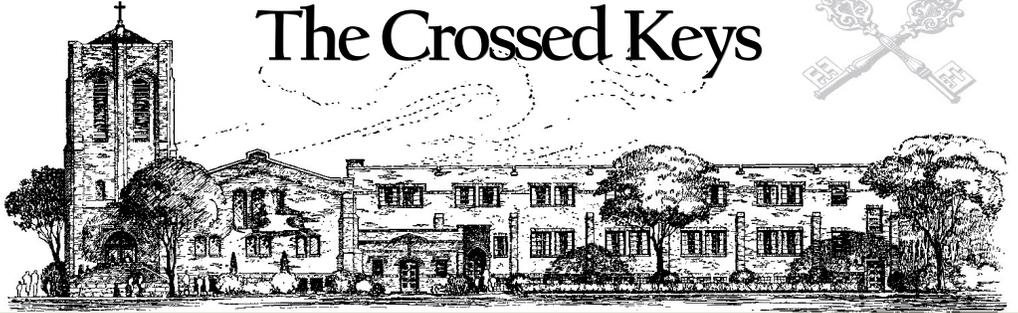


March 2015

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The Crossed Keys



A word from Fr. John Inserra

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Crossed Keys Lent/ Easter 2015

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP pg. 99

Lent is a time of year for opposites. For the Jewish people the Messiah did the opposite of what they thought he should do. Instead of conquering, he appeared to be conquered, instead of rising up and fighting back, he submitted and was like a lamb led to the slaughter.

We could say for the Christian it is the same, Lent serves to be a time when we confront some of the uncomfortable realities that Jesus brings. For instance, one Sunday (March 1) we heard Jesus say, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." On another (March 22) he will say "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." The Gospel writer John adds a note to make sure we know what he is talking about *He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.*

Lent is a time when we face the opposite of our expectations of God's involvement in our life. Normally we assume if God is involved things will go smoothly, but Lent shows us that at times the opposite is true, that he loves us and we will still have to take up our cross and follow him. I do not have every answer to the mystery of why some people suffer, some people are sick, some people face hardships. What I can tell you is that during Lent we face the fact that the holiest person who ever walked the earth suffered, and he tells us that closeness to God is not a prescription to avoid hardship, but that to follow him requires faith and trust that God loves us and is with us even in the midst of our hardship.

After the resurrection the disciples were able to look back and understand the purpose at work through the suffering Jesus faced. Perhaps there will be a day when we come to understand the "Why" of our hardships with the help of hindsight, although for most of us that will probably not be until we can hear it from Jesus himself face to face.

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Ambassadors for Christ

Last month we began to look at 2 Corinthians 5:15-21 as a way of exploring what it means for us to be fishers of people, a theme Fr. John addressed before the annual meeting. Paul there develops a different metaphor, calling us "Christ's ambassadors." I suggested three questions to help us unpack Paul's metaphor a bit: Who is the ambassador? Where is the ambassador? What is the ambassador's message? In answer to the first, I noted that an ambassador must intimately know a country before he can be its representative to another nation. Likewise, if we are to represent Christ to others, we must first truly know him. This month we'll look at the other two questions.

Where is the ambassador? In a foreign land; that's the whole point of ambassadors, right? The ambassador's role is an intimate one. It is certainly possible for one country to relate to another only at a distance, by sending correspondence. But an ambassador goes in person to forge a bridge of understanding and to develop relationships. Jesus' incarnation is a model of this. God did not just give revelation, as on the mountaintop to Moses, but he became revelation, coming to live among us. And Paul here calls us to the same thing. We are to be among those who do not know God, to form relationships and build bridges of understanding. So many think they know what God is all about but really don't. Our privilege is to help them know God as he truly is, revealed in his son.

Finally, what is the ambassador's message? Paul writes that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." (v. 19) Two parties need to be reconciled when there has been some kind of conflict between them. Due to the fall, the natural state for all of us is alienation from God. This involves both our sin and rebelliousness and our lack of understanding of who he is. Our message is that God has made a way through Christ to bring people back to himself, restoring the broken fellowship. And here is where the relational aspect of being an ambassador is so important. We have the opportunity to demonstrate in the way we live the love and mercy we ascribe to God. People long to know that God is there and that he loves them. Often the most tangible way they can know this is through us. "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us." (v. 20)



March Greeter: Phillip Dorsch

Continued... *Fr. John Inserra*

During Lent we will, through our readings and beautiful liturgies, follow the steps of a Lord who does not call us to an easy walk but to the opposite; he calls us to take up our cross and follow him as he leads the way.

Important Lent/Easter services and dates

March 29th – Palm Sunday – ONE SERVICE AT 9AM with special music

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday 6pm – Service that celebrates the night before Jesus died, with footwashing and the stripping of the altar.

April 3rd – Good Friday

12 noon – Ecumenical Good Friday service at Trinity, Lutheran

5:30pm – Stations of the Cross

6pm – Good Friday Service from the Book of Common Prayer

April 5th – Easter Sunday Services at 8am and 10am

Fr. John travel dates

Fr. John will be away April 7-17 for a vacation in New Orleans and a short teaching session at Nashotah House in Wisconsin.

A note on General Convention

General Convention for the Episcopal Church is in Salt Lake City this year from June 25th - July 3rd. Fr. John is one of the four clergy delegates for the Diocese of Wyoming. The length and timing of the General Convention makes it difficult for people to attend, but this year there will be a special session open to the public on June 24th that will be a town hall style meeting with the candidates for the next presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. If anyone would be interested in attending this event please let Fr. John know and we will try to coordinate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Inserra".

Episcopal Church Women of Wyoming invite you!

From Sinner to Saint

A Walk with Mary Magdalene

**Episcopal Church Women
SPRING CONFERENCE**

April 24-25, 2015

Casper, Wyoming

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

featuring

THE VERY REV. KATE MOOREHEAD
'wife, mom, author, priest'

Dean of St. John's Cathedral
Episcopal Diocese of Florida



In addition to serving as Cathedral Dean, Kate Moorehead is the vice-president of the Episcopal School of Jacksonville, the Cathedral School Early Learning Center, Cathedral Arts Project, Cathedral Care nursing facility and Aging True Community Senior Services. Kate graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College and cum laude with a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. She has an engaging series of videos about Mary Magdalene on YouTube and is author of four books: *Organic God*, *Between Two Worlds*, *Get Over Yourself: God's here and Resurrecting Easter*. Kate and her husband James (J.D.) have three sons—Luke, Jake and Max.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

6:00pm-9:30pm • Friday, April 24: Dinner & Eucharist with Kate Moorehead
8:00am-9:00pm • Saturday, April 25: Worship, Workshops & Lunch
Evening Banquet & Entertainment

Registration only \$100

REGISTER NOW! Seating will be Limited

JOIN US for
this exciting
event!

For More Info:

Carole Buckingham, ECW President • (307) 738-2416 • onediamondbar@rtconnect.net

Birney, Montana Services

March 29 - 3:00 p.m. (Reading of the Passions)

April 4 - 3:00 p.m. (Easter)

May 24—3:00 p.m. Feast of Pentecost
(Bishop Brookhart's visit)

Anyone interested in going along, contact Fr. John.

St. Margaret's Guild is having a
Spring Brunch on Saturday,
March 21st at 10 a.m.



This brunch will be hosted by Linda Ernst and is for women of "ALL" ages!

RSVP: Gail Boyer or Roberta Thompson for information and details.

Enjoy a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

UP-Coming ECW Spring Conference.
Applications are on the "Parish News" bulletin board, in the Parish Hall.

UP-COMING Services....

Palm Sunday: March 29th
(One service at 9:00 a.m.)

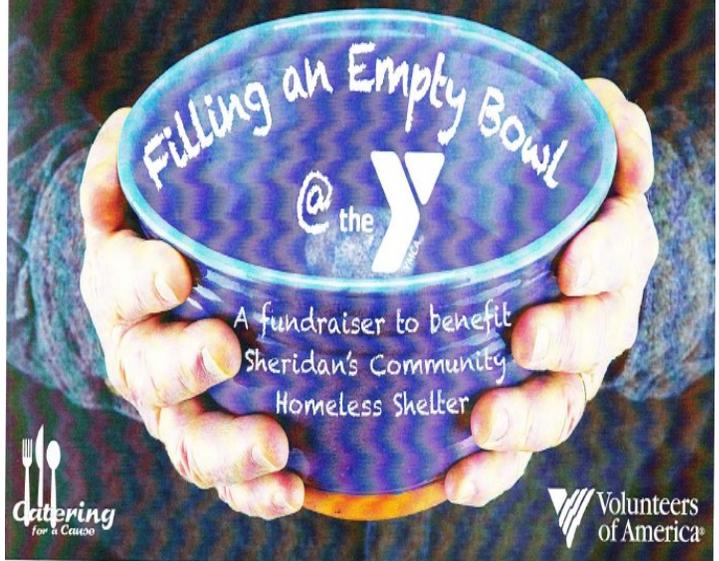
Maundy Thursday: April 2nd
(6:00 p.m. service)

Good Friday: April 3rd
(6:00 p.m. service)

Easter: April 5th
(8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Service)



THURSDAY, MARCH 12 FROM 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.





You may order your Easter Lily Memorials anytime. Final order date is March 25th. Contact Vesta or the office. Lilies are \$20.00.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry: Requesting prayer shawls and yarn donations.

This ministry is an outreach to those who are ill or in need of encouragement.

If you can assist in making shawls or in donating yarn, it is very much appreciated!

These shawls are blessed, then distributed with hope, healing & comfort.

Please make sure the yarn is washable and dryable. Thank You!

Operation Christmas Child



For March OCC will be receiving hair ties, combs, brushes, clips & kerchiefs. Place items in the Blue bucket in Parish Hall. *Thank you for giving to this great cause!!!*



Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday, March 29, 2015
8:30 a.m.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." I Corinthians 12:27 Thank you for serving!

QPR Training: St. Peter's is hosting another QPR training for Saturday, May 2 from 9-1 pm.

This is a suicide prevention class which will enable you to identify those who may be at risk for suicide. It will provide you with tools towards intervention....a valuable tool.

Contact the office to sign-up.
Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-TALK



The ECHO Ministry. There are currently 32 members of St. Peter's who are willing to share in occasional tasks, in serving our parish.

Please feel free to utilize this ministry. The office is able to make that connection for you. Just let us know.

If you are interested in adding your name to the Echo Ministry, forms are available for you to fill out. If they are not in your bulletin, please check with the office.

.....**Episcopalians Connect by Helping Others....**

Senior Warden ~ Lynne Outland 752-1918 ❁ Junior Warden ~ Liz Swanson 674-6662



St. Peter's Ministry Schedule

March Vestry Greeter: Phil Dorsch

	Lay Readers	LEM's	Ushers	Acolytes
March 1st 2 Lent	7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike & Mary Beth Evers	A: Juanita Smith B: Jeannene McKnight C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Sharon Tracy Karen Ferguson Stan & Shari Peddicord	Bobby St. John Joe Eisenach Nate Haworth
March 8 3 Lent	7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Paul Haworth Lee Helvey	A: None B: Phil Dorsch C: Juanita Smith D: Peggy Sorvik	Geri Roth Christina Haworth Sarah Mentock Sherri Wheelock	Bobby St. John Joe Eisenach Maria Black
March 15 4 Lent	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Rick & Roberta Thompsons	A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith D: Peggy Sorvik	Frank Smedley Mary Dailey Gary & Lynne Outland	Nate Haworth Joe Eisenach Maya Fritz
March 22 5 Lent	7:30 Linen Greenough 10:00 Lynne Outland Isabel Wallop	A: None B: Donna Kuehne C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Robert & Jodene Prusak Jim & Barbara Benepe	Joe Eisenach Quinn Heyneman Aria Heyneman
March 29 One Service 9:00 am The Passion Narrative	9:00 Stan & Shari Peddicord	Westview: Linen Greenough	Passion Narrative LAY READERS Bedards, Clarks, Haworths Nate Dowdys L. Galloway Joe Eisenach	<u>Wednesday Noon</u> <u>Lent Services</u> Mar. 4 S. Asmus Mar.11 M. Evers Mar.18 Roberta Thompson Mar. 25 Stan Peddiord

For any questions or changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928



Calendar Of Events March 2015

HE: Holy Eucharist * HS: Healing Service * SRS: Sugarland Ridge * WBS: Women's Bible

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 HE 10:00 HE 2 Lent	2 Handbell Practice 6:30 PM	3 10:00 HS 12:00 WBS 1:00 SRS	4 Lent Supper 6 PM <i>Women of St. Peters 9:00 AM</i>	5 Red Door 10-3	6	7
8 7:30 HE 10:00 HE 3 Lent	9 Handbell Practice 6:30 PM	10 10:00 HS 12:00 WBS 1:00 SRS	11 Lent Supper 6 PM <i>St. Nicks Crafters 9 AM</i>	12 Red Door 10-3	13	14
15 7:30 HE 10:00 HE 4 Lent	16 Handbell Practice 6:30 PM	17 10:00 HS 12:00 WBS 1:00 SRS	18 Lent Supper 6 PM <i>Vestry 6 PM</i> <i>St. Nicks Crafters 9 AM</i>	19 Red Door 10-3	20	21
22 7:30 HE 10:00 HE 5 Lent	23 Handbell Practice 6:30 PM	24 10:00 HS 12:00 WBS 1:00 SRS	25 Lent Suppers 6 PM <i>St. Nicks Crafters 9 AM</i>	26 Red Door 10-3	27	28
29 One Service 9:00 am <i>Palm Sunday</i>  Altar Guild 8:30	30 Handbell Practice 6:30 PM	31 10:00 HS 12:00 WBS 1:00 SRS				

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Using Your Gifts and Talents: St. Peter's
Choir & Handbell Ministries are a vital part
of our 10:00 a.m. worship service.



If you are interested in joining one or both
contact Suzie Schatz-Benson ~ 672-2140.

St. Peter's Office and Music Staff

Gail Boyer: Parish Administrator (674-7655)
Karon Keahey: Parish Secretary (674-7655)
Suzie-Schatz Benson: Music Coordinator (763-0525)
Jeannene McKnight: Organist
Kathy McNickle-Pianist

St. Peter's Office Hours ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

Generally someone is in the church until 4:00 pm. If the doors are locked a door bell is available at the main entry. Also, if you are not receiving your Crossed Keys or Sunday Bulletin via E-mail, please notify the office. Or, if you would like to sign-up for one or both call the office. Thank You!

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