



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November 2011



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wired Word

Nov. 6th at 10:15 am at St. Andrew's

Big Piney Confirmation Class

Nov. 6th at 4:45 at St. John's

Inquirer's Class

Nov. 7th & 28th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Big Piney Confirmation

Nov. 15th at 6:00 pm - St. John's

Pinedale Youth Group (J2A & Rite 13)

Nov. 9th & 30th at 6:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Pinedale Confirmation Class

Nov. 2nd & 16th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Consecration Sunday

Nov. 20th at 11:00 am - St. Andrew's

Vestry Mtg.

Nov. 21st at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 24th at the Community Church

ONGOING:

Sunday Church Service Times:

St. John's - 6:00 pm

St. Andrew's - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Nov. 20th—ONE SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S—11:00 am

Choir

Sundays at 10:00 am - St. Andrew's

Sunday School

4 year olds to 4th grade

Sundays at 10:45 am - St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service

Mondays at 10:30 am - Sublette Center

Big Piney Tuesday School

Tuesdays at 3:30 pm - St. John's

Men's Breakfast Group

Fridays at 7:00 am - Stockmen's Rest.

A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen Jami Anderson



Pastor's Pen

"For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." I Cor. 3:9

Each and every Sunday morning I notice all of the willing and skilled people that make our time of worship, learning and fellowship possible. There is so much to notice – from the outside landscaping, to the lights and heat on, to the smell of coffee and food, to the activity of the choir practicing, the sounds of adults and children gathering in the basement, to the welcome from the ushers, to the beauty of the altar area. Then acolytes are looking for a cassock that fits and people are asking questions about upcoming activities, scripture and prayers are read, and announcements are shared about the work and activities we are doing during the week days. All of this happens because many people freely give for the good of all of us.

This month we will focus on honoring – *"Generous Spirits" – A Celebration of Ministries*. During the next four Sundays we will take time to commission and name people that are elected or licensed or volunteer to undertake a ministry within this congregation. In our Book of Occasional Services there are several commissioning prayers that we will use. I'd like everyone to know that any of the ministries being commissioned are open to all and I invite others to let me know if they are interested in participating in a new ministry. In some instances a training is required, in others a license from the diocesan office, in some the gathering of your name is the only step. Most of these ministries take place on Sundays, but not all.

I also recognize that there are numerous unnamed acts of ministry occurring all of the time. I know that many people come by to help with care of the yard and building. Unknown people show up and shovel snow during the winter. Others make phone calls to check in on people or go visiting. Others pray regularly. Still others offer financial support for outreach and caring activities. Others evangelize and invite people into deeper spiritual growth. For all we give and do, I give thanks.

I read recently that **"intentional generosity is a foundational spiritual discipline."** I agree with that statement, and I continue to appreciate and be encouraged by the abundance we have in our midst. We are God's servants, working together.
Thanks be to God.

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Daylight Savings Time

It is time to **FALL BACK** with our clocks on Nov. 6th! This is the Sunday that we will observe All Saints Day and celebrate with the baptisms of James Steinbrenner and Jazlin Kinney during the 11:00 service. We will also read the names of saints near and dear to each of us. So, **REMEMBER** to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24th

Community Church



More information to follow at later date. This is a wonderful community thanksgiving day dinner tradition. Come share the day and dinner with family and friends!

November 2nd 5:15- Anyone currently teaching or volunteering for Sunday School please meet in the church basement for a brief organizational chat. We'll be discussing the upcoming Christmas Pageant and fall projects. Any questions, please email Cheryl at cherylessington@wyoming.com.

MUSIC NOTES

You may have noticed that we are using some music with Spanish texts from time to time. We will be continuing to do this occasionally - not only Spanish, but other languages as well. Mostly it will be choir, but once in awhile we will share a simple song and text with all of you via the leaflet. On those times that the choir is singing in a foreign language, we will always try to share a translation and the origin with you. A year ago at convention, we had a guest teacher who was an assistant professor of religious music at Harvard. He was an amazing musician and teacher, and really made us think about the theology of our singing in church. One of his points was that sharing in the music and texts of songs sung by our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world was an act of solidarity with them - especially in countries where they are persecuted. I hope that our exploration of this area will be enriching for you.



I want to remind you that beginning in November we will be preparing music for Advent and Christmas, and anyone who would like to join us on a limited basis, just for this season is very welcome. We rehearse on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Coralee Petersen

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ECW Financial Update

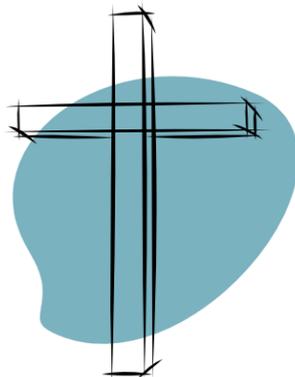
The church women held a meeting following the 11:00 A.M. October 9th, 2011 services to discuss the distribution of funds earned at the 2011 Rendezvous Pie Sale. The pie sale brought in \$2040.60 with fruit expenses needing to be paid to Cora Lee Petersen. Tom Davenport presented information on the Karimu Projects in Tanzania. The Karimu projects are empowerment projects enabling women to earn income. The Karimu Wilbur Project offers village women an opportunity to raise piglets for income. Women's adult education classes offer English lessons which now have expanded to Secondary School. A brochure was received from Our Little Roses Ministries of Honduras asking for sponsorship of a student in the amount of \$750.00. Cora Lee Peterson mentioned the Smile Train as a worthy cause. Marilyn Huffman made a motion to allocate the funds with \$500.00 to the Karimu Wilbur project, \$500.00 toward Karimu sponsored English classes, \$750.00 given to Little Roses Ministries, and \$250.00 for the Smile Train. Sukey Hohl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recorded by Treasurer Sheryl Boroff

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 20th, is our congregation's Consecration Sunday. Please plan to attend Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that same day (meal provided, not a potluck).

This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.



COMING SOON!!!! CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 18th during the 11:00 service.

Practices will be held during church school on the two Sundays previous to the program, December 4th and December 11th. We will plan to have a dress rehearsal upstairs on Saturday, December 17th.



We are excited to once again have the children perform the beloved story of Christ's birth and hope that all the children will be able to participate. More information to follow soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the church school teachers.

Sukey Hohl and Marilyn Huffman

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

News from St. John's:

St. John's has been abuzz with activity these past several weeks. The after school church program has started with a bang, and we are so pleased to have a large group of children attend each week. Thanks to Carrie, Amber, Jami, Gudrid, (and of course Rev. Jami) and everyone else who's helped in this worthwhile endeavor!

We are so fortunate that we have such a large, energetic group attending confirmation classes each week. Rev. Jami has given us a great deal to ponder and our lessons have been meaningful and engaging. We're enjoying the fellowship as well as the learning; we do so enjoy one another's company! We look forward to Confirming/Reaffirming nearly 20 members of our congregation, which is remarkable for our small parish. We're also fortunate that a few brave souls volunteered to paint the parish hall recently. It looks marvelous and was well worth the effort. Thanks to our Senior Warden, Dick Tanner, for planning this event; we'd been discussing it far too long and it was great to finally get it done!

We are thankful for our blessings all of the time, but we take a special opportunity this month to really celebrate our blessings. This is a great time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves and to recommit to those people and things that are meaningful in our lives. We try to be good models for others and a positive influence in our neighbors' lives. We are thankful for our friends at St. Andrew's and hope that you all have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving.

~Amy~

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September Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

St. Andrew's in the Pines
Vestry Meeting
September 19, 2011
7:00 pm



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

Dave Lankford started the meeting with a Credo prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: Tim Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2011, Angie Thomas seconded the motion, and all were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy reviewed the financial reports. Jon Gibson moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Jo Crandall seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Jon Gibson shared his formation.

Senior Warden: Dave received a phone call from Mindy regarding the backed up septic at the rental property. It was pumped on Labor Day, it backed up again. Josh Harbor was called to work on it, he found an obstruction on the inlet of the tank. The obstruction was removed and everything is working properly. The repair cost will be approximately \$1,000.00. Tim Crawford moved to pay this bill from the Building Fund Savings account, Norm Pape seconded the motion, and all were in favor, the motion carried.

Junior Warden: None.

Rector's Report: David Hohl donated the lumber, time and constructed the storage area at the Rectory.

Tim Crawford assisted with hanging the gutter on the Rectory.

Jami shared an October 2011 calendar of events with the vision calendar from the January Vestry retreat; it matched up fairly well.

Jami asked to follow up on newcomers to Church, reach out to them if you see them in town.

Old Business: Tara is scheduling photo shoots of members that were missed. The 7 at 6 dinners will start after the holidays. The Sacred Rim hike will not be scheduled; we are running out of good weather.

New Business: Jami shared a letter received from Bishop Smylie stating St. Andrews has received \$18,000 from the 2012 Sargent Grant. Dave will make contact with Van Huffman to start the remodel project at the Rectory. The estimated cost of remodel is 36,000. The proceeds of the August garage sale \$1,546 will go towards the remodel, but we still have to raise funds to cover the remaining cost. Dave will come up with a fundraiser square board, we will need to sell about 370 squares at \$25 each, and he will put notification in the newsletter.

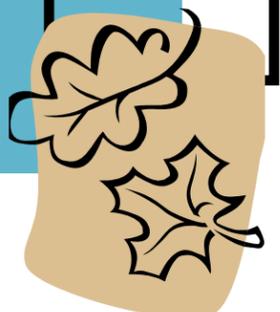
Jami reviewed Consecration Sunday planning and the Stewardship Campaign.

A letter from Mary Lankford was shared thanking the Vestry for the tradition of two Sunday services.

Newsletter articles are due on 9/21/11, Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Saints Baptisms 10:00—Choir 6 10:15—Wired Word 10:45 Sunday School 4:45 BP Confirmation	Sublette Center 10:30 am Lectionary Study 5:45 pm 7 Inquirer's Class 7:00 pm	3:30 pm BP Tues. School 8	Confirmation Class 2 7:00 to 8:00 pm	3	4	Don't Forget to 5 FALL BACK!!
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