



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



Just a few housekeeping notes before I discuss my topic for the month. August 9th will be our Ranch Mass service this year. We are thankful that Chris and Carla Sullivan have agreed to have the service at their ranch and we appreciate their hospitality. On that Sunday there will only be one service and our brothers and sisters from Big Piney will be invited to join us as well. Stay tuned for more information. Now for prayer.

What is prayer? This is a question that seems to come up time and time again as I talk to people about their spiritual lives. I believe that the simplest definition that I can come up with is that prayer is communicating with God. I use the word communicating, instead of talking, because prayer does not always involve words. I would like to discuss what it means to pray and the different types of prayer.

As Episcopalians we are both blessed and cursed to have the Book of Common Prayer. It provides us with an outline and structure for both our corporate and individual worship time. As

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Senior Warden's Report

Dave Lankford

A discussion was held at the vestry this month, that it might be a good idea to let the congregation know where we were on our finances. We discussed that in the past we have contacted every one to let them know where they were on their pledges, but this was not usually done until October or November, and at that time it might be hard to catch up if someone had gotten behind. Our numbers are down a little, the summer is usually the slowest time of the year, so I guess I'm asking to keep St. Andrew's in your mind reference your pledges.

Another note, convention is coming up and we have three delegates to send from the parish. Anyone who is interested, please contact me and let your wishes known. God Bless and have a great and safe summer.

Dates to Remember:

Vestry Meeting
July 13th at 7:00 pm
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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we pray from the Prayer Book, we say both ancient and more modern prayers that contain tremendous depth and power. However, the fact that we say these same prayers day in and day out, Sunday after Sunday, can create its own set of problems. In order for our prayers to have meaning and to breathe new life into our souls, we have to mean what we are saying. We have to be paying attention and striving to understand more fully the meaning behind the words that we are saying. So, first and foremost, our prayers must be sincere whether they come from a book or straight from the heart.

Beyond complete and total sincerity, there are really no other rules to praying. You can bend your knees and clasp your hands, you can go for a walk, you can go for a ride in your car, you can gaze at the mountains and all the beauty that God has created while you pray. There is no limit to the times and places that you can pray.

As far as different types of prayers go, once again there is no limit to the types of prayer that are possible. There are silent prayers, where the objective is simply to spend time in the presence of God. There are prayers that are aided by some sort of activity such as rosary beads or walking a Labyrinth.

The most common type of prayer for most of us is spoken prayers of which there are many different types. Some of the main categories are praise, confession, and intercession. The first type is praise or adoration. That is where we praise God for all that has been done in creation. The next type of prayer is confession. This type of prayer involves seeking God's forgiveness for our sins. This is a prayer of humility in which we seek God's healing power in our lives. The final type of prayer that I mentioned is intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer means praying on behalf of someone in need and asking God to intercede in their lives. On any given Sunday morning we use all three types of prayer that I have just described.

There are many different ways to prayer, none any better than other. If you have not found a type of prayer that works for you, then keep looking. There are a lot of options out there. Make an appointment with me to talk about your prayer life and see if there are other options that may work better for you.

Prayer is so central to our spiritual journeys. We cannot hope to be in relationship with the Lord if we do not spend time with God. It's vital that we take time to speak, to listen, and just to be with our God. If you feel like your spiritual life is in a rut, then pray. Pray with all your might and ask God to lift you and take you new places. There is nothing more important and more powerful in our lives than the gift of prayer. Take the time each and everyday and I promise it will make a difference in your life and the lives of those around you.

SAVE THE DATE

Ranch Mass

August 9th

Chris and Carla Sullivan's

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Bishop Search, Coralee Petersen

Your Bishop Search committee has been busy. June 26 is our publish date for our profile and application online. Both of these documents have taken much preparation. As Wes so aptly put it last Sunday, a profile is a diocese' attempt to describe itself; the idea is that a prospective applicant could read it, and gain some idea of our demographics, history, ministry models, outreach efforts, and our identity as a Christian community. The Speaking Day that some of you participated in a few weeks ago was part of the information gathering that was involved in the preparation of the profile.

You can read the profile, and look at the application to see what we are asking of applicants by going to wyomingbishop-search.com And though the data from the Speaking Days was synthesized and incorporated into the profile, there will also be a link to the raw data if you would like to look at that.

Please feel free to talk to me if you have questions about the search for our new bishop. I would be glad to talk with you,

Coralee Petersen



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June Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Attendance: Ron Rhyne, Jon Boroff, Cody Saxton, Wes Shields, Katie McClure, Dave Lankford, Jo Crandall, ML Baxley and Jordan Vana.

Treasurers Report: Showed that we are a little behind in the budget. Pledge updates will be mailed out; and a Senior Warden report will discuss the matter. Sam will be asked to verify if we are current on the rental properties. Dave Lankford made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, Ron Rhine seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion carried.

We are still looking for a bookkeeper. Duties will include being present at Vestry meetings for the first 15 minutes. Two signatures will be required on issued checks over \$1000.

Wes reported that Big Piney has had clean up days, made repairs to porches and the building. They have also incorporated a sound system, cd's, and a song book into the services.

Katie is planning for the Dance to be in September, possibly at the Daniel School House. Possibilities include bringing a can of food to enter, inviting Big Piney, a band, or donation for mosquito netting. Open to church members and guests.

The Directory is still growing.

No update on the Kitchen, Wes will attempt to get some feedback from vendors.

The pine beetle infested trees have been removed with the cost of \$1,800.00. Lightning Logging did an excellent job. It will be verified that Kay Malkowski has sprayed the remaining trees to prevent further pine beetle damage. Jo will look into prices on possibly replacing trees.

Wes completed repairs on the mini van. Total expense was about \$1,000.00. This should pay for itself within the year by not paying Wes for mileage.

Dave reviewed members input from Sunday services in Pinedale and Big Piney. He will mail all input by the due date of June 10, 2009.

The Bishop was to visit St. Andrews on July 5, 2009; unfortunately the Bishop had to cancel his visit.

A Father's Day brunch is planned as well as a fall clean up day.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

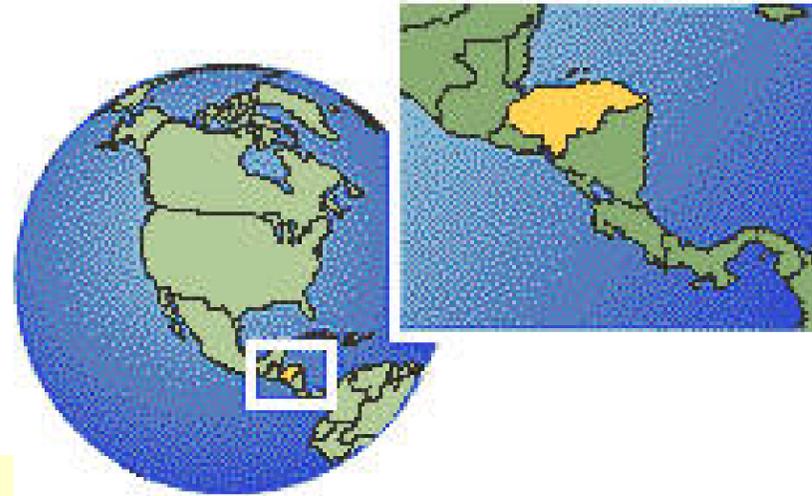
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	7 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	15	16	17	18
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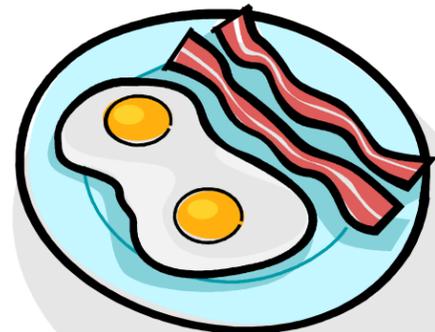
See Sarah Hixson and Emma Becker in Honduras

<http://www.youtube.com/wyomingdiocese>



BRUNCH

We have recently had brunches for graduation and for Father's Day, and they were grand successes! Thanks are due to Katie McClure and her family for decorations, set up and serving; to Cheryl Essington for yummy sticky buns and Barb Pape for cinnamon rolls. Elizabeth Miller, Lois Decker, Gail Randall, Matt McKee, and Ryan McKee helped with egg dish preparation and fruit preparation. Help me think about how we might continue to do this sort of thing on a regular basis. Next month will be Ranch Mass, and I am thinking that when we go back to later services, maybe soup and bread lunches would be more appropriate. Let me know what you think.



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

It is very lonely back by the piano these days - I am missing the choir! But we will be planning on singing for the ranch mass on August 9th. There will be a picnic and rehearsal at my house on August 2nd and we would love to have anyone interested in singing join us; it can be a one-time gig or the beginning of something new in your life! I will be calling choir members late in July and if you would like to get a call, let me know.



Candy Scott will be playing for the service on July 19th and I know you will greet her warmly. She told me what a welcoming congregation you were to her when she played in May.



Please remember that guest musicians are always welcome to contribute to our musical offerings during worship - I would love to hear from you.

Coralee Petersen

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directory is coming out and if you would like to email a picture or send an updated picture, please email Jordan Vana at jordan_vana@hotmail.com

