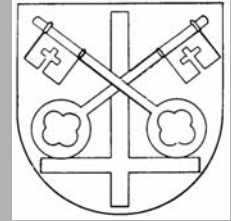


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MAY 2009

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Kevin's Corner . . . ☐

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

May is shaping up to be a busy month here at St. Peter's. First off, we are preparing to celebrate all Moms on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

That next Saturday is the Spring Brunch and (The Red Door) Style Show. The women of St. Peter's will be joined by ladies from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. If you are interested in attending the brunch you will need to make reservations by Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Senior Banquet. Any graduating seniors are invited to join us following the 5:30 p.m. service for a barbeque and celebration of their life after High School. Dinner will begin at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. Andy is cooking up some great plans for dinner, and the banquet will mark the grand occasion with joy.

The 24<sup>th</sup> is graduation Sunday where we'll celebrate those graduating seniors at the 10:00 service prior to commencement. Parents will have the opportunity to give a blessing to their graduates as they take the next step.

Finally, the Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on the last day of May.

It should be noted that the date for confirmation has been rescheduled. We will no longer be traveling to Gillette for this event, rather the confirmands from St. Peter's will be confirmed here on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 service by Bishop Strickland.

### Cinco de Junio

Coming early on in June you will want to mark your calendars for the annual Cinco de Junio Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction. This annual fundraiser goes towards the purchase of a home in Juarez. The dinner will be Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and food will be served at 6 p.m. with the silent

second house we built committed his life to Christ while we were standing in the new home during the dedication. It was a stirring moment and a poignant reminder of why we engage in this type of ministry. We'll have a new brother in heaven who can trace the moment of his conversion to the day he moved into his new home. This is what it's all about.

Despite all the activity that is going on in Mexico at this time, we returned safely and are already looking forward to another build in the fall. If you are interested in joining us for one of these trips, please contact me and I'll make sure you are included. But I must caution you ... it *will* change you.

### House Update

Many have commented to us about the reconstruction of our home and the striking progress that is being made. As of this writing the sheet rock has been hung and they are taping and texturing this week. We hope to possibly paint soon! The projected date for moving in is anticipated at early July, give or take a few weeks. We are planning on a big celebration. I'll keep you posted on the details for that as we get there. Thanks again to you all for your support, encouragement, and prayers for us over this past year. You have helped make this time more bearable for us. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation, but Paul makes a good effort.

He writes in his epistle to the Phillipians:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1:3-6)

**PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW BISHOP**

Eternal God, our sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Guide, in your mercy give your Church in the Diocese of Wyoming a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways and, with loving care, watch over your people. Grant us a leader with your vision and a teacher

**Rest eternal, grant to these, O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**We remember Robert J. Prusak,  
Brad Spear, Beatrice Beuf,  
and Gladys White.**

**May their souls,  
and all the souls of all the faithfully departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.**



**Dear St. Peter's Church Family,**

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!  
Our family greatly appreciates all the support  
you have given and are giving us. All the  
meals have been great. You prayers are so  
strong! I am home again and only have to  
return to Denver every other week for  
Doctor's appointments. My blood counts are  
still low, but are slowly returning after my  
latest bump in the road with my gallbladder.**

Parish Nurse Jodene Prusak will be available from 5:00 to 5:30 in the Church Library on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> to do blood pressure readings or to

UTO Sunday is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take a blue UTO box home with you to put coins in as a sign of



Our archivist is searching for a photograph of Fr. Dave in his vestments for the gallery wall in the Parish Hall. If you have one, please contact Ethelyn St. John (672-8455 or ethelyn@fiberpipe.net) or Shannon (674-7655 or

FROM THE VESTRY . . .

Graduation is once again upon us this month; a time when seniors, whether high school or college, will venture off into new challenges, new tests. Though graduation symbolizes a transformation in seniors' lives, it's symbolic of what everyone faces as we go through life; life presents new challenges each day. I think it's how God tests us, but I don't think he'll ever give us more than we can manage, and He works in very mysterious and interesting ways.

Recently, the world has come to know a 21-year-old Christian named Carrie Prejean, who just happened to be the runner-up at the Miss USA Pageant. Surely she has faced some incredible challenges, not only in her competition, but afterwards. During the final questioning, she was asked a controversial question to which she answered according to her convictions and core values. Her answer wasn't meant to impose her beliefs but to merely explain what she thinks, which is something we're supposed to be able to do in the United States. Interestingly and ironically, the world has come to know that she's a Christian due to all the attention she and her "situation" have received. Had she answered the question the way the interviewer had wanted, then she would have sold herself out and she may have won the competition. Imagine being in that situation after working so hard to get there. She even admits that she briefly considered giving the PC answer. However, her faith in Christ and her convictions came through and made national, if not international, news. Since this issue arose, she's been condemned and slandered by many people who disagree with her answer and her views. However sad this may be for those who have treated her so badly, she has again shown her Christian beliefs by forgiving these people. Wow. Where does she get this strength and character? She says it's from her faith in Jesus Christ. This young woman is really amazing and she has brought attention to Christianity by making a tough decision and following her faith.

God gives us all the tools and resources to handle each challenge, and all we need to do is seek his love and believe. Carrie Prejean became a Christian when she was 16; only five years ago. *~~ John Chase*

God had a plan for her. Isn't it VESTRY 2009 interesting how a painful or  Debbie Ebia  Cara Nicholls

Jim Benepe-Gary Benson-Maria Black-Mike Board-John Chase  
JackFritz -Theresa Miller-M. V. Morton-Randy Stout-Diana York □



## McKenna Evangeline Menth

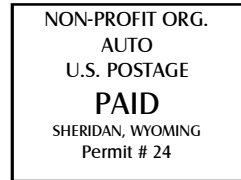
On April 24, 2009, McKenna Evangeline Menth was born! She was born around 8:15 A.M. and at birth weighed 6 pounds 12.5 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. She has dark hair . . . AND ten fingers and ten toes. For some reason, my brothers and my Dad asked that question. Sarah is doing well. Both her mom and her sister are here to help for the next two weeks. Please keep us in your prayers as we all adjust.

Peace,  
*AnDy*



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A THANK YOU, A RETROSPECT, A HOPE.

Fellow St. Peter's members Lois Hall and Marian Sarantha and I attended the ECW Annual Spring Conference on April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all women of St. Peter's for financing this opportunity for the three of us. The weekend's overall theme, *Grace Happens*, was lived out during in many different ways. Knowing HIS grace is freely given, I wish more locals could have attended. The weather prohibited many scheduled to be there to come to the Casper site. Keynote speaker was Jenifer Gamber of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Not only does Jenifer have friends throughout our diocese (she served as a spiritual advisor at HR Camp during the summer of 2008) she is a lifelong Episcopalian, trainer of Christian Education teachers, and quite experienced in leading conferences and workshops around the country. She presented up-beat, scriptural-based reflections of grace-held traits in terms relevant to today's lifestyles. Our own Fr. John Meyer, leader of one of three workshops, gave us great insight into his topic, *Mercy, Grace and Hope*. Fr. John kept the group focused on scriptural examples of the three topics, and we all laughed

The monthly meeting of St. Margaret's Guild is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Linda Clark will give a presentation on the Greenhouse Project. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please make your reservations for Spring Brunch and Style Show no later than Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Women's Council President Peggy Sorvik (672-5899 or [pppkisa@fiberpipe.net](mailto:pppkisa@fiberpipe.net)) or Shannon (674-