

A Voice in the Wilderness



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 2007

The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



This past Maundy Thursday we read the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and since a "few" of you missed that service I wanted to talk about one of the lessons. In John 13 we find the story of the foot washing.

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!"

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

When Jesus asked to wash the disciples' feet he was truly humbling himself. To wash

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Senior Warden's Report Gail Grubb

With the Easter season over we have time to look back and see how we did? After years of giving up things for Lent I have tried to take on something rather than give up. I am not a great sufferer. This year I decided to find something every day to find wonder in. Whether it was a sun rise or sun set, a child's face, an act of kindness, anything that made me aware of God's presence here on earth. Here in Pinedale it isn't hard to find a breath taking performance by the sun or clouds, so I decided I had to find something besides that to appreciate and love. I found the arrival of the first Robin and the song of the Meadowlark. Then I started appreciating the driver who moved over to the farthest lane so I could turn into the flow of traffic,

and the car that was parked so someone else could fit in behind it in front of the post office, a short line at the pharmacy. I am not sure that many of these are signs of our Lords presence in our lives but they were things that made me grateful. I am also grateful for the presence of all of you at church on Sunday morning, and the coffee hour and the sermons that Wes gives us. I know that I walk away with something to think about every Sunday. I have tried to continue to find something to be glad for every day since Lent and Easter. We do have a gift from God and it is our life here on earth and I believe we are suppose to enjoy ourselves. Have fun, do something for others and thank God for each and every day and every blessing. It is a good day when you put your feet on the floor in the morning and everyone you love is still alive too. What happens beyond that is a fleeting moment and will be forgotten by the end of the day. So I ask you too watch for the signs that God is in your lives, find something to be grateful for each day, do something nice for a stranger, or someone you love, pray endlessly and remember to thank God for every blessing in your lives.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Grubb

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Rector's Remarks (cont.)

another person's feet was the job of the lowliest slaves in a household. That's why Peter says, "You shall never wash my feet!" But Jesus responds, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." In other words Jesus tells him that if he will not allow himself to be served by Christ and others then he can have no part in the Kingdom of God.

This is a tough command for many of us. Our society promotes independence. We treat it as a virtue, as though not needing anyone else somehow makes us stronger or better, but that is not the gospel teaching. We are called to serve **and** to be served by others. If we cannot humble ourselves enough to admit our own weaknesses, our own shortcomings, then we cannot possibly begin to understand those weaknesses in others. There is certain arrogance in most of us, myself included, that encourages us to do things for others that we would never ask them to do for us. Whether that's for a homeless person, our neighbor, or that family member who just can't seem to get it together. Most of us would much rather serve than be served, but that's not the way the world is suppose to work. None of us has everything gift that we need to be everything God has called us to be, and we're not suppose to, but collectively we have all the gifts we need to do our work. Then only question is whether or not we will humble ourselves enough to accept those gifts. Are we willing to put our trust in another? Are we willing to learn from each other?

We can't possibly know what it means to give if we have never received. We cannot know how to care for another in their time of need, if we have never been cared for. Open yourselves up to another and learn the lessons that God is patiently waiting to teach you.



PETERSEN PIANO STUDIO RECITAL

Petersen Piano Studios is having
their spring recital at
3:00 pm, Sunday, May 13th, 2007.
Rendezvous Pointe
Please join us!!

WANTED - A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Needed to lead the youth groups next year!

This is a very rewarding position in which you may learn about yourself and your spiritual journey while leading young people on their own spiritual journeys. If you are interested in joining the youth leadership team next year give Wes a call!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	2 Youth Group Church 7-8:30	3	4	5
6 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	7 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	8 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	9 Youth Group Church 7-8:30	10	11	12
13 Petersen Studio Spring Recital 3:00 pm Rendezvous Pointe	14 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	16 Youth Group Church 7-8:30	17	18	19
20	21 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	22 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm ROR ECGW Mtg. Church 6:00 pm	23 Youth Group Church 7-8:30	24	25	26
27	28 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	29 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	30	31		

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ECW, Laura Shields

ECW Updates & Opportunities

Thank you everyone who participated in the April 17th ECW Business Meeting. We discussed items such as a mission statement, the pie sale, future fundraising opportunities & our summer events.

Mission Statement

The below is our proposed ECW Mission Statement. Please respond to Cheryl Essington @ cherylessington@wyoming.com or Jocelyn Moore @ kelddale@wyoming.com with any comments by May 15th!

**St. Andrews ECW is committed to
growing in our Christian faith through service and
community outreach, spiritual enrichment and fellowship.**

SAVE THE DATES!

June 9, 2007

Chair lift ride, hike & campfire cookout

July 12-14

ECW Rendezvous Pie Sale

Thursday evening---prepare crusts

Friday---bake pies

Saturday---sell pies

ECW "Reach Out And Read" Service Project
(www.reachoutandread.org)

Thank you to all who joined us to wrap & distribute the book drive collection boxes!

One donation box has been placed in the narthex for your book donation. We are looking for new or gently used books, appropriate for ages 6 months to 5 years old. These books will then be given out during a child's pediatric exam because "doctors and nurses know that growing up healthy means growing up with books!" Please bring your books by May 22nd!

Please join us at 6pm on May 22nd to inventory, organize & distribute these books!

Cheryl Essington is in communication with the Rural Healthcare District about the possibility of donating the books to both the Marbleton & Big Piney Medical Clinics for distribution. We will keep you posted on the progress of this!

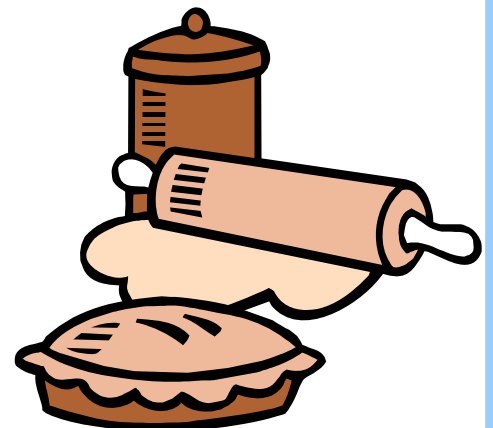
Service Opportunity

2007 will be Coralee's last year serving as the Rendezvous Pie Sale Chair. If you are interested in chairing this fundraiser in the future, please let Laura Shields know. If no one volunteers, this will be the last year for the ECW Pie Sale!

This is a big job and we are EXTREMELY appreciative of Coralee's efforts and commitment in years past!

Tent?

Speaking of the pie sale, we are wondering if someone has a tent we could use Rendezvous weekend to sell pies on the sidewalk. A tent would help the pie sale to be more visible and accessible to passer-by's! Let Laura Shields know if you have a tent we could borrow!



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Youth Group, Katie McClure



CLASS OF 2007 - St. Andrews Youth Group would like to congratulate Kevin Carrier on his upcoming graduation from Pinedale High School! We wish him God's blessings in his life and pray for guidance for him in his decisions. We also want to keep his parents in our thoughts and prayers as their nest becomes a little more empty. Take care Gloria and Collin!



In May we will meet on the 2, 9, 16 and 23.

We will wrap up our Dare-2-Share videos, and discussion about them. We also will be cleaning up at a church members house. Pat Jackson recommends us! LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE THAT LUCKY PERSON. Call Katie at 537-5055. To close up the year will be having a end of the year Bar-B-Q and picnic! Anyone interested in joining us please come on in, we would love to have any new faces, adult or youth!

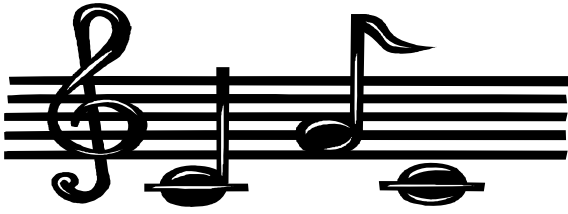
LAST MONTH OF YOUTH GROUP - It's always exciting to be moving into summer, but I have enjoyed youth group and I hope you have also. We have a great core group of youth that have shown dedication through their attendance and I have learned a lot from them. I hope we can continue to grow in our spiritual journeys next year! April's meetings gave us a chance to continue to look at the message of Easter. We also had fun nights, and cleaned up a part of the highway that the church is responsible for. Enjoy the trash free zone, which is Northwest of town on the highway between Industrial Site Road and Cora. A BIG THANKS to Matt, Ryan and Gage for hiding the Easter eggs on Easter for the younger kids

A HUGE THANK YOU to the youth leaders this year! These people have shown their commitment to St. Andrews and the youth by spending almost every Wednesday night with the young adults of our church. Their insights and contributions to the meetings are what make the youth program a success. If you see one of them at church or on the street please let them know how much we as a church appreciate their dedication. Sue Holz and Jordan Vana - Senior High Group leaders. Michelle Costello - Middle School Group leader. Wes is a driving force for the youth program and supports it every Wednesday with his advice and leadership, THANKS to him also!



Thanks

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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

I want to thank all the folk who have helped out with music recently: to Sue Holz for playing for a service, to Talyn Hutta, Conor Sullivan, and Maeve Poulson for helping with prelude/postlude music, and to the Wednesday School kids for singing at Easter and the recent baptisms. It was a special pleasure to have Fred Petersen and Holly Bambolo play cello duets at one of our services; they played excerpts from Sonata for Two Cellos in C major by Luigi Boccherini - music from the 18th century. The choir has been very faithful to provide special music during Lent and Easter; Roz Leslie, Marilyn Huffman, Lois Decker, Gail Randall, Betty Golden, Barb Wise and Fred Petersen. Conscriptio is alive and well when your wife is the choir director or your piano teacher is the church musician, but we welcome offers from any of you or perhaps your guests to participate. New additions to the choir are a special cause for celebration - come sing with us! And please let these people know how much you appreciate their willingness to share their musical gifts with us.

The choir is undertaking a new responsibility: Wes has asked that we work together on choosing music for the services. At least once a month we will spend choir rehearsal time to do this.

And I have a new request for all of you: pray for us – your church musicians, that our work may be done with wisdom and discernment and joyful hearts.



Maundy Thursday Vigil

By Jordan Vana

“Jesus said to his disciples to watch while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. When he returned to find them asleep, he asked them, ‘Could you not keep awake one hour?’”

The English politician Joseph Addison wrote that “the grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.” I found these things—and the happiness they inspire—during St. Andrew’s Maundy Thursday Vigil.

Easter Vigil typically begins the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection. It offers participants something to do (keeping watch over the Cross and all it symbolizes), something to love (Christ and his sacrifice for us) and something to hope for (the Resurrection and forgiveness of sin). Together, these things filled me with an indescribable happiness sitting alone in the nursery in the wee hours of the morning. Addison was right.

Maundy Thursday Vigil brought me peace, purpose and prayer. Special thanks to Sukey Hohl for arranging it and to Cheryl Essington, Jocelyn Moore, Sukey Hohl, Jeff Reising, Mike Beard, Coralee Petersen, Jordan Vana, and Wes Shields for making it a success.

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Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2007

April Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Present: Wes, Gail Grubb, Donna Skinner, Dave Lankford, Jordan Vana, Cheryl Essington, Roz Leslie, Jon Boroff, Shane Costello

Action items are listed in red.

Minutes of the last meeting: Jordan moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Roz seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report is preliminary at this time, showing us behind for the month, but ahead of budget for the year. Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Barb Pape agreed to conduct the audit.

Rector's Report: Big Piney is doing well. Wes will be gone next month for the Vestry meeting and Gail has agreed to chair the meeting. The Vestry discussed Lent and Easter activities. **Jordan will write an article on such for the newsletter.**

Master List: Jon has scheduled the clean up day for June 10th. Rocky Mountain Home Center will come to repair the lifting carpet upstairs. **Jon will prepare a cleaning list for the volunteers.**

Outreach: Dave has been working on establishing a program per month to give to. He is proposing 8 local and 4 international charities and/or groups. **Dave will write a focused plan to present that the next meeting.**

Old Business:

1. **Dance:** Tabled for current meeting.

2. **Website:** Tabled for current meeting.

3. **Watchguard:** The Vestry decided not to pursue the Watchguard system at this time due to budgetary constraints.

4. **Vestry Retreat:** Will be held May 6th at White Pine after the service. Margaret Babcock will be coming to lead the retreat.

5. **Lawn Care:** There was a thank you to Fred Petersen for his work in the newsletter.

6. **Crosswalk:** WYDOT representatives said that they cannot put in a crosswalk across at Juana.

New Business:

1. **Planning for Christian Ed/Groundwork Feedback.** The Groundwork guide was discussed for future use. Wes will make a breakdown of where his time gets spent, so the Vestry can decide how best to approach Christian Education.

2. **Pre-payment on mortgage:** Gail moved to make a prepayment on the mortgage as originally agreed, Shane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Liturgy Planning, Wes Shields

I am excited to inform you that there is a new effort underway to plan and coordinate our worship services. In order for this to be successful we need your help. We will be working on organizing seasonal, ecumenical, or special services such as Thanksgiving, blessing of the animals, Easter ski hill, ranch mass, Advent and Lenten Taize service, etc. We hope to put special effort into planning all our services so that they can be appropriately announced in church, in the newsletter, and to the larger community.

Another emphasis will be to try to include opportunities in our regular worship to tie into activities outside our church that are worthy of our interest and prayers: for example, World day of Prayer, Earth Day, 4th of July, Mother's Day, Father's Day, beginning of school, graduations, diocesan and general conventions, domestic violence month, etc. We also want to be responsive to community/national/world events, including in our worship prayers of rejoicing or grieving as the needs arise.

Please keep us in your prayers, and email or call the church office if you have any suggestions and ideas.



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Dates to Remember:

**Petersen Piano Studio
Spring Recital
May 13th, 3:00 pm
Rendezvous Pointe**

**Reach Out And Read
ECW Mtg.
May 22nd, 6:00 pm
Church**

**Vestry Meeting
May 14th, 7:00 pm
Church**

**Youth Group
May 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd
7-8:30 pm at the Church**

