



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen
Jami Anderson



“Jesus is the LIFE of the party”

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant countries, the weeks following Easter Sunday were observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. “Risus paschalis” – the Easter laugh, is what the early theologians called this time.

So, we also are going to celebrate that God has the last laugh and the last word. And that word is Resurrection in Jesus Christ! He is Risen! The joke is on human reason and rigidity. We rejoice! During this season of Easter we will not have a formal confession during our worship services. This year we will have a Sunday focused on the theme that – “Jesus is the LIFE of the party” which will be on May 8th and we will call that day “Holy Humor Sunday”. In preparation for that day:

- Practice smiling a lot
- Begin rejoicing in God now (no need to wait).
- Prepare a few practical jokes
- Invite someone who likes to laugh.
- Invite someone who needs to laugh.
- Get out a favorite Easter bonnet or other fun clothing.

Let’s realize and celebrate that above everything, we Christians have the greatest reason to be joyful. I agree with this quote from the Rev. O’Ryan Rickard; “The resurrection is not frozen in time. It repeats and repeats. In fact, it doesn’t happen just on Easter or Good Friday or during Holy Week. It happens day after day. He calls us to love all humanity, too. We who answer Him have been resurrected to life in Jesus Christ.”

Thanks be to God.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:

St. John’s - 9:00 am

St. Andrew’s - 11:00 am

Sunday School (Ages 2-9)

May 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd

10:45 at St. Andrew’s

J2A & Rite 13

May 4th & 18th

6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Andrew’s

Clean-up day at the

Nursery property

May 7th at 9:00 am

Holy Humor Sunday

May 8th

**Memorial Service for
Maria-Theresia Primanis
May 13th**

**High School and Rite 13
Recognition of Graduates
May 15th**

**Pastor Jami at CREDO
May 16th-23rd**

**Vestry Meeting
May 23rd at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew’s**

**Memorial Day
May 30th**

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

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We are updating our Parish Directory. Please fill out the following information sheet and return it to the church office or place it in the Offering Plate on any Sunday morning. Soon we will begin a sign-up for your photo to be taken by Tara Bolgiano of Blushing Crow Studio. The photos will be taken on June 3-5. These will be professional quality photos and available for purchase afterwards. Try to let others know about this opportunity so that we get everyone's photo and information in our new directory. Thanks.

PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES

Family Name:

Family Member:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Birthday:

Phone:

Email:

Family Member:

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Name:

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Sunday School, Jenny Arne

The Sunday School children have been preparing for Holy Week with weekly lessons and crafts throughout the Lent Season. The children are excited for the most important feast of the Christian year – Easter. The Sunday School Program is using “Living the Good News” curriculum. The group is co-lead by Jenny Arne, Cheryl Essington, Mary Jane Kleven and Patti Washburn. Children ages 2-9 are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall at 10:45 am each Sunday. The children rejoin their families in the sanctuary following the



St. Andrew's Sunday School Children – Discussing the Gospel Story – Palm Sunday



“Peace”. Sunday School will continue through May 22nd, 2011. Please have your children join us next Sunday!

St. Andrew's Sunday
School Children – Palm
Sunday



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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

St. John's has had an eventful Lenten season. We served delicious beef & barley soup to an appreciative community on April 6 when it was our parish's turn to serve at our community soup supper. We were happy to have a healthy turnout and enjoyed cooking and serving together. Members from our youth group and after school program served as enthusiastic greeters, servers, and table bussers, and a great time was had by all.



Our church school year is winding down; we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and music lesson recently, and our last get-together will be April 26. We'll enjoy a pizza party and games; we're also practicing a few songs for Holy Humor Sunday. We have such a positive, enthusiastic group of young children and they make our time together



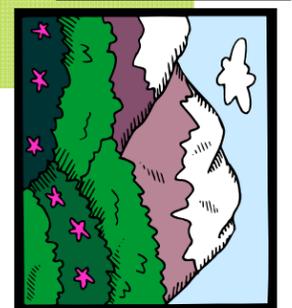
a fun, uplifting experience for everyone!

We look forward to a joyous Easter season and the spring weather that is sure to accompany it sooner or later. Peace!

Amy Bell



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	2 Sublette Center 10:30 am	3	4 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm	5	6 Memorial Service Maria-Theresa Primanis	7 Clean-up Day At the Nursery Property 9:00 am
8 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am Holy Humor Sunday!	9 Sublette Center 10:30 am	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am HS and Rite 13 Graduation Recognition Sunday	16 Sublette Center 10:30 am	17	18 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm	19	20	21 Community Clean-up Day Rendezvous Pointe 8:00 am
22 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	23 Sublette Center 10:30 am Vestry Mtg.—7:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Sublette Center 10:30 am	31				

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Outreach, Jo Crandall

Outreach has taken many forms in our congregation in the past several years. The mission to Tanzania has been led by Tom Davenport for the last 3 years as our congregation has raised money and Tom has applied for grants in our name to help our friends in Tanzania. We have just received notice that our third year's application has been funded by the Foundation.

This spring the ECW gave money to six projects, local and international. Betty Golden has told us of the mosquito net competition with the Episcopal Relief Foundation. And of course our youth have raised money for mosquito nets and for Tanzania.

The Out Reach Committee feels this is a good time for everyone to help review where we are and what direction our congregation would like to take our outreach ministries in the future.

The options are wide open. We can certainly continue with our outreach to Tanzania, we can expand what we are doing and include projects in our own community, we can start with other projects all together. Some of the suggestions that have surface are helping with Habitat for Humanity or sponsor a speaker for the community, someone such as Greg Mortenson who wrote about his work building schools in Afghanistan in Three Cups of Tea. There are so many ways we can reach out beyond our own church...we are asking you to bring the Out Reach Committee our ideas so we can plan for our future efforts. Please let, Pastor Jami or any member of the Out Reach Committee know what projects YOU would like to work on.

Senior Warden's Report, Dave Lankford

As I reported in the last news letter the nursery has not rented and the **prospects** do not look good. The property is a mess and as property owners we should probably get it cleaned up. At the last vestry meeting, talking with Casey Saxton, Junior Warden, the 7th of May, Saturday would be a good day to start. We are planning on starting around 9:00 a.m. with a lunch provided. If you can help bring a rake, shovel, or wheel barrow along with a pair of gloves.



At this time I would like to thank very much Sam McClure who resigned as Treasurer of our Church. His help and support made my job easier and his contributions of time and talent greatly assisted our congregation. I wish him and his family the best in Cody and hope to see him back soon. With Sam's vacancy, the vestry elected Mindi Seehafer to be our new Treasure. She accepted, and will become part of our team. Thank-you very much

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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

MUSIC NOTES

It is hard for me to write this in the midst of Holy Week, knowing that we will have walked the rest of this week through Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday before you will read it. I can't quite project myself that far into the future right now. Some of that may have to do with the fact that I am struggling to project myself into the current days and nights of this week, having just returned from China where our days and nights were opposite of what they are here!

Fred and I had a wonderful trip and feel it was a privilege to see the people and landscape in a part of the world so remote from our own experience. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.

Of course, in my absence, there were wonderful, generous, and talented folks who stepped up to take care of my responsibilities at St. Andrew's.

Marilyn Huffman played for services at church and the Sublette Center, Hattie McKay also played for a service at church, Barb Wise fearlessly led the choir thru practices and offerings of music at services, and the choir lent their time and voices to lead the singing. My thanks go to all of them, and I hope that you also will let them know that their efforts were appreciated.

I love the way our liturgy carries us through the year, and helps us balance different aspects of our faith. And one of the best benefits is the fact that we get more than one Sunday to celebrate Easter - in fact, there are 7 (!) Sundays in Easter. About the time you are reading this, we will be celebrating The Second Sunday of Easter (May 1), which is always Thomas Sunday. This is one of "my most favoritest" (to borrow from an expression from my granddaughter) stories in all the Gospels. I LOVE the fact that Jesus does not criticize Thomas for doubting, but meets him where he is at, and gives him what he needs to believe. I am always amazed when this happens for me, not just once, but all the times that my faith wobbles, sooner or later, God meets me where I am and without condemnation offers me what I need to believe.

I wish you all a blessed Easter - ALL 7 Sundays of it!!

Coralee

