

August 2017



The Crossed Keys

Hello all, I hope you are enjoying this summer. I thought I would make you aware of some things coming up in August.

Two Guest Preachers

August 6th – We will have the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Wyoming, the Rev. Joel Dingman as our guest preacher at both services. Joel will be here to spend time with us and he will be around after both services to talk about the Diocese and answer any questions you may have on the current state of the Diocese.

We will be blessed with an offertory from Landon Alsup at the 10am service.

August 13th – We will have a seminarian from Virginia Theological Seminary, Bobbi Kraft, here with us to preach at both services. Bobbi is an old friend of Sarah and mine from our days in Wisconsin where she and her daughters attended the same church that I served as an intern. Bobbi is in seminary now pursuing ordained ministry in the Diocese of Fond du Lac (Northern Wisconsin) and spent the summer living and working in the Middle East to see firsthand what life was like for Christians, refugees, and Muslims curious about who Jesus is. I invited her to come and share her experiences first hand with us.

We will be blessed with an offertory from Sarah and Katie Campbell at the 10am service.

Back to School Sunday

August 27th – We will have Back to School Sunday at the 10am service. We will bless back packs for students and offer special prayers for teachers and those who work in schools. We will have a special Outreach collection that day to help teachers in the community (more on that below).

Andy and Ann Lowe will provide some special music that day.

Special August Outreach – We are trying a new approach to Outreach for school supply season. We are going to buy some things that teachers are always in need of to provide for students. Most of the time teachers will end up buying these out of pocket for students who do not have them. We figure this way we can help the teachers and students. We are going to collect them at church through the month of August. For those who are interested the consensus items are:

Earbuds or over the ear headphones for small electronic devices (these can be found in the school supply section)

Dry erase markers.

If you would like to help you could purchase some of those on your next trip to Walmart and drop them off at the church on or before August 27th.

Men's Retreat Coming up in September

Last September I organized a men's retreat along with some other pastors in town. It was a great event for all involved. Here are some comments we received afterwards:

-“I thought the whole thing was great--the teaching and fellowship; I want to do it again. I can't think of anything to improve.”

-“All very good: topics, timing, testimony, tools, scripture. All I expected the time to be.”

-“This was an exceptional retreat. It was well organized and had really good speakers. I will treasure the time spent here and pray for all those who came.”

-“Was too tired to attend but grateful I did. Very timely for me. So needed for my heart. Thank you.”

We will be having a retreat again this year from Friday evening, September 8th, through Saturday, September 9th at 1:00 at Camp Story. The topic this year is freedom in Christ. Jesus came to bring freedom, but we sometimes struggle to experience it. We can feel in bondage: to the wound that won't heal, the bitterness we can't let go of, the habit we can't break, the emotion we can't control, the sin we can't resist. I hope you are able to join us as we explore two key questions: *What does freedom in Christ look like? How do we enter into it?*

For more information, or to register, please get in touch.

In Christ,

John Milliken

An Extravagant Mercy: Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. . . Acts 9:31

At first, these appear to be contradictory emotions. How can we be comforted by the Spirit of a God we fear? Ironically, we cannot be comforted by God unless we fear him. And if we knew the level of comfort that God would bring into our lives we would fear Him even more.

We fear God not because He is the angry Judge, but because He is beyond our control. In fact, it is He who controls our lives. He takes us to places we had not planned to go and to a future we had never imagined; He gives us gifts we do not want and burdens we never knew we could bear. And along the way, God molds and shapes our lives. If we pay attention to this good creation emerging within us, we will find comfort on the heels of our fear.

We have long thought that comfort is found by overcoming all reasons to be afraid. Yet the Holy Spirit teaches just the opposite. Comfort is found by the terrifying discovery that we are in the hands of the God who once rolled back the dark chaos of earth to create beauty and light. As we watch this new creation in the making, it may seem still chaotic. However, that is only because God has not yet completed what He has begun. You can never judge a work of art until it is finished, and this work won't be finished until the Spirit has completely transformed your life into the image of Jesus. *Deacon Juanita Smith*

Life Planning, a task for all ages

"I really should have a will...", "we really should name a guardian for our kids in case something happens to us...", "I want a simple funeral..." . Are these questions that you think about from time to time and need to "get around to"?

The St. Peters Endowment committee formed a task force that has been working on life planning for several years. A recent meeting was held in which the task force decided to offer an informational session on life planning. We are looking at the fall and will have the date mid-Summer.

The Book of common Prayer on page # 445 states "The minister of the congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable purposes".

The Episcopal Church Foundation has developed a thorough booklet to guide individuals through the process of such things as naming guardians for young children and dependents, appointing trustees, designing your funeral, and deciding how to distribute your worldly goods.

There are no obligations for the evening, only a resource to help individuals. We hope the session is informative and will assist individuals in taking these important life steps. The resources will help anyone in any stage of their life.

If you would like more information, please drop a note to Fr. John Inserra.

In Peace,

Dan Alsup



*For ministry schedule changes,
contact Juanita Smith at 673-4928*

ALTAR GUILD	LAY READERS	USHERS/Greeters	ACOLYTES
August 6	August 6	August 6	August 6
Sandy Asmus Wendy Gale Maria Black	7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike & Mary Beth Evers	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Frank & Georgia Boley Mary Dailey Shari Peddicord	Bobby St. John
August 13	August 13	August 13	August 13
Debbie Ebia Karen Ferguson DuAnne Diers	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Roberta Thompson Linen Greenough	7:30 Bert & Ethelyn St. John 10:00 Sandy Tharaldson Cara Nicholls Frank Smedley Karen Ferguson	Bobby St. John
August 20	August 20	August 20	August 20
Sally Labore Liz Swanson Carmen Rideout	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Lee Helvey Isabel Wallop	7:30 Steve & Jane Jennings 10:00 John Standish Stan Peddicord Robert & Jodene Prusak	Nate Haworth
August 27	August 27	August 27	August 27
Theo Powers Cara Nicholls Tina Mediate	7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Paul & Christina Haworth	7:30 Roxanne Darnell 10:00 Rick & Liz Rossa Dorothy Goodwin Frank Smedley	Nate Haworth





CALENDAR

of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 pm	2 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am	3 Red Door 10-3 pm	4	5
6 <i>Transfiguration</i> 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II	7	8 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 pm	9 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am 6:30 Men's Breakfast	10 Red Door 10-3 pm	11	12
13 <i>10 Pentecost</i> 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II	14	15 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 pm	16 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am Vestry 5:15 pm	17 Red Door 10-3 pm National Thrift Store Day	18	19 Red Door Appreciate & St. Margaret's Luncheon 10:30 a.m.
20 <i>11 Pentecost</i> 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II	21	22 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 pm	23 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am 6:30 Men's Breakfast	24 Red Door 10-3 pm	25	26
27 <i>12 Pentecost</i> 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II	28	29 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 pm	30	31 Choir Practice 6:30	HE: Holy Eucharist I SS: Sunday School HE: Holy Eucharist II WV: West View (last Sunday) Roberta Thompson	



Thank you Jeannene McKnight!



Jeannene, you have such a beautiful soul. I am blessed to call you friend. Our studies together and long talks will always be a very special memory for me. I appreciate your kindness and smile. Thank you for your years of music ministry to St. Peters. Blessings and much love to you. Sue Storey

Thank you, Jeannene, for your ministry. God's blessings as you continue to serve Him with the many gifts He has bestowed upon you.

Cathy Storm

Hello Jeannene,
It has been a pleasure working with you through the years on maintaining the pipe organ at St. Peter's. We wish you the best of luck in the future. Stay in touch,
The guys at Morel and Associates Pipe Organs



Jeannene, thank you so much for your years of service to the musical ministry at St. Peter's. Without your ability and commitment, our magnificent organ could not have been such an important part of each and every service you played for. I wish you all the best in the future.
Thank you!! Robert Prusak

Jeannene – You will be remembered for your wonderful music and for all the kind things that you did for so many at St. Peters. Thank you for your many years of music ministry, service and dedication. Congratulations on your retirement! - Patrick & Brenda Henderson

Dear Jeannene,
It is with deep appreciation and sincere gratitude that I extend a heartfelt thanks to you for your dedicated and unwavering service to St. Peter's and to the community. As the St. Peters' organist, you have created so many memories of beautiful and cherished hymns and songs, which have brought so much joy and significance to many people. I loved how you mastered the many facets of our treasured organ and you brought out the best in the pipes! I truly enjoyed the bell chimes, and the great pedal-work made for powerful music. Christmas and Easter services have been very special because of you and your talented ways of making the organ "sing!" You are a remarkable musician, Jeannene, and we will miss your music. I wish you the best as you continue to teach beautiful music to others. With warm thoughts, best wishes and a sincere "Thank You!"
Best Regards, Ann Ernst

Dear Jeannene – with your GIFTS you have gifted us !

Generosity/Grace
Intelligence/Intuition
Faith/Faithfulness
Time/Talent
In peace, love and thanks,
Dorothy

Jeannene, your loving gift to St Peter's will be truly remembered and sincerely missed, your playing has always been a prayer, thank you, in friendship, Carrie K



Dear Jeannene,
Your music at St. Peter's over the years has added hugely to the prayerful serenity and joy of the liturgy. Your commitment to this time-consuming task has been inspiring. All of us feel heartfelt gratitude for your long-term dedication. With respect and thanks,
Isabel Wallop

Jeannene, thank you for so many years as organist at St. Peters. We appreciate that you have shared your music ministry at church services and special events for our enjoyment and worship.
Blessings! Rick and Roberta Thompson



Jeannene, thank you for your wholly committed dedication to St. Peter's; thanks, not only for the gift of your music, but also for your wonderful Christ-filled spirit. You have brought such joy to my life. Jim and I look forward to seeing you and Gary more often at the early service.
Peace, Sharon Bedard

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An
Old-Fashioned
CHRISTMAS

ATTENTION: Booth Space Rentals Available.

The Women of St. Peter's are expanding opportunities to rent booths during the 2017 Christmas Bazaar.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas"
Saturday, November 18.

We are looking for hand-crafted goods that do not compete with items sold in the Parish Hall.

The \$40.00 rental for a 12 X 10 foot booth space located in the Community Room includes an 8-foot table and 2 chairs.

For additional information and to make a reservation, contact Kathy Mc Nickle at 752-5745. (Some restrictions apply.)

Thank you Jeannene!!!



Dear Jeannine,
I have enjoyed your organ playing, especially when you and Gary performed duets. I also loved playing bells with you and wish I could have been to enough practices to keep up with the growing expertise of the group! But most of all, I want to thank you for mentoring Darracott when he started taking communion to shut-ins. He felt you gave him a great start with your advice and example. We will miss you at the organ but now you can give more time to the choir, I hope, not to mention your blue grass studies!
All best wishes, Anne Vaughan

Jeannene, I've enjoyed visiting with you and getting to know you here in the office of St. Peter's.

Blessings to you on your retirement! Karon

You're invited!

The Red Door Appreciation and
St. Margaret's Summer Luncheon Gathering
Saturday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m.
in the church parish hall.

Please RSVP to:
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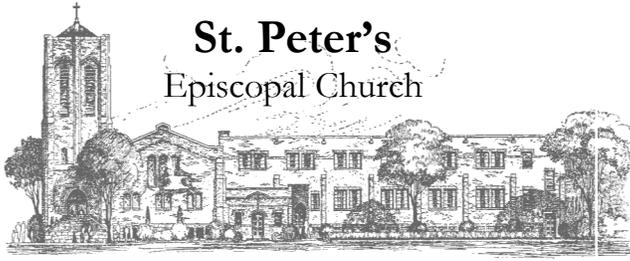
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