



# A Voice in the Wilderness

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## The Vicar's Voice



**Wes Shields**

As each of you know, our stewardship campaign is just around the corner

and I want to share my thoughts on the subject. First of all, stewardship is about how we use the multitude of gifts we have been given in service to God. Stewardship covers every aspect of our lives--how we spend our time, our energy, and our money. It is important for us to remember that stewardship is about all of these things, not just one element. God is not asking us to pick and choose which of our blessings we want to

give back. We should be careful not to think, "I give lots of time instead of money", or "I write the church a check so that I don't have to volunteer for things." Good stewardship means offering all we have to God.

The fundamental question in stewardship is about trust. What does it mean to trust God with our entire lives? Stewardship makes no sense without trust. We have to trust that God will

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## Senior Warden's Report



**Fred Petersen**

With the arrival of Father Wes, my workload has decreased substantially. The energy, enthusiasm, and expertise which he brings to us is wonderful. Let us all remain aware of this and continue to appreciate and

support his efforts.

Progress remains on schedule for our conversion from Mission to Parish status. This exciting goal should be completed later this Fall. Additionally, we are continuing efforts on Youth Group projects, upgrading e-mail and phone tree communications, and increasing congregation awareness of Church business by putting minutes of Bishop Committee Meetings in the monthly newsletter. I have had numerous com-

ments and requests regarding these above items, and I continue to attempt to respond to your concerns. Please continue to feel free to express your ideas to me or any member of your Bishop's Committee.

Our good attendance, stewardship, and enthusiasm are wonderful. It pleases me greatly, and makes me proud to be a part of all of this. Submitted by Fred Petersen, Sr. Warden

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**Meghan Carrier**

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## Goodbyes are not forever by Meghan Carrier

One of the hardest tasks I have had to contend with in my life is the issue of saying good-bye. I am not speaking of the “simple” good-byes of “bye, see you later” or “talk to you tomorrow” good-byes, but rather the type that you say knowing full well you may never encounter that person or people again, or at least in this lifetime.

I have often found that God, working within His own schedule, brings people into our lives for various durations, some for extended periods of time and others for very brief moments. No matter the length of the stay, these individuals frequently have the most profound impact upon our lives. Eleanor Roosevelt once said “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.” I believe not only close friends but strangers or acquaintances as well are able to leave footprints upon our hearts that forever change our lives. These experiences that we hold dear in our memories often make it hard to let go of the person who has so deeply affected us and make it difficult to understand why we must part.

One challenging but valuable lesson I learned while studying in Mexico came when it was time for me to say good-bye to many wonderful new friends. I was reminded by a friend that a “good-bye” in this lifetime does not necessarily extend into the next life. One of my Mexican friends when saying his good-bye to my American friends and me stated, “We may not see each other for another year, perhaps ten, or possibly never again. However, the most beautiful thing is that we *will* meet again in heaven one day.” This was a challenging lesson for my mortal mind to accept, yet in many ways it was very comforting. It is interesting to realize that we do not say good-byes until first developing relationships with others, whether formal or informal, which leads to change within us. We long for

these experiences and appreciate their significance, which in retrospect often makes the pain worthwhile. Without such experiences what type of a life would we lead?

The Christian fellowship we share with one another and with our Savior is possibly the most amazing bond we can ever experience. Not only does it span across borders, cultures, genders and races encompassing a multitude of brothers and sisters, but it offers a firm hope; a hope that there is something more, there is something better awaiting us. If not for this hope, then what reason is there to live? How can we calm our aching hearts when we are forced to say good-bye, perhaps in what we may feel is premature, to our friends, family, and even strangers?

I can only imagine the pain and sadness the disciples went through when they were forced to say good-bye to their friend and teacher, Jesus. Little did they know at the time that it was only His earthly form leaving them and He would be forever with them as well as with us. Jesus having died on the cross has already experienced all the trials we will ever have. He cries our tears and aches when we ache, but through it all He gives us the promise of a hope that can never be shattered--a hope that no pain, loss, or good-bye can smother. We are able to live our lives with this hope knowing full well that we are going to face hard times and have to say many difficult good-byes, but in the end we receive Christ’s promise of eternal life with the hope to all meet again one day where pain and sorrow have no place.



### Chile Breakfast Relleno Casserole, Jeanne Raney

2.5 cups shredded cheese (you could use cheddar or one of those Mexican blends)

1 can evaporated milk (can be skim)

6 eggs beaten or 1.5 cups egg substitute

1 7 oz can chopped green chiles

1 can Rotel (chopped tomatoes and green chiles)

About 2 cups crushed corn chips (I just used what was left in the bottom of a bag)

Mix all together, reserving 1/2 cup of the shredded cheese. Pour into a 9X13 greased pan and bake at 375 about 30 minutes or until set. Take out of oven and put 1/2 cup of shredded cheese on top. May also be garnished with fresh cilantro.

I made this the night before and just reheated it in the morning.

### The Vicar's Voice Continued

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provide for our future needs and that our church will use our talents and our money wisely. Being a good steward often involves letting go of control. Trusting that our lives will be richer, more fulfilling when we give ourselves to God.

Whenever we talk about stewardship the question always arises, how much is enough? I know that I have certainly asked myself this question. I have come to believe that by asking this question, I am missing the point of stewardship. There is no set amount of time or money that we can give to appease God. That's not the point. The point is that we generously and willingly give for the spread of the kingdom. For myself, I believe in the Biblical model of tithing ten percent, and yes, I believe that is before taxes. This amount is a good starting place for all of us. However, ten percent may not be a possibility for all of us at this time. What I suggest is that we all make a long term plan. Set some goals.

Whether that goal is ten percent giving, or two percent giving--whether that goal is to sign up for one ministry, or to give five hours a week to the church. Get a plan that encourages you to grow. Don't just fill out your pledge card without thinking about what you really want to do.

I want to give you some real numbers from St. Andrew's for a reference point. Out of roughly 72 active family units, we have 44 pledging units. That means that 61% of our families are pledging. For those 44 pledging units, the average pledge last year was approximately \$1,400 for a total of \$61,734. For arguments sake, let us assume that the average income of a St. Andrew's

family is \$40,000, which may be a low estimate for a two income family. If this were the case, and those families were tithing, then the average pledge at 10% would be \$4,000, or almost triple the current total pledge amount equal to \$176,000! Can you imagine what we would do if all of our families tithed? We could do a whole lot of good for our parish family, in our community and in the world with that kind of money.

I wanted you all to see these numbers in order to understand the power that you have as a community of believers. Also, imagine if everyone in our church decided that they were going to give two hours a week to this church and in ministry. That would mean that this church would be doing over two hundred hours a week of work for the Lord. Maybe this would be teaching a Bible Study class, or teaching a child to read. The point is that we have so much to give back to God. Please make a plan. Don't wait until next week or next month. Make a commitment to God and to your church family. Sincerely, Wes

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## Health Ministry News: Children's Health and Safety



Fran Milde, RN Ph.D

It's that time of the year. The days become cooler and shorter in length. The school year begins. Our attention focuses on the children. In this article three of the health and safety concerns will be addressed: bicycle safety, childhood hypertension, and childhood depression.

### Bicycle Safety

Last year was not a good year for the children of Pinedale. Pine Street was the site of encounters with cars. A few safety tips to help make this year safe include:

- Never cross the street except at a cross walk,
- Walk, not ride the bicycle through an intersection,
- Wear reflective material to make rider more visible to street traffic, and
- Wear bicycle helmet.

Bicycle helmets are a matter of life and death. Did you know that wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of head injury and death by 85 %? Yet, according to the National Safekids Campaign only 41 % of children age 5 to 14 wear a helmet. Equally astounding, 35% of children who wear a helmet do not wear it properly. Thus, 76 % of our children are unprotected or marginally protected.

- Will any helmet work for bicycle riding? No, bicycle helmets are designed to absorb impact that can occur from a crash or fall.
- Are there guides to use when buying a helmet? Yes, look either for a "CPSC" or "Snell" label on the inside of the helmet. A CPSC label means the helmet meets tough Consumer Product Safety Commission standard. A "Snell" label means the helmet is approved by The Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization that tests helmet safety and sets stringent standards. If a helmet was made before 1999 no standards existed.
- How should a helmet be correctly fitted? A helmet should sit level and firmly but comfortably on the head, not be tilted forward or backward.

No hat, such as baseball cap, should be worn under the helmet. I should have strong, wide straps that fasten snugly under the chin. No more than a finger's width should be able to fit beneath the strap when it is fastened. It should be tight enough, with straps fastened, that no sudden pulling or twisting can move the helmet around on the head. I should always be fastened when riding.

- When should a helmet be replaced? First, a helmet should be replaced as the child grows. Second, a helmet should be replaced after a significant fall and the helmet hits any hard surface.

### Children's Hypertension

According to the new guidelines from the federal government high blood pressure in children should be a concern. It is estimated that 3 % of all children and adolescents have high blood pressure.

- How old should a child be before it is recommended that the blood pressure be taken? The recommended age is 3 and continue throughout life.
- What blood pressure is ideal for children and adolescents? Unlike adults there are standards to define normal and hypertension, in children the age, sex, and height must be taken into account. Blood pressure tables have been developed to include these factors. These tables are very similar to growth tables presently used to identify children whose growth is unusually slow or fast.
- Should a special appointment be made to have a child's blood pressure taken? No, but at the next visit ask that it be done. This is especially important if families have a history of hypertension.

### Childhood Depression

Sadness is a universal emotion that we all experience. Feeling sad very often and for prolonged periods of time is more than the usual emotion. Depression is when the feeling persists and interferes with a child or adolescent's ability to function.

Overall about 5% of children and adolescents suffer from depression at any given point in time. The younger the child the lower the inci-

DID YOU KNOW THAT WEARING A BICYCLE HELMET CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF HEAD INJURY AND DEATH BY 85 %?

## Health Ministry News, Continued

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dence of depression, approximately 1 % for children age 1 to 6 years old. As a child develops the incidence increases, approximately 12 % for a 12 year old. Higher rates of depression are seen for children under stress, who experience loss, or who have attentional, learning, or anxiety disorders.

Symptoms and behaviors associated with depression in children include:

- Crying, feeling sad, helpless or hopeless
- Feeling discouraged or worthless
- Loss of interest/pleasure in others or most activities
- Fatigue, boredom, frequent loss of energy
- Bad temper, irritable, easily annoyed, hostile
- Fearful, tense, anxious
- Repeated rejection by other children
- Difficulty with relationships
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure
- Drop in school performance
- Inability to sit still, fidgeting, or pacing
- Repeated emotional outbursts, shouting, or complaining
- Doesn't talk to other children
- Repeated physical complaints without medical

cause (headaches, stomach aches, aching arm or legs)

- Significant increase or decrease in appetite
- Major change in sleeping pattern
- Frequent absences or poor performance in school
- Talk of or efforts to run away from home
- Thoughts or expressions of suicide or self destructive behavior.

If you notice these behaviors or have concerns about your child, talk with your health practitioner, school counselor, or mental health professional. Early recognition that something is wrong can lead to early treatment. Other strategies suggested by mental health practitioners include: maintain regular and nutritional diet, maintain regular sleep, help child to stay involved and avoid extended isolation from positive activities and influences, participation in regular physical activity, spend time with child, be caring, listen well and be understanding, and take time on a regular basis to help child enjoy pleasurable activities and recreational interests.

Let's make this a great school year!

### Health Announcements

**Blood Pressure Screening:** as announced.

**Teton Wellness Festival,** September 25-27, 2004

**Blood Draw:** Pinedale, September 20-24, 6:30-8:30 a.m.

**Health Fair** Saturday October 2, 2004 from 9-1 p.m.

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## Bishop's Committee Minutes, Cally McKee

**Bishops Committee Meeting**, August 9, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Fr. Wes Shields, Randy Belton, Caroline Brazell, Carol Chidsey, Sarah Hixson, Juli James, Cally McKee, Fred Petersen, Gail Randall.

**Meeting** was called to order and Father Wes opened with a prayer.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes were available. Fred moved to approve the minutes and Carol seconded. The motion passed.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer:** Dennis Peters provided records of the accounts for the committee's review. Nothing is out of the ordinary. Father Wes noted that approx. \$1,000 will be spent for the upcoming trip to Diocesan Convention. Randy asked if a youth delegate was going and Wes will check on this. Randy moved to approve the financials and Julie seconded. The motion passed .

**Senior Warden:** Service system plat has been hung on the closet door. Bishop's Committee members are asked to familiarize themselves with the drawing and how things work, how to shut valves and turn off water.

**Vicar:** Father Wes extended a thank you to Fred for the beautiful landscaping at the front of the church.

He noted that he would like us all to work over the next couple of months to put systems in place that make it easy for people to volunteer and become involved. This will be a focus for the next few months and we all need to bring ideas and suggestions to the table.

**Junior Warden:** Randy reported that the handicap rails for the bathrooms will be \$25/rail and he would suggest we install 2 rails/bathroom. This is a total of \$100 plus any costs for installing the proper bracing/support. Caroline moved to purchase and in-

stall and Cally seconded. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Stewardship Reminder Letter:** The letter will be reviewed and modified as necessary.

**By-laws:** Review and discussion will continue on the by-laws. Father Wes' first attempt looks good and he can send them to the diocese if necessary. Father Wes noted that there are different ways to structure the vestry. We currently have a Sr./Jr. Warden system. The other options is a Sr./Co-Warden system. Bldg. and grounds becomes a separate committee. In this system, a vestry member becomes the Co-Warden for one year and then becomes the Sr. Warden in the final year of their 3-year term. This helps to keep the energy up in the Sr. Warden position, lessens burn-out, and keeps people involved.

We need to be thinking about these things and we will continue the discussion at future meetings.

**Treasurer Replacement:** We need someone on board by December to transition in as Caroline is transitioning out. Members were asked for suggestions. Father Wes will extend an invitation.

**Where to put minutes of meetings:** Suggestions last meeting were to include the minutes in the newsletter or to make copies available in the narthex. Discussion was had. Carol moved to put Bishop's Committee meeting minutes in the newsletter and Randy seconded. Motion passed.

**Updating the Church Directory:** Sukey has accepted this responsibility and has some help from congregation members.

**Vestry Responsibilities:** Wes is returning the previously submitted

definitions written by committee members with a request for more specific and detailed information.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Phone Tree:** Options? Remove people who regularly check their email and prefer to receive information that way. Bishop's Committee will remain the first tier callers. We will start the phone tree to poll people about their preference for email or a phone call.

**Audit Committee:** Need to have one. Take approx. 1 afternoon. Father Wes will extend the invitation to 3 members.

**Vestry Terms:** Father Wes asked everyone to put down what year they started so he will know who is going off the Bishop's Committee each year.

**Cleaning:** Father Wes would like to start an organized system for cleaning the church. We will enlist 12 teams of 4 people each (total of 48 people) to sign up for 2 week blocks. In that two week block you would be expected to clean the church once. A list of items and supplies will be provided. If everyone gives of their time, you should only have two, two-week blocks which means your group would be responsible for cleaning the church 2 times a year.

### OPEN DISCUSSION:

**Absenteeism:** Discussion was had about how the Bishop's Committee would like to handle absenteeism. It was noted that as new people rotate onto the board we will clearly convey the expectations of the individuals in their service to the church.

**ECW:** Need to have social events to build a bond and create a cohesive group. We will revisit this item in 6 months to check on progress.

**Confidentiality:** Father Wes noted that confidentiality is important for

### Minutes

the Bishop's Committee. Not to keep secrets, but to allow for the formal announcement to be made when changes are put forth. We need to not talk about issues until word has come out in an appropriate manner.

**Outreach:** Sarah discussed the need for outreach in areas not covered by other organizations in the community. Father Wes indicated that individual requests should probably go through him. Sarah would like

to make sure people understand at stewardship time that their money goes to not only bills, salary, utilities, etc., but also to outreach, education, etc.

**Changes in Youth Program:**

Wednesday schools will be reinstated this fall. Rite 13 will be on Sunday at 5:45 and J2A and adult will be Sunday at 5:00.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Sept. 13, 2004

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting was closed with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

CAROL MOVED TO PUT BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES IN THE NEWSLETTER AND RANDY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.



### Book Corner, by Jeanne M. Raney

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Okay, so it's been a while. It's amazing how the time slips by when you are chasing a child! And since another is on the way, I can't promise I will be back to reviewing books with any regularity, sorry.....

This 196 page book is a simple read with a simple message. Eddie is the "ride-man" at an amusement park named Ruby Pier. His job is to make sure all of the rides are in working order. He is so adept at his job that often he can close his eyes and hear when a ride isn't right. It is a hot summer day, and Eddie's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, when his second sense of a malfunction kicks in. As an empty ride plummets towards the earth, he notices a young girl directly in its path. He uses every ounce of reserve to get himself to that girl before the ride does. Seeing her face is his last memory of life on earth, and then begins the journey....

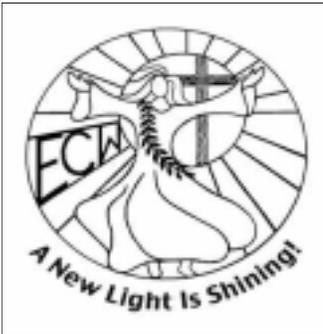
Eddie finds himself back at the amusement park, only it is the Ruby Pier of 75 years ago. It is there he meets his first person, who explains to him, "There are five people you meet in heaven. Each of us was in your life for a reason. You may not have known the reason at the time, and that is what heaven is for. For understanding your life on earth."

For the remainder of the book, we are taken on a journey through Eddie's life via various birthdays, and through his visits with his five people. Eddie's opinion of himself is that, in spite of his dreams to become an engineer, he never amounted to much. He says once, "Then my death was a waste, just like my life." I'll leave that up to you to decide.

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## ECW is Kicking off the Fall season!!! Cally McKee and Laura Shields



ECW is the Episcopal Church Women and if you are a woman in the church you are automatically a member!! The ECW is meeting at Cally McKee's house on Friday Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm for food and fellowship. We will have some snacks, talk about the future of ECW, what we

want ECW to be and do, and then go bowling and socialize. Don't like to bowl? No problem, come be in the cheering section! Can't make it by 6:30pm or need to leave early? No problem, we'll be happy to have you for as long as you are able! This is going to be a fun night and we

would love to have everyone come. Please call Cally at 367-4552 or Laura Shields at 367-6282 if you need directions to Cally's house, have any questions, or can bring a dish to share.



## Music Notes, Coralee Peteresen

"Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" (That is one of those phrases from a pop song during my teen years that is still with me.) have passed. All too soon, as far as I'm concerned! I would like to thank those people who have shared their musical talents with us during the summer, including the Ozark Pioneers (Ranch mass), Matt McKee and Ryan McKee (prelude music), Wesley Fisk (violin) and Fred Petersen (cello).

As we launch into our fall schedule I hope you will think about including choir

in your plans. We will begin meeting at 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 26th. Young people in Middle school and older are welcome to join with us, too. Youth choir activity will be incorporated into Wednesday School this year, with Barb and Wes and me sharing the responsibilities for that group.

I plan on attending a music retreat at Thomas the Apostle Center in Cody October 22-24. It will be led by Sr. Helena Marie from the Community of the

Holy Spirit in New York. She has been a speaker and music leader at our diocesan convention and is a wonderful musician with an inspiring spiritual presence. Making music is a natural and joyful way to pray. Come sing, drum, toot, rattle and shake with Sr. Helena Marie from the Community of the Holy Spirit in New York. You do not have to be a "musician" to participate; in fact, there is a natural musician in every person. Come find her/him, and praise God!

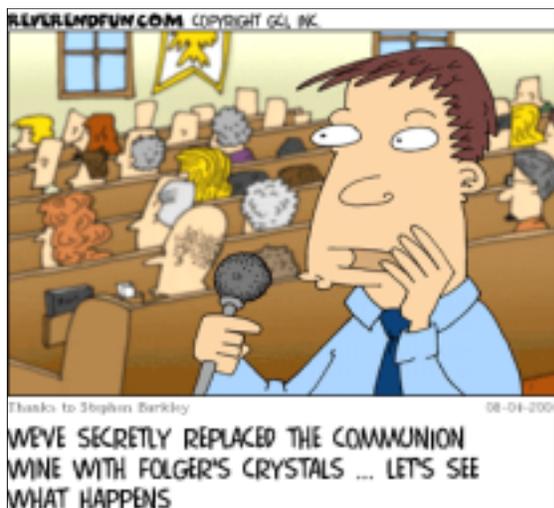


**Bishop's Committee** of St. Andrew's  
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Outreach, Sarah Hixon  
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**Mission Statement:** "St Andrew's strives to provide a welcoming, diverse and intergenerational fellowship of worshippers, united in the Anglican tradition, serving the body of Christ, and committed to personal responsibility in our ministry."

### Announcements

- Our church clean up day will be Sunday September 19 immediately following the service. Bring something for the potluck lunch and wear your work clothes. There is a lot of work to do both inside and out so we need all the help we can get.
- It's time once again for our Intergenerational Sunday services. The dates for these services will be September 26, October 31, November 21, and our Christmas Pageant will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to all our kids being a part of this service so please be sure to mark your calendars. These services serve as a reminder of the fact that our young people are not just the church of tomorrow, but they are a vital part of our church today. Can you imagine coming to a church with no children? There would certainly be something missing from our church if we didn't experience the youth and energy of our young people. Please make plans to join us for these monthly services.
- We are stating a nursery during our Sunday Morning worship time. We are looking for men and women who are willing to volunteer one Sunday every 3-6 months depending on the number of helpers we get. This is an extremely important ministry for our young families.
- There will be a United Way helping hands day on September 18<sup>th</sup> here in Pinedale. We would like to organize a team of volunteers to work on a project. Please sign up soon downstairs. At the writing of this newsletter only 3 people are on the list!
- Training for all Acolytes will be Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> immediate following the 11:00 am service. This meeting is for anyone currently serving, or who would like to become an acolyte. Contact Wes for any questions you may have.
- We are looking for volunteers to provide meals to fellow parishioners who are home with a new baby, recovering from surgery, grieving the loss of a loved one, etc. This is an important ministry for our faith community so if you are able to prepare meals, or would like to be the Meals Coordinator, please sign up in the parish hall or give your name and phone number(s) to Laura at 367-6282 or [shields@wyoming.com](mailto:shields@wyoming.com).
- Seven at six will continue with new groups. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Sign up downstairs.





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### Something for everyone at St Andrew's! Wes Shields

It is time once again to get our Christian Education program up and running. We have a lot of exciting new changes and opportunities this year. As most of you know we will be beginning our Wednesday School on September 8th. This for all kids ages 3 to fifth grade. It will last from approximately 3:15 till 5 pm. There will be snacks, children's chapel, activities, games and songs. Wes and Barb Wise will be helping in this initial stage. More formal choir activity will begin in November and December. Parents can begin to pick the kids up anytime after 4:30. We will be taking the van to the elementary school at 3 o'clock. If there are other transportation needs, please let us know at the church office. Anyone interested in helping with this program, please let Wes know. We need people to prepare snacks and cleanup afterwards, and to donate money for snacks. This is a very exciting program and we look forward to a good crowd.

There are also changes for our other Christian Education

groups as well. The Rite 13 group, led by Cally McKee and Randy Belton, will now consist of all middle school age kids. Our J2A group, led by Barb Wise and Mike Beard, will consist of all high school age kids. We will begin Checkpoint 3 which deals with sexuality. We will be planning for a pilgrimage, and we will be doing games and off-site activities. These groups will meet the first three Sundays of every month from 5 to 7 pm. We will also be including a fun activity that is not connected to the curriculum roughly once a month. This should increase our sense of community within the groups.

Our adults will also have a class on the first three Sunday evenings of the month from 5- 7 pm. We will be doing a Bible Study of the Gospel According to Mark. We will be covering two chapters a week. The only homework for the course is that you read the chapters and a two or three page document with background information. This will be a very basic, yet informative introduction into the Gospel of Mark.

As you can see we have a lot of new things going on. None of these programs can be successful without your participation. Christian Education is absolutely vital to our spiritual lives no matter what age we are. These classes give us all an opportunity to walk with each other on our journey of faith. They give us the opportunity to challenge and support one another in our lives, and to draw one another into new places of faith and understanding. I hope and pray that we will all commit ourselves to this incredibly important task of learning about God and one another. Wes



### Intergenerational Family Nights Resume!

**Our Intergenerational Family Night** series begins Wednesday September 22, at 5 pm in the undercroft. The theme is "Family Traditions." You are invited to supplement the main course-- meatloaf and mashed potatoes--with a favorite family dish, i.e. Grandmother's green bean casserole, mom's cookies, or Dad's famous biscuits, etc. There will be plenty of food and fun for all ages. Mark your calendars and join us even if you don't have time to make Aunt Lucie's jello casserole. For our activity, we ask that you would bring pictures of your ancestors. We will have the church camera on hand to take more pictures of your family. Please contact Mary Thompson or Wes w/ questions.

# September 2004

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5 11 am HE II	6 10:45 Ret Center MPII	7	8 3-4:30pm Wed School	9	10	11
12 11 am HE II <b>Acolyte Training</b> 5-7 pm Rite 13, J2, Adult Bible Study	13 10:45 Ret Center MPII 7:30 Bishops Cmte	14 6:45 am Worship Cmte	15 3-4:30pm Wed School	16	17 6:30 pm ECW Party	18 United Way Day
19 11 am HE II <b>Pot luck &amp; clean up</b> 5-7 pm Rite 13, J2, Adult Bible Study	20 10:45 Ret Center MPII	21	22 3-4:30pm Wed School <b>5 pm IG Family Night</b>	23	24	25
26 10 am choir prac. 11 am HE II, IG Ser 5-7 pm Rite 13, J2, Adult Bible Study <b>Newsletter Deadlin</b>	27 10:45 Ret Center MPII	28	29 3-4:30pm Wed School	30		





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**Worship Committee Report by Gail Randall**

The Worship Committee thought that the Ranch Mass was very well done and enjoyable for everyone (attendance 99). We owe a special thanks to Father Wes and the Ozark Pioneers for adding so much to our service and to the Huffmans for hosting the event. We are wondering if

we should combine the Ranch Mass with an annual picnic. We have the pot luck dinner but we could add games and entertainment to last longer into the day with a little planning. Let any of us know what you think.

We will be continuing the hymn of the month and we are hoping

more of us will let Coralee know what your favorite hymn is. She and her helpers do such a great job of picking out our music. However, we always like feedback so don't be afraid to let us know. See announcements for other matters relating to the worship committee. Peace and love!