

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The PSM has received some wonderful feedback about the recipients of prayer shawls. If you have received a thank-you note or have a heart-warming story about one of our prayer shawls, please share it during announcements at our services. It is encouraging to the knitters and to the congregation to know that one of our parish outreaches is making a difference.

Stephanie Reeves has sent two "sample" shawls to Fr. Tom Johnson of the Church of the Resurrection in Casper and Glenrock. She included a description of our Prayer Shawl Ministry in case those parishes should wish to begin a PSM. She plans to send "sample" shawls to other parishes as well.

If you need a prayer shawl, please speak to Lu Hart. We are trying to build a backlog of shawls for Stephanie's dispersal; we can draw from these shawls or we can knit "to order."

Lu Hart

### **REFRESH YOUR LIFE WITH MUSIC**

Beginning Wednesday, September 6, seventy-five minutes in written inspiration and singing once a week might be the energizer you are looking for. Our choir community meets every Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:15 PM at 840 Silver Sage Avenue. It's more than a rehearsal session for Sunday anthems, it's a caring team devoted to prayer and ministry to one another. For more information, call Shari at 638-3174.

**CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be starting soon. My family and I have been out of town a lot so we look forward to getting back into a routine! If anyone would like to help out with Sunday School please let me know. My phone number is 778-0536 or you can reach me by e-mail. Please leave a message if I am not home as I check my messages when out of town.

Thanks and God Bless,  
Vicky Clark

**ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM**  
**September 2006**

To preview the lessons, you may go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com).

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
<b>Sept. 3</b>	Lu Hart <i>Song of Sol. 2:8-13</i>	Marjie Klebe <i>Psa. 45:1-2, 6-9</i>	Jim Jensen <i>James 1:17-27</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Stephanie R. Lu Hart Marge Marcewicz	Gaye Flack Matt Edwards LEM: Matty Ludwig
<b>Sept. 10</b>	Matty Ludwig <i>Prov.22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</i>	Dan Clark (C) <i>Psa. 125</i>	Susan Oyler <i>James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17</i>	Roger Ludwig	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Lu Hart Marge Marcewicz LEM: Lamar Gordon
<b>Sept. 17</b>	Jim Jensen <i>Prov. 1:20-33</i>	Susan Oyler <i>Psa. 116:1-9</i>	Marjie Klebe <i>James 3:1-12</i>	Marge Marcewicz	Stephanie R. Marge Marcewicz Dan Clark	Caryl Marion Matty Ludwig LEM: Dan Clark
<b>Sept. 24</b>	Barb Clark <i>Prov. 31:10-31</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Psa. 1</i>	Lu Hart <i>James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a</i>	Barb Clark	Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler Lu Hart	Matt Edwards Stephanie R. LEM: Marge Marcewicz

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, 775-0675 leave a message, or at [mattyludwig@bresnan.net](mailto:mattyludwig@bresnan.net)

## Greater Wyoming Regional Anglican Conference

Fr Tom Johnson from the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in Casper is organizing a conference to provide information on the current status of the Episcopal Church and alternatives available to those who are seeking other options for church membership while still remaining in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The conference will be sponsored by individuals and congregations associated with the American Anglican Council, the Anglican Communion Network, the Anglican Mission in America and Anglican Common Cause Members from Wyoming, South Dakota and Northern Colorado. The one-day conference will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 804 S. Wolcott in Casper. Lunch will be provided.

Speakers will include the Rev. Phil Eberhart, Anglican Mission in America leader from Centennial, Colorado, on the state of the Anglican Church. The Rev. Gerry Schnackenburg of Epiphany Anglican Fellowship in Lafayette, CO will speak on planting new local Anglican congregations. A study on the authority of scripture will be delivered by Mr. Roger Ludwig of St. Peter's, Cheyenne. The Rev. Chip Johnson of St. Francis Anglican Church in Hot Springs, South Dakota, will speak on small church settings and educational opportunities.

In addition to lunch, conference participants will receive educational packets including a new informational pamphlet published by the American Anglican Council entitled "Equipping the Saints." Perhaps most important will be an opportunity for conferees to talk openly about our shared challenges and vision for the future of the Anglican Communion.

For more information and to register, please call Anglican Church of the Resurrection in Casper at 307-277-3071. Registration before September 6 is \$15, or \$20 at the door.