



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# A Voice in the Wilderness



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### The Rector's Remarks Wes Shields



My last newsletter article will be a short one because my message is one of simple gratitude. All I want to say is thank you. Thank you for welcoming us into this church and this community. Thank you for opening your homes and your lives to us. Thank you for your patience and your understanding of my shortcomings.

Thank you for your compliment and criticisms. I can honestly say that coming here was the best decision Laura and I have made and the effects of our time here will continue to shape the rest of our lives. We have been given the freedom to search out what truly matters to us and what we want out of life. This is a special place and we were blessed to be here. Thank you all.



### Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford

Usually with my report, I struggle to find something to write about that doesn't waste everyone's time reading, but this month I have too much and I don't know if I can get it all in. As every one knows, Wes is leaving and we wish him and his family the best. I've had a wonderful experience with him, and he will be missed. St. Andrew's has continued to prosper with him, he is part of our family, but to prosper, change has to happen and we will soon be starting into that process.

Having gone through this before, and having a little idea of what has to go on, I have found that the procedure has changed. The Diocese of Wyoming now has a transition officer. I have been in contact with Margaret Babcock, the transition officer, and talked about what has to take place. With Wes' last service being the 6th of September, it was felt that the time from Wes' resignation, to the 6th be a time to say good-bye to Wes. Margaret will be in Pinedale on the 13th of September to do the service in Pinedale and Big Piney, meet with the congregation, and with the vestry on the

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## Dates to Remember:

**ECW Event—Spoons**  
Aug. 17th at 6:00 pm  
St. Andrew's

**Farewell Potluck for  
Wes, Laura, & Emma**  
Aug. 30th at 10:00 am  
St. Andrew's

**Christian Ed Kick-off**  
Grill out potluck  
Sept. 2nd at 5:30 pm  
St. Andrew's

**Wes's Last Service**  
Sept. 6th  
St. Andrew's

**ECW Event—SWAP**  
Sept. 11th (evening)  
Sept. 12th (morning)  
St. Andrew's



**Diocese Transition Officer**  
in town to hold services and meet  
with the congregation  
Sept. 13th  
St. Andrew's

**Vestry Meeting**  
Sept. 14th at 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's

**Choir begins mtg.**  
Sept. 20th at 10:00 am  
St. Andrew's

**Prayer Group**  
Tuesdays at 12:00 pm  
St. Andrew's

**Retirement Center Service**  
Mondays at 10:30 am

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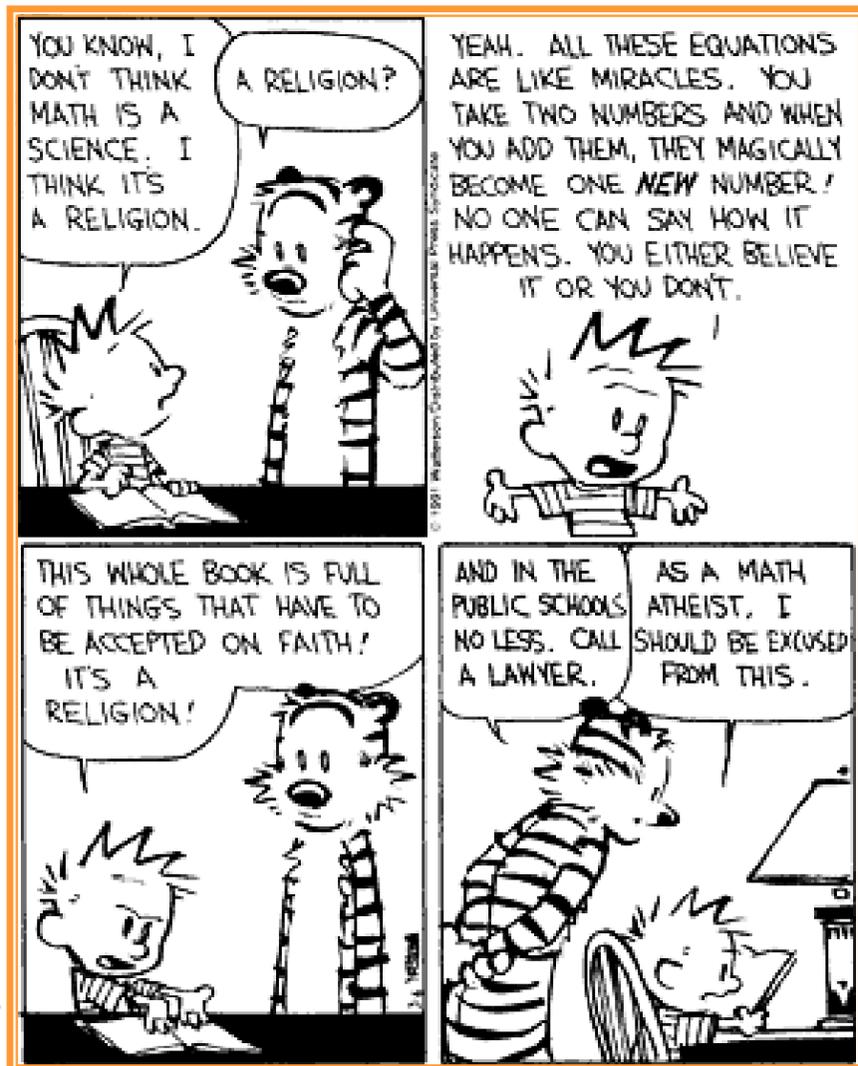
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14th. At that time the search process will be explained and the search for a new priest started in earnest.

The vestry is planning an exit interview with Wes on the 10th of August, to go over the mission statement that we, as a congregation, had when we hired him, to see if we followed our plan, and if not, what areas we should make more realistic. Big Piney has been asked to include a representative to the board, so that the concerns and ideas from their community can also be included. Please, if you have question or comments, contact one of your vestry members. Several people have contacted me so far to be part of the process.

One other change that has taken place, Phil Washburn has asked to step down as our financial person, producing the budget and paying the bills and Mindy Seehafer has been asked, and has accepted, to take over that responsibility. Please, if you get a chance, thank Phil for the excellent job that he has done, and thank Mindy for taking on the job.

The search for a new priest can be an exciting and satisfying experience, if we all plan and work together.



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Bishop Search, Coralee Petersen

## SEEKING BISHOP DIOCESE OF WYOMING

Stretching across the high plains and soaring to the tops of numerous mountain ranges, Wyoming's geography sets the stage for our worship, and challenges us to service in the name of our Creator. From the larger churches in our two medium-sized cities to the little log churches scattered on the plains and in the mountains, our heritage, rich in the Episcopal Church's missionary spirit, is evident. We seek a new bishop, a shepherd and pastor to lead us forward in our vision of service to the communities where we live and to the larger world around us.

To learn more and to enter into the possibility that God is calling you to join us on our faith journey, visit:  
[wyomingbishopsearch.com](http://wyomingbishopsearch.com).

This is the ad that is running for our search for a bishop for the Diocese of Wyoming

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## July Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Attendance: Ron Rhine, Jon Boroff, Cody Saxton, Wes Shields, Katie McClure, Dave Lankford, Norm Pape, ML Baxley, also present were Sarah Hixson, Dick Tanner and Kenna Tanner.

Dave Lankford started the meeting with prayer.

Dave Lankford moved to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting, Jon Boroff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: There was no treasurer's report. Phil did not get the bank statements prior to going out of town. With deposits that have been made, the report should look much better next month. Mindi Seehafer has agreed to be the new Treasurer, the transition is in process.

Wes reported that Big Piney is going well; they served over 200 people at their pancake breakfast and made over \$900.00. Many repairs have been made, two new porches with cement approaches; along with a carpeted wheel-chair ramp. The youth turn out is exciting, with an energy buzz. The carpets will be cleaned tomorrow.

Old Business:

No update on the dance.

The Directory is about to be wrapped up and printed.

Please monitor the web site and notify Wes, Jordan or Cally of any changes that need to be made.

No update on the kitchen.

One more tree needs to be removed due to beetle damage.

New Business:

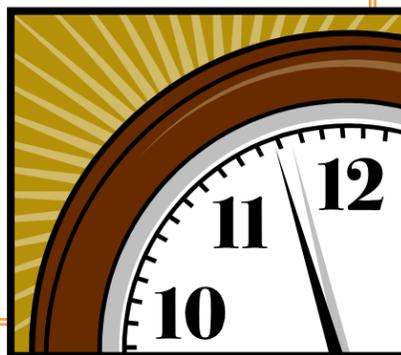
The Bishop search is moving along. The installation will be in mid year 2010. Coralee Petersen is on the search committee and Sukey Hohl is on the transition committee.

The audit needs to be completed by September 1, 2009. In the past Barbara Pape and Gail Grubb have done this. Dave Lankford recommended that Mindi Seehafer be a part of the audit this year to learn how the books work. ML Baxley offered to contact Barbara Pape and Gail Grubb and ask them to conduct the audit again this year with Mindi Seehafer.

Dave Lankford moved and Jon Boroff seconded appointing Gail Randall and Sukey Hohl to go to the Convention as our Delegates.

Transition: Dave is waiting for an answer from the dioceses on how to proceed and a time line or time table. There will a meeting set up with the vestry and Margaret Babcock from the Diocese. We would like to have an exit interview at next month's meeting. Wes's last Sunday will be September 6, 2009.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am 3	Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm 4	5	6	7	8
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16	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am ECW Event 6:00 pm 17	Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm 18	19	20	21	22
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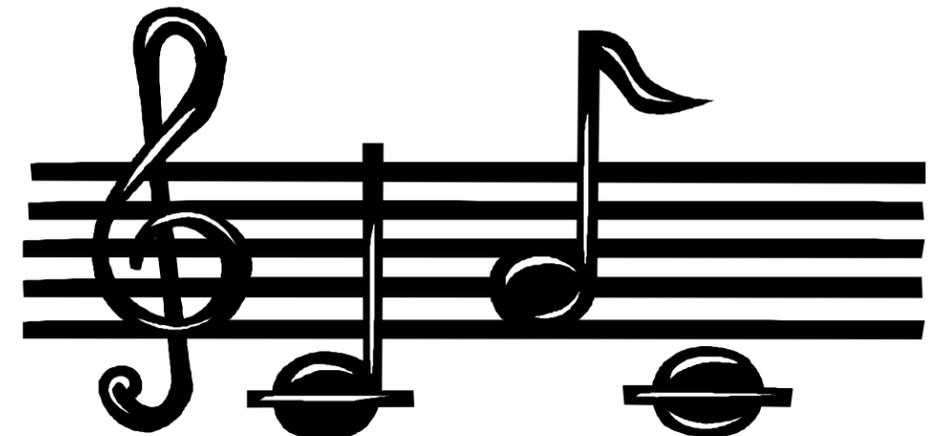
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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

Can it be that it is time to plan the fall schedule? They tell me that it is. So....Choir will begin meeting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us - no special skills or training required! Our primary purpose is to lead the congregation in worship, so we always go over hymns and service music for the service. It is a great way to become more familiar and comfortable with the music that we are all singing. Additionally, we prepare special music to sing for a call to worship or offertory or communion as time allows. Consider joining us for the year or for a season (fall preparation for Advent and Christmas or winter preparation for Lent and Easter, for example) - we would love to have you!

Coralee Petersen



# SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	2 Christian Ed Kick-off Grill Out Potluck 5:30 pm	3	4	5
6 West's Last Sunday	7 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	8 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	9	10	11 ECW Swap Fri. night Sat. morning	12 ↓
13 Diocese Transi- tion Officer	14 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	16	17	18	19
20 Choir Begins Meeting 10:00 am	21 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	22 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	23	24	25	26
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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

The September ECW event will be 2 parts- Friday & Saturday September 11th and 12th. We will be "swapping" items that we no longer need!

The goal of this event is to bring the most and take home the least so start collecting items early. We will be meeting at church on Friday night to look over all of the stuff that is brought to swap. I'm sure the evening will be full of lots of laughs and delicious desserts! On Saturday morning, we will "sell" any items that are remaining with the profits going to help ECW projects. We encourage everyone to attend this September Swap. You never know what you're going to get lucky and find!

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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

Christian Ed will be starting again soon! We will be kicking off the year with a Grill Out potluck on Wednesday September 2nd at 5:30 pm at church. Everyone is invited to this event to help us start our year out with a bang! St. Andrews will provide the meat to grill if you bring a dish to pass. The first day for everyone will be September 9th! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday nights!



**There is a yellow flyer inside the newsletter and on the bulletin board at church. Please fill it out and return it to church as soon as possible if your child will be attending Christian Ed this fall. These sheets will give us a more accurate count as we plan for Wednesdays this fall. Feel free to give this yellow sheet to someone you know who might be interested in attending Wednesday School- even if they do not attend St. Andrew's. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth at 367-4261.**

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Come one come all to wish Wes, Laura and Emma a fond farewell and good wishes on their next adventure. We will be having an all church community potluck on August 30th after the 9:00 am service at the church. We invite everyone to come, if you attend the 8:00 service come back around



10:00 for good food and fellowship! Bring a side dish and/or dessert, meat will be provided. Father Wes's last Sunday will be the following Sunday, September 7. We ask for God's Blessings for them on their journey!

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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

The next ECW event will be at 6pm August 17th at church. We will be playing the game Spoons! There will be prizes so come ready to be sneaky and fast!

A stylized graphic of the word "THANKS" in purple, block letters. A hand is holding a star over the letter 'A'.

THANKS

ECW Update: Thanks so much to everyone who helped with any aspect of the pie sale. We raised over \$2000!