



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rector's Remarks Wes Shields



The Book of Common Prayer, which is found in your pews on Sunday Morning, is the worship book for the Episcopal Church. It is where we get our church services as well as much of our theology. It is said that if you want to know what the Episcopal Church believes, then you should read the Prayer Book. One such section that outlines our beliefs is called the Catechism. It begins on page 844 and goes through page 862. It is very brief, but it contains a great deal of wisdom and information. Many of you are new to the Episcopal Church, and many of you have been here a long time and never read the Catechism. I would encourage all of you to take the time to look it over, and ask questions about its contents.

That said I want to focus on one Question and Answer form the Catechism. On page 856, the question
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Dates to Remember:

Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 8th, 5:15 pm
St. Andrew's

Vestry Meeting
Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Wednesday School
Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
3:00 to 5:00 pm
St. Andrews

Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade)
Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
7:00 to 8:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Adult Christian Ed.
Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
5:45 to 6:45 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

Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford



Hello St. Andrews. This is my first of what I think will be a few reports from my new position as your Senior Warden. I asked what would be appropriate to write about, and was told that it should be in my own words and I don't have to speak about God

stuff. So I want to talk about Senior Warden stuff. As a member of the Vestry, we are supposed to be concerned about running the church and establishing an environment that allows all of the members of the congregation to satisfy their individual needs. What I am asking in my short tenure is to hear what counts to you. We are approaching the end of our year, three month to go, some of the plans that we have had, have been completed, and new things are in the works. One of the necessary requirements that has to be discussed is the finishing of the existing budget. I would ask everyone to look at their pledges for the year and look at catching up if you're behind.

Katie McClure and I have been asked by Wes to start looking at a stewardship program for the ensuing year and are meeting shortly to get this process started. Any ideas or thoughts on the matter would be greatly appreciated.

That pretty much takes care of the Senior Warden duties, but it's only been a month.
Dave

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asks, "What is the duty of all Christians?" The answer that is given states, "The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship, and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God." That's fairly straight forward, but I want to expand on it just a little.

The catechism says that the first duty of all Christians is to follow Christ. This is our primary goal. Everything else that is listed only illustrates how to go about this, but following Christ is our duty. This sounds simple enough, but putting this into practice is the toughest thing in the world. The Catechism says that we should come together week by week for corporate worship, that is we should come to church and be a part of the worshiping community. The reason for this is that Christianity is meant to be done in community. We are here to challenge and support one another. Without that community human nature will usually allow us to form our theology to suit the life we want to live. The Church community calls us back. It makes us examine our lives from a different perspective. The Catechism then goes on to say that we are to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. Working for the spread of the kingdom means that we are to give of our time and energy towards spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. That may mean talking with someone about God or inviting them to church. It may mean volunteering at church or the Food Basket. It also means spreading the love of Christ in our workplace and our everyday lives. Prayer is next on the list. There is nothing more central to our spiritual lives and more crucial to our spiritual well being than pray. Prayer is talking and listening to God. It is being in the presence of God and allowing God's spirit to change and transform us. Without prayer we cannot hope to have a deep and meaningful relationship with God. The last thing that it says is that we have to give for the spread of the kingdom. This means that we have to give our money for God's kingdom. Historically this meant giving at least a tithe which is ten percent of our gross income. As you all know, in this world it takes money to get some things done and the church is no different.

That's a brief explanation of what the prayer book says about our Christian duty, but the real question is what do you think is your Christian Duty? What do you owe God in return for everything that you have been given and are you doing your duty in the sight of the Lord? These are tough questions. I struggle with them everyday, but I hope I am making improvement. I honestly believe that is all we can hope to do; wake up each and everyday getting a little bit better at following Jesus.

Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING - WORSHIP AND WONDERFUL FOOD

The Community Church is heading up the Thanksgiving doings this year -- both the worship service and the free, open to the public Thanksgiving dinner. Our liaison from our church for the dinner effort is Lynn Grassell. More details will be forthcoming at church and in the November newsletter.

Meanwhile, if you would like to be involved at the planning or funding levels, or just have ideas to share, call Rev. Carol White at the Community Church, 367-2528 or Lynn Grassell at 367-8000.



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MUSIC NOTES, CORALEE PETERSEN

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As we move back to our fall schedules of services at 9:00 and 11:00, Choir will begin to meet at 10:00 AM on Sundays. If you like to sing, please consider joining us - for a season or for the year. In a liturgical church, the primary function of the choir is to lead the congregation in the music of the service. Every week, we practice the hymns and service music that will be used that day, so it is a great way to become more familiar with the music of the church. As time allows, we also prepare special music to sing as a call to worship, or an offertory, or at communion. But our first priority is to practice the congregational music for the day.



You will also notice that some of our young people (and maybe some adults!) will be sharing in playing for services and learning to help lead our worship from the keyboard. This is a huge undertaking for young musicians; they feel scared, exposed, inadequate and lots of other uncomfortable emotions. That they are willing to experience those feelings and make the effort to acquire the needed skills says a great deal about their character and dedication to their church. Please encourage them!

As always, your comments, suggestions, favorite hymns, etc. are welcome. Please let us know what you would like to hear and sing.

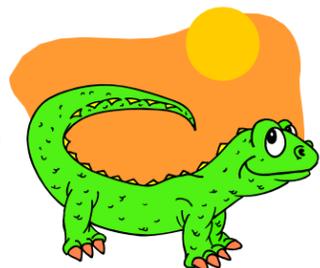
Coralee Petersen



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

It is time once again to give thanks for and ask God's blessing on all those critters (non-human ones, that is!) that enrich and sometimes complicate our days, but without whom we cannot imagine living. Every year, sometime near the feast of St Francis (October 4th), Episcopal churches all around the USA, and indeed many churches around the world, celebrate St Francis' love of animals and creation by bringing their animal friends to receive a blessing. The presence of these furry, or feathered or scaly creatures in our lives is one of God's greatest blessings, so we come to give thanks, too.

This year St Andrew's-in-the-Pines' blessing of the animals will be October 8th at 5:15 PM in the church yard. (Following Wednesday School and before Adult Ed.) This is a great opportunity to invite folks to visit St Andrew's - the way to peoples' hearts is often through their pets! So, talk it up, bring your friends and co-workers, and come and bring your pets. And if you don't have any pets, that's okay, come and join us for God's blessing on all his creatures, "great and small."



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September Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008

Present: Wes Shields, Barb Wise, Cheryl Essington, Dave Lankford, Dona Skinner, Katie McClure, Jordan Vana, Jon Boroff

Action items listed in red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Dave moved to accept the minutes, Barb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jon moved to accept the report, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Dave Lankford is taking over Senior Warden position.

Rector's Report: Wes continues to work with Teddy.

Old Business:

1. Potluck Schedule. Donna will set and bring to next Vestry meeting.

New Business:

- 1. International Outreach.** The Vestry is seeking more information.
- 2. Convention Delegates.** The Vestry is still looking for a second delegate.
- 3. Stewardship Campaign.** Dave and Katie will work together to organize the campaign and keep Vestry updated.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Blessing of the Animals 5:15	2 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	3	4
	5 Retirement Center Service 6:10:30 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
19	Retirement Center Service 20 10:30 am ECW Bunco 5:30 pm	21 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	28 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	29	30	31	

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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

 ECW had a fabulous time playing Bunko in September! We laughed and laughed! Even though John Boroff explained that Bunko was like shooting Craps in the church basement, we had a great turn out. If you have a suggestion for another ECW activity, please let us know. Look for an activity again soon!

YOUTH GROUP FUN NIGHT!

Youth Group had a fabulous time at our fun night! We put 10 tarps in the back of the church and flooded the tarps with soapy water. Let the games begin! We played a slippery version of soccer/hockey with dish brushes and shop brushes and laughed the entire time.



It's still a toss up between the guys and girls as to who the actual winner was! It just depends on who you ask!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/29**—Halloween Candlelight Outdoor Service and Scavenger Hunt
- **Dill Pickle Night!**

YOU'VE GOT TO PRAY!

NO, MC Hammer did not visit Pinedale but the Youth group has been talking about Prayer. Everyone has been keeping a prayer journal filled with prayers, thoughts, and meditations that have entered their mind throughout the week. It's helping us to see how God works in our lives and to help remind us that Prayer is a necessary part of our spiritual life.

Youth Group is open to anyone in 6th -12th Grade. We meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm.

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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

This fall in Wednesday School, we have had so much fun learning about the Creation Story and then about Adam and Eve and the ap-

ple that Eve ate.

Ms. Miller even

brought a cake in,

put it in the middle

of the table and

told us we couldn't eat it!

It was just like the apple in the middle of the Garden of Eden.



We painted our faces with suns, moons, and stars, on our faces to help us remember what God made on the 4th Day!



Creation Story Activities

- Light and Darkness match
- Water and Sky Relay-We raced with water!
- Pin the Fruit on the Tree
- Sun, Moon, and Stars toss
- Face Painting

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL