



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dates to Remember:

Church Service Times:

St. John's - 9:00 am

St. Andrew's - 11:00 am

Jami's Installation Service

September 11th at 4:30 pm

St. Andrew's

Potluck to follow

Bishop's Visit

September 12th

St. Andrew's & St. John's

Vestry Meeting

September 13th at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Tanzania Potluck

September 19th after church

St. Andrew's

Christian Education Parents Mtg.

Sept. 19th

2:00 pm Wednesday School Parents

2:45 Youth Group Parents

Retirement Center Service

Mondays at 10:30 am

A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen

Jami Anderson



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"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

"I am about to do a new thing." What wonderful words of hope and promise as we enter into new relationships with all of us who are now attending St. Andrew's and with those who will soon walk in the door and join us at St. Andrew's. Our lives will always be filled with "new things", new possibilities. These words from Isaiah were written to people who had suffered through a long exile from their homeland and from their ways of worship as a community. Now God was promising to bring about a new thing, new ways of worship, and return to a renewed relationship with God. Those words can hold true for us in a somewhat similar vein. I serve now with you as your priest and pastor. I bring gifts different than Wes to the Body gathered here. There are people in our congregation that have moved from Pinedale, new folks have arrived. Elizabeth Miller has resigned as Christian Education Director, Coralee Petersen is regaining her strength, the Search Committee is ready to relax, Cheryl Essington's responsibilities are changing, the ages and number of our children are growing, and so on. The ways of the past do not hold; there is a new thing, new life. And we are all a part of it.

What is exciting in the verse from Isaiah and for us today is that our God is a living and active God, an intimate God that remains in a caring relationship with each one of us, ready to do new things with us in our lives. The Spirit of God that brings about the new did not go dormant after speaking the above words to the Israelites or even after the resurrection of Jesus. This God continues to reveal new possibilities, new ways of worship, new ways of living in relationship, new ways of making our journey together as the Body of Christ. This God surprises us beyond what we would have thought possible. So, with God as our companion, we can try something new, surprising ourselves and possibly others who thought they knew us!



The start of the school year is a traditional time to undertake beginning new things at church. What shall we have happen here this year, what shall we try? Does anyone feel the stirrings of desire to teach, to sing, to offer the chalice at communion, to serve at the altar, to welcome the visitors, to cook meals for the homebound? What other ministries might spring to life? Share your ideas, share your energy, share your talents, share your interests. You'll find that I am someone who says, "Why not?" What shall we try? And the good news is – there is a Holy Spirit traveling with each of us, making a way out of situations that appear to have no way, offering us living waters in dry times, and always, always loving us.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Jami

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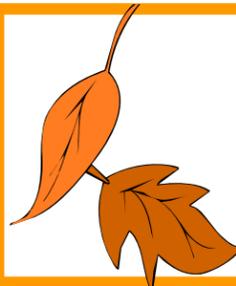
Tanzania, Tom Davenport

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

IT IS A PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT REVEREND SANDRA MCCANN, MD, A MISSIONARY WITH HER HUSBAND, MARTIN MCCANN, MD, IN DODOMA, TANZANIA, SINCE 2004 WILL VISIT US ON OCTOBER 17, 2010, AND PREACH AT BOTH ST ANDREW'S AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST THAT DAY. SHE WILL SHARE WITH US HER PRESPECTIVE ON LIFE IN THAT AFRICAN COUNTRY, THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE, THEIR LOVE OF GOD AND THE VALUE OF THE SUPPORT OUR CHURCHES AND THE FOUNDATION OF THE ESPICOPAL DIOCESE OF WYOMING HAVE PROVIDED THEM.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS HEARING THIS REMARKABLE AND INSPIRING WOMAN



REMINDER

There will be an after church 'Pot Luck' on Sunday, September 19th to provide an opportunity for St Andrew's members to hear about the trip that Leanne, Patti and Phil made to Tanzania. Slides, good food, great conversation, etc. so everyone should MARK THEIR CALENDAR!

Hallow Tom,

A long time has passed since we communicated each other. How are you and how is everyone I know there? Excuse me that I misplaced your E-mail number fortunately when I wrote to Leanne I saw it when she wrote to me a copy to you. How is Cora? I still remember the place and the picture of your house is in my head. I would also say again thank you for everything you did for me you yourself and all beloved Christians at St. Andrews and St. John the Baptist.

I was very pleased to be with Phil, Pat and Leanne for few days here at Dodoma and at Msalato also.

Thank you for the letter you wrote to telling about Cora. How is my friend Will? Has he already married? Tell him that

I still remember him especially the day I went with him to see those people who were skiing.

It was a wonderful day for me.

My wife Dorica and my family are quite well they are greeting you and all the congregation. We still need at least one photo I took with at your home. Dorica says thank you for the two tea cups you gave us when we use them we remember your kindness to us.

I have started my last year and I am going to do my research on African Christian Spirituality.

Pray for me because it is a hard work.

Give my greetings to all Christians at St Andrew's and those at St John the Baptist. I still appreciate their donation for College fees. May God bless all of you.

Your beloved brother in Christ,
Rev. Stephen Mnubi.

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August Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Present: Cheryl Essington, Jami Anderson, Mindy Seehafer, Dick and Linda Tanner, Jo Crandall, Cody Saxton, Dave Lankford, Jordan Vana, ML Baxley

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Formation will begin next month, with Jami sharing in September.

Minutes of the last meeting: Jordan moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: ML moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: The Clergy Discretionary account is still in Wes' name, Jordan moved to remove Wes from the checks, and remove Dave as the primary signer and to ADD Jami as the primary signer. ML seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Rectory/Capital Campaign:** We are currently \$9,000.00 short and will continue to keep congregation updated through the end of the year.
 - Trees:** The trees have been sprayed, and Cody will contact Kay Malkowski about the trees at the rectory.
 - Phone Tree:** Jordan suggested we pursue an online service for a nominal fee, which might be a better suit than our current system.
- Signage:** Jordan will arrange for sign to read 11:00 service time.

New Business:

- Ranch Mass:** Coralee offered to host this year's ranch mass on August 22nd. Jordan moved to accept her offer, Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Health Insurance:** Jami would like to keep on John's insurance; Jordan moved to allow this change, ML seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Bishop's Visit:** Coralee will be providing music at Don Likwartz's memorial during the Bishop's visit, but will arrange for someone to play. There will be an installation service at 4:30 followed by a potluck, open to both churches and the larger community.
 - Secretary position:** We will continue to advertise in both bulletins and the newsletter.
 - Rectory landline:** Jami would like a landline at the rectory, ML moved to install including Internet, Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Clean up help:** Jami will speak with Jon to coordinate a clean up on the 29th.

Open Discussion:

- Dave will call Sam to get pledge letters out.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Essington- Secretary



Christian Education

On September 19th there will be two meetings held to talk about youth education at St. Andrew's this school year. Parents of children ages 2-5th grade will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. At 2:45 p.m., parents of youth 6th-12th grade will meet. Interested adults, those who may wish to teach or help in some way are invited to attend either or both meetings. The purpose will be to assess interest in continuing or revising the Christian Education classes offered here. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen



It is September (!) and along with everybody else, choir will be moving into our fall schedule. We actually have got an early start because of preparing music for the bishop's visitation. We will meet at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings, and would love to have anyone who likes to sing join us. I learned a lesson years ago from a choir director at a church in Wisconsin. It has been my guiding light as a choir director, and it is that the primary job of a choir in a liturgical church is to lead and help the congregation participate in the music of the service. So the first thing we do at every rehearsal is go over the hymns and service music to be used at that day's service. Singing with us is a great way to become more familiar with the rich variety of music available to us in the church. We prepare anthems as time allows and sing sometimes as a call to worship, or a sequence before the gospel, or at offertory or at communion - depending on the music and how it best fits and contributes to our worship.

Thanks to all the folks who came out to sing with the choir at the Ranch Mass: Marilyn Huffman, Gail Randall, Betty Golden, Jeanne Raney, Phyllis Corbisier, Lora Grinestaff, George Port, and Fred Petersen.

Please express your thanks to Sue Holz who will be playing for Jami's installation service on September 11th. Fred and I will be in Casper that day to play for a memorial service for Don Likwartz. That has been a very difficult choice for me, and I thank Jami for her gracious understanding, and Sue for being willing to play.

Thanks!!!

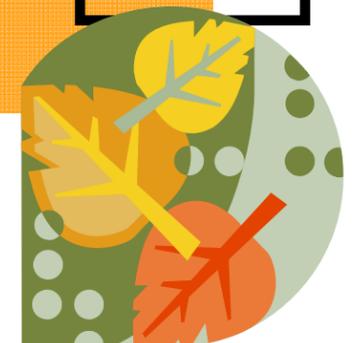
What a special day it was for us to be able to host the Ranch Mass! There are special thanks due to so many folks who helped: to Matt and Ryan McKee who showed up at 7:30 AM to help haul and set up tables and chairs; to Elizabeth Miller who took over the kitchen and told everyone where to put their food; to the choir who showed up on Thursday evening and early Sunday to practice; to Sarah Hixon and Cally McKee who stuck around to the very end and helped load and haul and unload tables and chairs (before it rained!); and to all who so willingly pitched in to help move chairs, carry keyboard, etc. And most of all, thanks to Pastor Jami for gracing us with the message to cherish each other and our community. This is truly a wonderful heritage that we have at St Andrew's, and we were privileged to have a part in making it happen this year.

Coralee and Fred Petersen



SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	7	8	9	10	Jami's Installation Service 11 4:30 pm Potluck to follow
Bishop's Visit	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18
Tanzania Potluck After church Leanne, Patli, and Phil Christian Ed Parents Mtg. 2:00 and 2:45	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	21	22	23	24	25
26	Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	28	29	30		



A Voice in the Wilderness

St. John's Big Piney, Jeff Bell

My week at the Junior High Adventure/Wyoming Wilderness Camp was an amazing experience. It taught me how to reach my goals and how God could help me with them. For example, when I got to camp I wasn't good with heights, but a day or two later we did the high ropes courses. I failed the first two but on the third one, the Giant's Ladder, my partner and I used teamwork to overcome our fear. We did tons of other fun stuff, too, like hiking at Friend Park which is right next to Laramie Peak. It had beautiful scenery that we got to look at while eating lunch at a big rock that had been split in two. We also rock climbed and had a 5 or 6 mile mountain bike ride and that was also amazing because of the scenery. Usually



Scenery near the Wyoming Wilderness Camp

we would ride to an ice cream shop but that ride was rained out, unfortunately. There was one thing I looked forward to three times a day. Breakfast, lunch and dinner - the food was the best! The cook and her granddaughter made the best camp food I've ever had. Usually you would consider the food at camps gross or frozen in the middle or something like that, but almost all of the food was hand made and delicious. These are only a few of my favorite activities at the Junior High Adventure camp. I had a wonderful time and if you decide to go next year I'm certain you will have a great week.

Jeff Bell
St. John's
August 2010



Jeff Bell (on the right) and his cousin Sam (on the left) at the entrance to the Wyoming Wilderness Camp

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Episcopal Relief and Development, Gail Randall

In June I attended the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) workshop in Casper led by Joyce Corcoran who is the ERD leader in Wyoming.

One of the things she let us know is in Oct. at the Episcopal Convention, ERD will be focusing on mosquito nets for adults and children who are exposed to malaria by way of mosquitoes. They would like us to collect \$12.00 from each member of our church to be sent to ERD for mosquito nets. For example, if we have 100 members, they would like us to contribute \$1200.00 from St. Andrews. This offering will be the first Sunday in Lent and I will talk more about it then. Of course, we can contribute to any and all of ERD's special offerings at any time.

ERD has special offerings for every disaster, all over the world. We should be very proud of the work Episcopalians do in this world. Please let me know if you wish to contribute to any of these offerings. I will see to it that your offering gets to the right place.

Is it Yours???

Someone left a beautiful serving spoon at my house after the ranch mass. It has a handle about 12 inches long and a round bowl; it is made of hammered brass. If it is yours, let me know and I will be sure you get it back.

Coralee Petersen
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Stirrings of the Spirit?

I made mention in the Pastor's Pen article the possibility of new ministries or new commitments of vocation in the church. To get your creative ideas flowing, here is a brainstormed list of possible ministries for St. Andrew's in the Pines. Hospitality (gift bags for visitors?), Education - Youth Group, Adults, Wednesday School, Sunday School, Choir, Meals for Homebound, Lay Eucharistic Visiting, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Outreach, Evangelism,

7@6 dinners, Cleaning, Acolytes, Vestry, Newsletter mailing, anything else? Think, pray, and let someone know of your interest in doing something

"beautiful for God."

Pastor Jami

