

A Voice in the Wilderness



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 2008

The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



This month we are blessed to be baptizing four children, on three different Sundays, so I wanted to take a minute to talk about baptism. There is nothing more exciting in a church family's life than officially welcoming a new member into the fold. Obviously that's just my opinion, but one that I think is shared by many.

The Book of Common Prayer describes baptism as "the full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble." We tend to think of baptism as something that we do for God, but it is really something that God does for us. It's God who establishes a bond with us. It is God who does the work of baptism. We do our part by showing up and then trying to live out the vows that we take in the Baptismal Cove-

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Senior Warden's Report

Roz Leslie

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. What food might this contain the mouse wondered? He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is of grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it." The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredi-

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nant. There are a number of outward signs that we use such as water and white robes, but the real change is something God does in us.

The Water

“The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

Water is a sign of life. To live near a spring is to live near a constant source of life, refreshment and cleansing.

In baptism, the children “pass through water” as a sign of their participation in the death of Christ and his emergence into freedom. They are freed from the power of evil; the power of God’s life and love will prevail in their lives.

Before the water is poured over the child’s head or the child is immersed, the priest holds out a hand over the water to bless it. With this gesture, God is asked to send the Holy Spirit into the water. The Holy Spirit is powerful and active. The water becomes holy, filled with the Spirit. When the children pass through the water, they too are filled with the Spirit. They, too, become holy. The Spirit within them is the “spring of water gushing up to eternal life” and the source of the power of love in their lives.

The White Garment

“Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him” (Luke 15:22). With these words of Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, a loving father welcomed his son. The robe was a sign of comfort, acceptance and belonging. At baptism the little ones are normally clothed in a white garment—a sign of acceptance and belonging in the community of faith. Like the white garment, the gifts of God at baptism are everlasting gifts. Long after the rattles are quiet and the baby clothes are outgrown, the signs of baptism continue to shower God’s gifts on the baptized. God always enlightens, frees, strengthens and accepts us so that our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11).

I hope that you will all make a point to be a part of these special days and do your best to support these children and their families in their life in Christ.

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ent, chicken! But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig! The farmer's wife did not get well, she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them! The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another, make an extra effort to encourage and lift one another in prayer to the Most High Jesus Christ! Romans 12:8--"If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

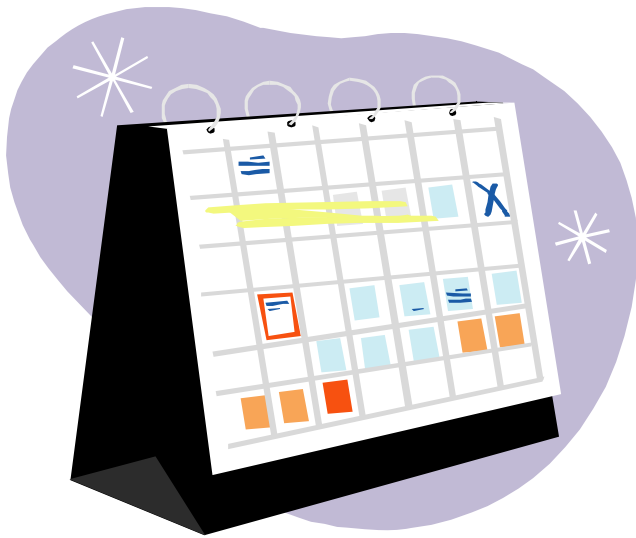
Peace and Blessings-- Roz

AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	5 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	6	7	8	9
10 Ranch Mass 10:30 am	11 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	12 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	19 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	26 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	27	28	29	30
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ROTA, Cheryl Essington



Have you always wanted to work the chalice on Sunday morning? Are you dying to get up in front of everyone and read out loud? How about hanging out downstairs with the kids? Are dishes or cleaning your thing? Do you love to cook? Have we got a job for you. No matter what your

skills, we can put them to work at St. Andrew's. If you would like to join the church Rota (the Rota is just a schedule of who does what which weeks), please contact Cheryl at the church office at 367-2674.

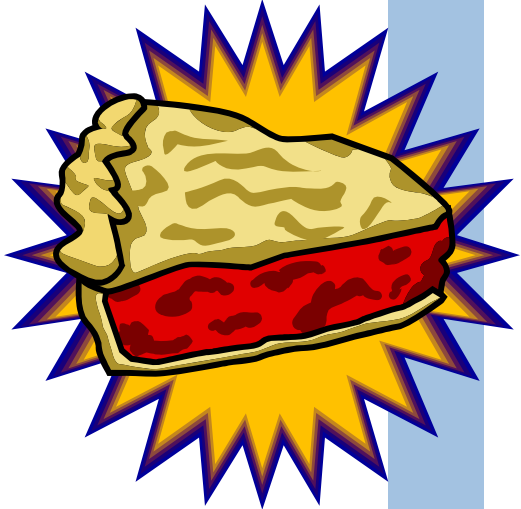
CONVENTION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Pre-Convention in Green River, via DVD Aug. 12th at 1 p.m. Packet will be here in the next week. The actual Convention will be held in Rock Springs, hosted by Holy Communion, October 2-5, 2008. Please let Wes or I know if you are interested by August 5, 2008. Wes' e-mail is standrewsinthepines@centurytel.net.

Roz Leslie
Senior Warden

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ECW Pie Sale, Jocelyn Moore



ECW 2008 PIE SALE POPULAR IN PINEDALE!!

Once again, St. Andrew's ECW held a successful Pie Sale. Working together at Callahan Cabinet, ECW ladies made tender pie crusts and delicious fruit and other tasty pie fillings. Next, the pie tins with lined with flaky, melt in your mouth crusts holding an assortment of crowd pleasing fillings. Pies were loaded into vehicles for distribution around Pinedale for final baking. The aroma of baking pies filled the Callaghan Cabinets, Rendezvous Point and other kitchens. Finally, the pies were cooked, cooled and ready for purchase. In addition, many ECW ladies baked pies at home and delivered their creations to the church for inclusion in the pie sale.

Saturday morning, pie enthusiasts lined the St. Andrew's driveway waiting for the door to open and the pie sale to begin!! Whole pies - pie slices - pies with ice cream - flew out the door until every pie was gone!! The ECW received lots of assistance from members as well as community businesses such as Callaghan Cabinets, White Pine Ski (Stuart and Mary Thompson), Rendezvous Point, Jo Crandall and many others. Overall, the pie sale raised \$2,616 for ECW Mission Projects and to support our church outreach programs.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make pies, purchased pies and ate pies!!

MUSICIANS NEEDED!

St. Andrew's is in need of alternate musicians for Sunday's when Coralee is not available. If you know of anyone in the community who is willing to play on some Sundays, with advance notice, please let Wes or any vestry member know. We will provide that musician with the details. If any St. Andrew's member has a hidden talent for playing the piano, come out, come out wherever you are...

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HELP!!!!

HELP WANTED

Who: Willing people

When: Wednesday afternoons or evenings– 2008 school year

What: Helpers for Wednesday School, Youth Group, and Adult Christian Ed. (full-time and part-time)

Please contact Elizabeth @ 367-4261 with questions

You Are Invited!!! - By Marilyn Huffman

Several years ago members of St. Andrew's began an outreach ministry at the Sublette Center. A Monday morning worship service has been held for the residents there ever since.

Over the years I often thought I would enjoy attending the Retirement Center service but my full time job committment took priority. Last year when I resigned my position at the clinic I decided to make an effort to attend the service at the Retirement Center. What a joy it is! Thirty minutes of sharing prayer, scriptures, and familiar old hymns with the residents who attend is very rewarding.

My mother is a resident at a nursing home facility in Illinois. When I go to the Center to visit, I always hope that someone back there is taking a few minutes to visit Mom. Do you have an occasional Monday morning free? Please come join us in fellowship and worship with these older members of our community.

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RANCH MASS, SAM AND KATIE MCCLURE'S



On August 10th at 10:30 am, Ranch Mass will be held at Sam and Katie McClure's house. To get there, go South of Pinedale on Hwy 191 past Boulder. After the Llama ranch and RV Park, we are the next left, exactly at mile marker 87. The road is Grable Lane. We are the second house on the left." Please bring a side dish to share and place settings

for your family. If you have any questions, need a ride, or anything else, please contact the church office at 367-2674.

BAPTISMS!!!

We are rich with baptisms this month! This is an important opportunity to welcome new members into our family, commit yourself to these children and their families and their life in Christ, and renew your own vows and commitments. Mark your calendars!!

August 3rd - Smith Cuprill Baptism
August 10th - Ranch Mass & Shields Baptism
August 24th - Maddie Gelhausen Baptism



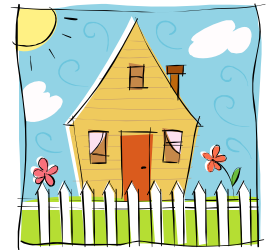


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Dates to Remember:

Ranch Mass

August 10th at 10:30 am

Sam & Katie McClure's

Vestry Meeting

August 11th at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Music Selection Group

Thursdays at 11:00 am

St. Andrew's

Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service

Mondays at 10:30 am

