

# A Voice in the Wilderness



## ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 2008

### The Rector's Remarks Wes Shields



## On Vacation



### Senior Warden's Report Roz Leslie

A story is told of a town where all the residents are ducks. Every Sunday the ducks waddle out of their houses and waddle down Main Street to their church. They waddle into the sanctuary and squat in their proper pews. The duck choir waddles in and takes its place, and then the duck minister comes forward and opens the duck Bible. He reads to them: "Ducks! God has given you wings! With wings you can fly! With wings you can mount up and soar like eagles. No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! You have wings. God has given you wings, and you can fly!" All the ducks shout, "Amen!" *And then they all waddle home.* No one tried to fly home! Like many of us, we hear the message but leave our churches the same way we came in.

So get busy--confess your sin to God and turn it around. Develop a habit of godliness. Some of us need to: Give it Up! Turn it Loose! Set it Out! Get the Key! Pack it Up! Shut it Up! Tone it down! Save it! Look Away! Turn it off! Cut it Out! Get Up! Move it! FLY!

Know that God loved you so much that he sent his only begotten Son to satisfy the payment for your sin. Thus, he has made a way for you to develop a passion for the One who so passionately pursued you. A passion for godliness keeps you *soaring like an eagle*, destined for the abundant life He meant for you to live! Don't let church become a routine, 'ho-hum' experience...

Peace and blessings to you all... Roz

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## Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

By the time you read this, the Easter season will have one Sunday remaining - the celebration of the Ascension. Then comes the long season of Pentecost, beginning May 11 and lasting until November 23 this year. From the standpoint of planning music, life becomes a little simpler. But the boredom factor can be a problem. Just to keep you on your toes, we have split the season into 4 sections of 6 to 8 weeks each, and will use different service music for each section. Choir will sing thru May and then take a break over the summer - except for the ranch mass, of course.

I want to thank Marilyn Huffman for playing in my absence, and Roz Leslie for canting and faithfully meeting with me each week to plan music. Also to both of these persons for their unfailing appreciation, encouragement, and good natured support. Which brings me to a subject that I need to bring to your attention. Both Marilyn and Roz are short-termers. We have all known for some time that Marilyn and Van are planning a move, and it probably won't be for a little while yet, but Roz and Pete will be leaving us soon due to health problems. I have been gone several Sundays this winter/spring, and that is a pattern that will continue. Now that I am no longer teaching, I have more freedom, and Fred and I have lots of places we want to see! (And lots of kids/grandkids to keep up with!) I am willing to stay on planning music and playing most of the time, but I am going to need **HELP**. I know of a few of you who have admitted to playing the piano "some", and I suspect that there are more of you out there that are keeping your musical experience a secret! There is a collection of simplified hymn arrangements published by the church hymnal corporation, and I have been creating some very simple arrangements of more hymns, service music, etc. I am also

willing to meet with a person who is planning to play for a service, making sure the music selections are appropriate and doable, and to provide tips and guidance on service playing. I ask that if you have some musical skills to share that you consider being part of our musical team, and if you truly do not have skills to share, that you pray for courage and commitment for those who do. I hope to be hearing from some of you!

Coralee



# MAY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	4 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	5 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	6 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	11 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	12 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	13	14	15	16
	17 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	18 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	19	20	21	22
	23 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	24 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31			

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## March Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2008

Present: Wes Shields, Norm Pape, Donna Skinner, Roz Leslie, Jordan Vana, Cheryl Essington, Jon Boroff

Action items listed in red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Roz moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jon moved to accept the report, Norm seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jordan moved to make a \$15,000.00 prepayment on the mortgage as proposed by Phil Washburn, Norm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** There has been some concern over the condition of the Rectory. Jon will call Allen Agency and have them follow up.

**Rector's Report:** Big Piney continues to grow. Please pray for Fallon-Raney family. Wes will be on vacation mid-May through mid-June.

### Old Business:

1. **Sound System.** Barb will have sound system installed before May 15
2. **Directory.** Barb will be in touch with Cheryl.

### New Business:

1. **Splitting nursery meters.** Jon will get a bid to split the meters to make house separate from nursery building for ease of renting.
2. **Summer Activities.** Jon will check on a group camp spot for the summer.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cheryl Essington

## UTO Box Return

The UTO boxes which were distributed at the beginning of Lent will be collected on Mother's Day, May 11. Kids are welcome to bring theirs to Wednesday School on May 7.

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## ECW, Elizabeth Miller

Thanks to everyone for making our first ECW event a great success including those who helped decorate, set up, and brought food! Emma is now loaded with everything she could possibly need....at least for now!

The delicious desserts that everyone brought topped off the evening. Don't forget to turn in the recipes for the ECW cookbook!

Our next event will be May 19th at 7pm at St. Andrews. Just bring yourself and a smile!



**Thank you ECW & everyone who organized & came to the baby shower for Emma! We are overwhelmed by the excitement, generosity & support shown to us by our church family.**

**Thank you,  
Wes, Laura & Emma**

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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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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

## Adult Christian Ed

We have just begun reading the book “The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren. The introduction and Purpose #1 have led to some very interesting and insightful discussion. If you are interested in joining us, it is not too late! We meet every Wednesday night from 5:45-6:45 pm.

## Youth Group

Youth group continues to have a great time on Wednesday nights. We meet every Wednesday from 7-8pm. In the past month we have focused on people of the bible including some of the teenagers, dined at Los Cabos, and made May Day baskets for residents of Sublette Center. The group had fun doing something nice for someone without being recognized for it. Youth Group is open to anyone who is in 6th-12th grade.

## Wednesday School

Wednesday school has been really fun this past month. The kids have enjoyed the warm weather and the opportunity to once again start our day off outside. We have even been able to take trips to Rock Rabbit for ice cream! To celebrate Earth Day, we made shoes out of newspaper! Stop downstairs to see some of the examples on the table!

We are still looking for empty cereal boxes. If you have one that you are through with, please leave it on the back table downstairs. We are using them to complete our books of the Bible set.

- \*\* Last Day of Wednesday school will be May 28th. We will celebrate with an end of the year party! Watch for more details!!!
- \*\* Last Day of Youth Group will be May 28th!

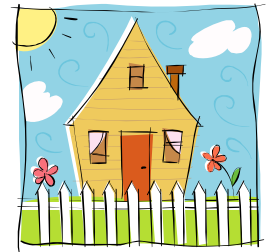


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## **Dates to Remember:**

**Vestry Meeting**  
**May 12th, 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**

**Wednesday School**  
**(4 years to 5th Grade)**  
**May 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th**  
**3:00-5:00 pm, St. Andrew's**

**Adult Christian Ed**  
**May 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th**  
**5:45 pm, St. Andrew's**

**Middle & High School**  
**Youth Group**  
**May 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th**  
**7:00-8:00 pm, St. Andrew's**

