

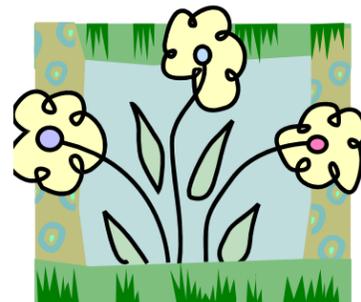


ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:

St. John's - 6:00 pm
St. Andrew's - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Pastor Jami on vacation
July 4th—9th

Rendezvous Pie Sale
July 9th, St. Andrew's

Young Adult BBQ
July 16th, 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Jordan and Cally's House

Vestry Meeting
July 18th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Ranch Mass—Murdock Ranch
July 31st, 11:00 am

Men's Breakfast Group
Fridays at 7:00 am
Stockmen's Restaurant

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am

Lectionary Study
Mondays at 5:45 pm
St. Andrew's

A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen
Jami Anderson

"Is there anything too wonderful for the Lord?" Genesis 18:14a

This summer we are given the option of following the story of our ancestors through the book of Genesis. For the next few weeks our readings focus on the life of our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob. In the above verse Sarah has just laughed in disbelief at the news that she will bear a son within the next year. Sarah is 90 years old and "it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women." God responds in a way that causes both Abraham and Sarah to grow deeper in their faith and trust. For that is the journey they had embarked on 25 years earlier when God asked them to leave their homeland and journey about in the wilderness with a promise of a new homeland that God would provide for them. The Bible tells us that they "journey by stages...." I believe those were stages of faith development, stages of ever deepening trust in God's presence and guidance, stages of growth in spiritual maturity. By reading and learning from these ancestors of ours, we too, are invited on the same journey. During the 25 years that Sarah and Abraham waited for their promised son and heir that would assure them of their family inheritance of creating a great nation, both found themselves doubting, wavering, incredulous that it could really happen. Twice Abraham offers his wife to the Pharaoh of Egypt and King Abimelech in order to save his life. Sarah convinces Abraham to father a child with the slave woman Hagar because Sarah is convinced that she will never get pregnant herself. There were plenty of times that the way looked impossible. But God responds, "Is there anything too wonderful for the Lord?" And the answer is – that there isn't. No matter if we can't figure it out. No matter if we see no way forward. No matter if all seems improbable, impossible. I've been told that the most complete prayer is, "Help me, help me, help me.....thank you, thank you, thank you." That's when we let go of trying to figure things out ourselves, that's the moment we open our hearts and create an empty space for the Spirit to blow through. It is the moment of letting God make a way out of no way. It is the cry of naked faith, trusting that in some inconceivable way, God is there. That simple, trusting prayer is the most basic way of growing in Christian love and maturity because it deepens our knowledge of God's grace – for there is nothing too hard or too wonderful for the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

St. Andrew's in the Pines
Vestry Meeting
May 16, 2011, 7:00 pm

Attendance: Dave Lankford, Cody Saxton, Norm Pape, ML Baxley, Mindy Seehafer, Angie Thomas, Jo Crandall, Sarah Hixson, Lisa Rhyne, Sheryl Boroff, Tim Crawford (absent), Jon Gibson, and Jami Anderson.

Jo Crandall started the meeting with formation.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: Sarah Hixson moved to approve the minutes from April 18, 2011, Tim Crawford seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jo Crandall moved to approve the financial report of April 2011, Lisa Rhyne seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Senior Warden: Dave referred to Cody.

Junior Warden: Cody reported on the very successful clean up day at the Nursery. Thank you to all that assisted. The Sporting Association requested we replace the fence along the canal at the Nursery to contain the livestock. Kay Malkowski will spray trees in the next few weeks as weather permits. Cody would like to send a thank you to Charlie Lopeman who helped with the clean up day. Cody would like to see some repairs done on the church, like the exterior doors painted.

Rector's Report: Jami/absent

Old Business: Tara Bolgiano will take photos June 7, 8 & 9, 2011 for a new parish directory. Jo Crandall has not received any feedback on her outreach article. Dave mentioned we need to start focusing on the planned remodel at the Rectory. Dave will focus the next newsletter article on the sunroom remodel. We will also do mailing requesting donations for the remodel of the old garage into a sunroom. The idea of a community garden is good also the possibility of a garage sale with the proceeds going to the remodel.

New Business: Tim Crawford moved and Lisa Rhyne seconded summer worship in Pinedale will be 8:00 am and 10:00 am starting June 5 and through September 11, 2011. All were in favor. St. Johns vestry meeting is Thursday May 26, Dave will go with Jami. June 26 Vestry will host a brunch at 9:15 am. July 31 we will have a picnic at Sandy Beach. September 10 a camping trip to New Fork Lake with outdoor service Sunday morning. Tim Crawford will contact Mike Key to hook up the new computer for Jami. ML will send a thank you to Sam McClure for his years as Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.



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Tanzania, Tom Davenport

These are just two of many photographs sent to us of the wives of Msalato Theological College students who recently graduated from the first "Msalato Wives English Class". The class was financed through a grant provided by Reverend Tally Bandy and Jessie MacKay of North Carolina who

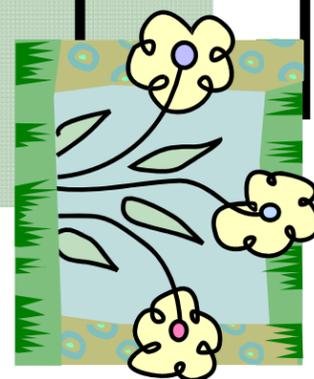


discovered this need during their visit last year. While the men students study English in their theology courses, a gap grew in the families as the women spoke only their tribal language and Swahili. The



first picture shows several of women in the graduating class and their teacher. The second picture depicts a proud graduate and her children with gifts for their mother. All the pictures portray the pride, gratitude and value of this outreach for the women at Msalato.

JULY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	St. John's Pancake Breakfast 7:00 to 9:00 am				1 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	2
3	Sublette Center 10:30 am Lectionary Study 5:45 pm Jarni begins vacation	5	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	9 Rendezvous Pie Sale
10	Sublette Center 10:30 am Lectionary Study 5:45 pm	12	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	16 Young Adults BBO 5:30 to 8:30 pm Cally and Jordan's
17	Sublette Center 10:30 am Lectionary Study 5:45 pm V Vestry Mtg.—7:00 pm	19	20	21	22 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	23
24	Sublette Center 10:30 am Lectionary Study 5:45 pm	26	27	28	29 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	30
31 Ranch Mass Murdock Ranch 11:00 am						

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St. John's, Amy Bell

News from Big Piney:



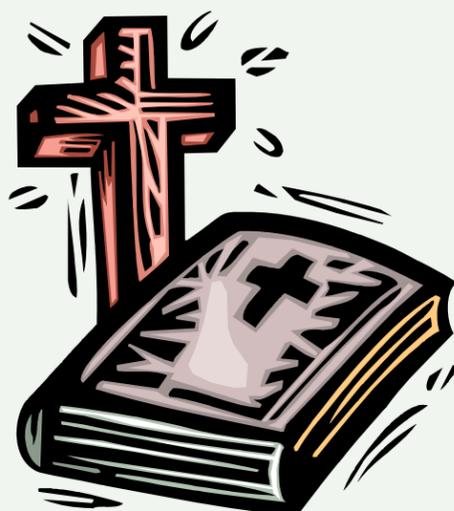
St. John's congregation is keeping busy while we are waiting for summer to appear! We are planning our annual Pancake Breakfast for the 4th of July from 7-9 a.m. at the parish hall. This is always such a busy morning and we love to see our youth so eager to participate - we'd also like to invite our Pinedale neighbors to drive down to enjoy breakfast and the parade. Additionally we are pleased to report that our elementary church

school group raised over \$1100 to donate to our Tanzania mosquito net project. The Pringles cans were such a big hit; kids were as committed to filling up their cans as they were creative in decorating them! Hope to have a great turnout at the 4th of July Pancake breakfast, and don't forget that our service time has changed to 6:00 Sunday evenings!

Peace! Amy



Pastor Jami plans to begin Confirmation Classes this fall. Confirmation is a ritual in the church where youth and adults are offered an opportunity to publicly declare their intention to be part of the Christian faith and this denomination.



Adults previously confirmed in another denomination are invited to attend the classes and then be "received" into the Episcopal Church. More information will be in next month's Newsletter.

The church has a 1999 Ford Windstar van for sale. Asking price is \$2200 or best offer. Talk with Senior Warden Dave Lankford if interested.



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

Choir is on summer hiatus - like the movie/TV industry! But we will be getting together to have a picnic and practice for the ranch mass. However the date for that annual event is still not confirmed, so I will be contacting all of you via email/phone when we are able to set that up. Anyone who likes to sing, and would like to join us for choir for that one occasion is welcome. Let me know of your interest, and I will be sure to contact you re: rehearsal and picnic.

I would like to thank all the faithful choir folks: Jeanne Raney, Lois Decker, Lora Grinestaff, Marilyn Huffman, Betty Golden, Gail Randall, Madeleine Murdock, Barb Wise, and Fred Petersen. And we are always pleased when Randy Belton and Jordan Vana are able to join us for special occasions.

Please let me know if you have family or friends who might enjoy doing special music for us this summer. Either instrumentalists or vocalists are welcome. We even had bagpipes one summer when Betty Jo Heydt's grandson visited from Canada! I always enjoy hearing from you, too, if there are hymns you would really like to sing or hear, or if there is music you would like to hear as a prelude.

Many thanks to Hattie McKay for playing for church June 11 so I could travel with Fred to his daughter's wedding in Colorado Springs.

Coralee Petersen



Ranch Mass will be held on Sunday, July 31st at the Murdock Ranch. Holy Eucharist and blessing of the homes will be held at 11:00 am to be



followed by a potluck lunch. Meat will be provided, please bring your own table place setting and a dish to share. If you have them, bring your folding/camp chairs. See you there!

Rendezvous Pie Sale

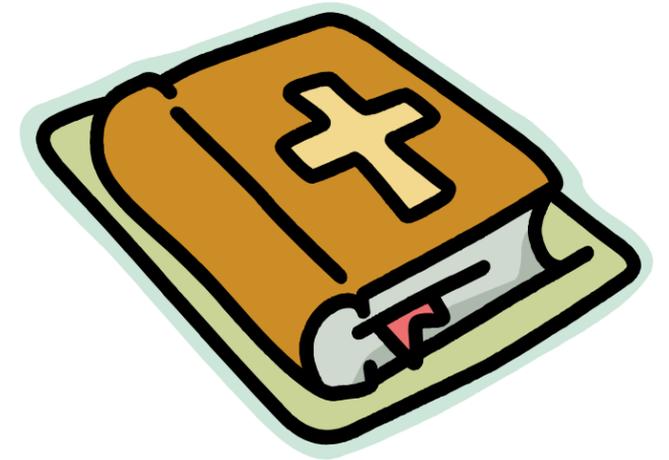
Attention ECW ladies (and anyone willing to bake pies - not just the women!!!!).



Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Rendezvous Pie Sale. The date for the pie sale is Saturday, July 9. We can make plans for several people to get together and make pies (which is a lot of fun) or if it is better for your schedule, you can make them at home. If you are not a pie-maker, you can contribute to the cost of ingredients for those who do bake or purchase ice cream, etc. Pie tins will be available for your baking needs in the church basement. Mark your calendars, join us for a fun and productive project and **HAPPY BAKING!**

This is the annual fundraiser for the ECW and last year, funds were distributed in the amount of \$2300.00 to six outreach recipients.

BEER, BBQ AND BIBLES



Cally McKee and Jordan Vana will host a barbecue for young people (ages 21 to 45ish) at their house (151 Spruce Street in Pinedale) on Saturday, July 16, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Please join us for an informal get-together to celebrate summer with St. Andrew's friends! RSVP to



Jordan at 231-2636 or St. Andrew's at 367-2674.



THIS I BELIEVE

This month's "This I Believe" statement is from the 3-5th grade Tuesday School class at St. John the Baptist's Episcopal Church in Big Piney. Each student made two statements about what they believed as important in their life.

"THIS I BELIEVE"

That God loves everyone.

That we should listen to our parents.

That drugs make you very sick.

That you should not harm yourself.

That life is not to worry or fuss, life is for love, family, and friends and that is enough.

That the Holy Spirit is in everyone.

That we shouldn't shoot other people.

That you need friends.

That you should be yourself because everyone is unique in their own special way.

Never be a bully because it will hurt other people's feelings.

That you can say what you will but

I will always be me.

That we should respect others.

Baptisms, Breakfast, and the Bishop

Men's
Breakfast
Group on
Fridays at
7:00 am at
the
Stockman's.



The next scheduled date for baptisms is November 6th. If you wish to be baptized please talk with Pastor Jami.



We have learned that Bishop John Smylie will visit St. Andrew's in the Pines on August 13 & 14. We will start making plans for the time he will spend with us.

