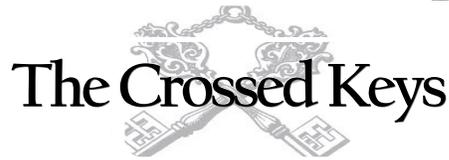




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JULY 2016

Reflecting on my ordination vows part 1 - A renewed commitment to prayer.

Recently I got a chance to get away with my family. This was needed as I was feeling I could not clear my head and see the forest from the trees, so to speak. During my time away I had some opportunity to reflect on my ministry. The words of James 3:1 were often in my mind. I take very seriously the charge of ministry. ***Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.***

In light of this I spent some time reflecting on my ordination vows and was honest about the areas I am falling short. This month I want to look at the vow concerning prayer.

Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit? BCP 532

If you were to ask me – do you pray? My answer would be – Of course. But what I noticed as I reflected on this vow is how much of my prayer as a priest was centered around crisis – both mine and yours. What I found that was missing was consistent prayer for all of you on a regular basis outside of crisis moments. I share this not for sympathy, or to make excuses, but to acknowledge that this has to change.

So here is where I start, I am blocking out time in my schedule every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm -4pm to pray for you, all of you, those in crisis and those not in crisis. As you read this, I will begin this Tuesday July 5th. I ask that if you have anything specific you would like me to pray for, you can text, message or call and let me know. I will have the church open if you'd like to come and pray as well for what is on your heart. One of my favorite writers, the late Michael Ramsey, the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, said "A priest is to be a person who stands before God with the people on their heart, and to stand before the people with God on their heart." This is how I will block my time to be sure I stand before God with each of you on my heart.

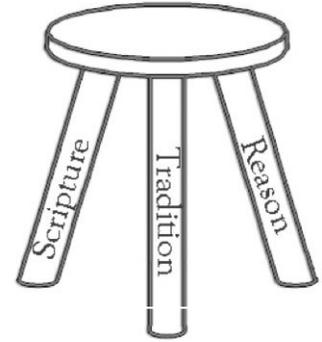
I look forward to praying for each of you by name, and welcome your prayer requests and company, as I seek to live my ordination vows more fully.

Your Priest,


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**Authority.**

Be honest; when you see the word 'authority,' how does it make you feel?

If you are like most people, your associations with the concept are negative. There are probably two good reasons for that. One is a natural human rebelliousness that is part of our fallen condition. Another is that we so often experience corrupt or incompetent authorities—another part of our fallen condition, as it happens. Yet authority in various forms is an inescapable part of life. Indeed, for the Christian, the authority of Jesus ought to play a central role in our lives. I will be teaching a Sunday School class for four Sundays in July to explore the idea of authority in the life of a Christian.

Maybe you have heard of the three legged stool in Anglican tradition. The three legs are meant to identify the main sources of authority for our faith and practice: scripture, reason, and tradition. This will serve as a starting point for our discussion, but I will be expanding it a bit by adding a leg to the stool: experience. The topics and dates for the four weeks will be as follows:

*Sunday, July 10th* : The first week we'll start by considering what authority is and why it is necessary. We will also talk about the first leg of the stool, reason.

*Sunday, July 17th* : The second Sunday we'll focus our attention upon experience, exploring its nature and limitations.

*Sunday, July 24th* : This Sunday the topic will be scripture.

*Sunday, July 31st* : The last topic we'll consider is tradition, or to put it differently, the role of the Church.

Please don't feel that you must come to all in order to come to any. Feel free to attend as you are able and interested. I will, however, be structuring the content such that the sessions build upon each other. We will meet in the large basement room and attempt to start promptly at 9:00.

Dr. John

Our friend Liz Shelton always offered me kindness, and friendship grounded in respect and acceptance that validated me in wonderful ways. I appreciate the ways she committed to supporting our church and our community of believers. And I will never forget the exuberant way she proclaimed the "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!" in our services. Thanks, Liz.

**Sue Heuermann**

Thank you, Liz for your grace, your generous spirit, thoughtfulness, and ready smile while serving St. Peter's. We remember you forever here at St. Peter's, and appreciate your hard work to become a deacon. We will always remember your distinct voice. Good luck to you always. **Burt & Ethelyn St. John**

Many thanks and much praise for all your help at St. Peters. You've made us a stronger church. We are reminded by your clear voice and resounding "Hallelujah's."

**Karen & Bill Ferguson**

### **Honoring Elizabeth Shelton**



"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." A quote from Pericles, a statesman of Athens in the 400's B.C. (reprinted in the Bridge column in The Sheridan Press 6/28/16). It reminds me of Liz's smile and her enthusiasm.

**Dorothy Goodwin**

We thank you for your service to St. Peter's, your outreach to Sugarland Ridge and your help during our interim period. God bless you and Dick for your friendship.

**Fr. John & Dee**



Dear Liz....I was definitely struggling, and you could see it. You laid your hands on my shoulders while I knelt at the altar rail, and I immediately felt the healing presence of God through you. I am eternally grateful. **Sarah Mentock**

My relationship goes back so many years with Liz, so many that I can't remember how we first meet. Perhaps it was one of our first common loves for science and for teaching. Beyond those early common threads, we were and have continued to be members of St. Peter's. We did Bible studies together and serve together on many, many projects. It was my privilege to be hounded by Liz, finally giving into her numerous requests, to be a reader at her Deaconate Ordination. She could be proud of all those who showed up that evening, from within our church family and many, many more that she had touched, and would continue to touch, in the greater Sheridan City and Sheridan County communities. As she progressed through her years of service as a Deacon, when we'd speak, she'd always have a smile and her friendly hand would lay on my shoulder as she listened, encouraged me and smiled. Thank you for your warm heart of service and welcome always. Blessings to you Liz, now in your retirement from "active" duty, Deacon Liz! Our best to you and yours- **Rick and Roberta Thompson**

I wish to thank you for your many years of faithful service to God and your church, St. Peter's. Your beautiful smile and gracious way brought happiness to so many. And of course, I will always remember being co-chairman of a dinner team with you during the Ray Clark era, serving a Masonic consistory lunch twice a year. We became famous when your husband, Dick, accepted our invitation to join our team, the first man to ever serve on a lady's dinner team! He "introduced" a "truck stop special" menu of roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy and green beans (cooked with lots of onion and a pound or two of bacon! Topped off with homemade desserts. The men loved it. What fond memories I have of our times together. May you enjoy your retirement and continue share your love with all of us at St. Peter's.

**With love and best wishes to you, Linda Ernst**



Dear Liz... Thank you for all the years you have given in service to St. Peter's Church. You have been a blessing to us all. Love, **Margie Gustafson ( and Larry)**

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...Honoring Liz Shelton

Dear Liz....Thank you for your generous gift of service to St. Peters. You have been a wonderful example to many of us. I remember so clearly the day in 2010 when you took me into the sacristy and asked me where I wanted to focus my time and severely limited talents. Your prodding led me to LEM, Vestry, Senior Warden and most satisfying, to my work as a Lay person. Thank you Liz for paving the way ~  
Hallelujah! **Sharon Bedard**



Well Liz, I love you sister!!! God Bless you!  
**Christie Freeman**

Dear Liz ,  
Thank you for your years of loyal service to St. Peter's Church. May the peace and blessings of our Lord be upon you as you follow in his ways. We wish you happiness, joy and the continued love of our Lord each day. Happy retirement & best wishes.  
**Patrick & Brenda Henderson**

Thank you for your incomparable service to our church family. We love you dearly and wish you the best in retirement!  
Sincerely,  
**Elizabeth, JT, Jamie and Javi Craft**

God will keep you Liz, in his tender and loving care!

Dear Liz....You are always so cheerful and upbeat - holding fast to God's hand in spite of Life's nasty jolts. You are truly one of God's Angel. **Lee Helvey**

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." -John Fawcett

Liz, You are such a blessing to countless people; your family and friends, your St. Peter's family and all who have been fortunate to know you. You always have a welcoming smile and kind word for others and your gentle spirit has spread Christ's love throughout the community. You have given your heart to God and so many others. I hope you always feel His love and ours and know that you are always in our prayers of thanksgiving for your service as our deacon. May you receive an abundance of God's magnificent blessings for you and your family as you retire. Your friend in Christ, **Juanita**



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND A MINISTRY OF ST. PETER'S

**ST. PETER'S HAS CHANGED HOW WE PACK SHOE BOXES**

Beginning in early Fall, empty OCC shoe boxes and packing instructions will be available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to pack boxes as individuals, families, or with a group of friends. We will not be packing boxes at the church this year.

**BOXES WILL BE COLLECTED AT ST. PETER'S THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER.**



**Cake Decorating Class for beginners:**

Date: July 11th (Monday)  
Time: 7pm  
Place: St. Peter's Parish Hall.  
Phone: 928-606-4567  
Hosted by *Marci Immell*



***If there is enough interest, this class will continue on Monday evenings.***



**Convention Decorations 2016:  
Decoration Committee**

**FYI:** The decorations for October's Diocesan Convention in Sheridan will include pumpkins and gourds of all shapes, varieties and sizes. As your crops begin to come in, please consider mentally setting few aside some that you would be willing to donate to the decorating committee.

A "pledge of pumpkins" can be sent to **Pam Standish** ([pamstandish@gmail.com](mailto:pamstandish@gmail.com)) or **Wendy Gale** ([euvoyne@gmail.com](mailto:euvoyne@gmail.com)).

## St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • May 2016

| <b>LEMS</b>                                             | <b>Lay Readers</b>                                                     | <b>Ushers</b>                                                                 | <b>Acolytes</b>                               | <b>Altar Guild</b>                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>July 3</i></b>                                    | <b><i>July 3</i></b>                                                   | <b><i>July 3</i></b>                                                          | <b><i>July 3</i></b>                          | <b><i>July 3</i></b>                          |
| A: Juanita Smith<br>B: Peggy Sorvik<br>C: Juanita Smith | 7:30<br>Forrest & Sandy<br>Asmus<br>10:00<br>Stan & Shari<br>Peddicord | 7:30<br>S. & J. Jennings<br>10:00<br>M. Dailey<br>F. & G. Boley<br>D. Goodwin | Nate Haworth<br>Bobby St. John<br>Maria Black | 7:30<br><br>10:00<br>S. Peddicord             |
| <b><i>July 10</i></b>                                   | <b><i>July 10</i></b>                                                  | <b><i>July 10</i></b>                                                         | <b><i>July 10</i></b>                         | <b><i>July 10</i></b>                         |
| A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                  | 7:30<br>Sharon Bedard<br>10:00<br>Mike & Mary Beth<br>Evers            | 7:30<br>J. Holcomb<br>10:00<br>P. & C. Haworth<br>M. Dailey<br>K. Ferguson    | Nate Haworth                                  | 7:30<br>S. Labore<br><br>10:00<br>C. Nicholls |
| <b><i>July 17</i></b>                                   | <b><i>July 17</i></b>                                                  | <b><i>July 17</i></b>                                                         | <b><i>July 17</i></b>                         | <b><i>July 17</i></b>                         |
| A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                  | 7:30<br>Laura Galloway<br>10:00<br>Lee Helvey<br>Phil Dorsch           | 7:30<br>L. Hall<br>10:00<br>M. Dailey<br>C. Nicholls<br>R. & L. Rossa         | Aria Heyneman<br>Quinn Heyneman               | 7:30<br><br>10:00<br>S. Peddicord             |
| <b><i>July 24</i></b>                                   | <b><i>July 24</i></b>                                                  | <b><i>July 24</i></b>                                                         | <b><i>July 24</i></b>                         | <b><i>July 24</i></b>                         |
| A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                  | 7:30<br>Peter & Carol Clark<br>10:00<br>Lynn Outland<br>Sharon Bedard  | 7:30<br>B. Courtney<br>10:00<br>R. & J. Prusak<br>S. Mentock<br>D. Stewart    | Bobby St. John                                | 7:30<br><br>10:00<br>K. Ferguson              |
| <b><i>July 31</i></b>                                   | <b><i>July 31</i></b>                                                  | <b><i>July 31</i></b>                                                         | <b><i>July 31</i></b>                         | <b><i>July 31</i></b>                         |
| A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                  | 7:30<br>Holland Duell<br>10:00<br>Stan & Shari<br>Peddicord            | 7:30<br>R. Darnell<br>10:00<br>R. & L. Rossa<br>P. & C. Haworth               | Nate Haworth<br>Maria Black<br>Bobby St. John | 7:30<br>T. Mediate<br><br>10:00<br>L. Swanson |

**From Blessings for the Evening:** May God open your eyes to see the reality of His Kingdom in your midst. May He open your ears that you may clearly hear His voice, and may He awaken your heart that you may passionately and purposefully live for Him. Live expectantly, Jesus is coming. Juanita



- 7/03 John Gale
- 7/04 DuAnne Diers  
Leta Milner
- 7/05 Sharon Bedard  
Bill Campbell
- 7/06 Ginger Stout
- 7/09 Gary Outland
- 7/11 Mike Board  
Cathleen Arambula  
Ann Ernst
- 7/12 Jessie Odom
- 7/13 Cara Nicholls  
Cole Gustafson
- 7/15 Tom Belus
- 7/16 Steve Bachel
- 7/18 Henry Craft  
Tristan King
- 7/19 Milo Kaminsky
- 7/21 Mary Burgess
- 7/22 Sarah Campbell  
Zachary Campbell  
Katherine Campbell
- 7/23 Lee Helvey
- 7/24 Juanita Smith Eisenach
- 7/25 Rick Badgett  
Carol Clark  
Pam Standish  
Sophia Calkins
- 7/26 Trevor Brandjord  
Thor Brandjord  
Frank Smedley
- 7/28 Courtney Wallach
- 7/29 Virginia Connor  
Mary Beth Evers
- 7/30 Anthony Mediate  
Mildred Carroll  
Shelly Gustafson
- 7/31 Bailee Mentock



**DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
COMES TO ST. PETER'S !!!**  
CONVENTION THEME:  
"We Belong to God".



St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Convention on October 7th-the 9th, which will be here in no time! With that being said, most of our main chairpersons are in place, but we are making a plea for more volunteers!

**Here are areas to serve:**

- A: Cookie bakers for Sunday Oct. 9th and breakfast helpers
- B: Serving in the Red Door, which will be open during convention weekend
- C: Persons who are willing be runners (setting up, hauling items, assisting in any area of need)
- D: Friendly Greeters at the Holiday Inn Convention Center
- E: Registration, checking people in (working in shifts)
- F: Hospitality Room Volunteers  
...just to name a few areas.

If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the convention chairpersons:  
Rick and/or Roberta Thompson at  
[\(307.674.8578\)](tel:307.674.8578) or cell: [307.461.2775](tel:307.461.2775))

**Many hands make work light!**



***1 Corinthians 12: 12-27***



"The many members of the church have been sovereignly placed into the one body of Christ in order to fulfill God's great redemptive purposes in the world."

# JULY Calendar 2016

| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                                   | Thursday              | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |                                             |                       | 1      | 2        |
| 3<br>7:30 HE<br>7 Pentecost<br>10:00 HE<br>Patriotic Service & BBQ                | 4<br>Offices Closed<br>                                                                                                                 | 5<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS  | 6<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am                | 7<br>Red Door 10-3pm  | 8      | 9        |
| 10<br>8 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>9:00 SS<br>10:00 HE                               | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 12<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS | 13<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am<br>Vestry 6pm | 14<br>Red Door 10-3pm | 15     | 16       |
| 17<br>9 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>9:00 SS<br>10:00 HE                               | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 19<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS | 20<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am               | 21<br>Red Door 10-3pm | 22     | 23       |
| 24<br>10 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>9:00 SS<br>10:00 HE                              | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS | 27<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am               | 28<br>Red Door 10-3pm | 29     | 30       |
| 31<br>11 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>9:00 SS<br>10:00 HE                              | <p><i>"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,<br/>The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance." Psalm 33:12</i></p>  |                            |                                             |                       |        |          |

HE: Holy Eucharist \* SS: Sunday School \* HS: Healing Service \* SRS: Sugarland Ridge

July 2016



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