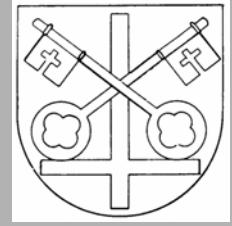


CROSSED KEYS



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Kevin's Corner . . .

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

Psalm 107:1-3

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this--those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south."

I do give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and grace towards us. I can identify with this psalm in so many ways. The remaining verses of Psalm 107 go on to describe different groups of people who underwent hardships until the Lord eventually rescued them and saved them.

It was one week ago today that my mother-in-law phoned in the middle of the night with the message that our house was on fire. The past few days have been a blur of activity. We have gone through the house several times, spent time with the fire investigators, insurance adjustor, and countless family and friends who have lent us their strength, support, and encouragement. On behalf of Chris, Haydn and Liam, I want to express our very deepest heartfelt thanks to you all. You make this church the wonderful place that it is. We feel forever indebted to you for your grace, kindness, compassion and care.

As we continue to dig into the work that remains, it has become clear to me that life has not stopped. The work and the ministry here at St. Peter's continues and I'll do my best to try not to fall too far behind in the process. I do appreciate and ask for your continued grace towards us as we try to pull all of these things together. I know that I will likely be a little scattered over the course of the next several months. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are likely several weeks out from being able to go in and begin the demolition process. Many have asked me, "What can we do to help?" My answer today is 1) continue to pray for us, 2) continue to be patient with me, and 3) when we get ready for the demolition to begin, I'll call for help from whomever is able and willing.

This coming Wednesday, October 8th, we will be having a celebration of new ministry at St. Peter's. Bishop Caldwell will join us to install me as your next Rector here. I hope that as many of you are able will be on hand to join us for the next step in our transition together. The service will begin at 7:00 P.M. with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Thank you to all of you for your prayers for us as a congregation as we move forward into the future with our eyes on the Lord to lead us.

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I wrote last month about us beginning a new Alpha course in the month of September. We have decided to postpone Alpha until January, due to the timing and weather. It now seems like that was indeed a wise and fortuitous decision. I'll inform you as to the specifics when we get closer to beginning the course again.

Once again, I want to thank you all for caring for my family and me. I am amazed at the love that has poured out of you all and into our lives and hearts. We consider it the greatest joy and privilege to serve the Lord here in Sheridan at St. Peter's.

You know, the last lines of Psalm 107 read, "⁴²The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths. ⁴³Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord."

Now while I wouldn't necessarily consider myself among the "wise," I wish I legitimately could. Therefore, I feel it imperative to "heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord" in my life. You all are a large part of the Lord's provision and blessings to me; of his great love to me. I am also profoundly thankful that my family remains intact. Give thanks to the Lord along with me.

Yours by Grace,



Kevin Jones
Rector (looks kind of funny . . .)



These are photos of our "cross wall" taken by our friend, Adam Jahiel.



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

We remember Chuck Olson, John Lindell,
Father Peter Tomkins, and Bill Sollars.

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





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**Please pray
daily for our
Vestry
members and
for their
ministry to St.
Peter's.**

**THE VESTRY
MEETS ON THE
4TH TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH**



FROM THE VESTRY . . .

I will begin my Crossed Keys article by admitting that I have not yet received “the gift” of composing. Therefore, I would like to use my first article to tell you a bit about myself and my involvement here. First of all, St. Peter’s has been my family’s home church since 1975. This is where my children learned more about Jesus Christ’s love and grace for us.

Three years ago, I started to help Andy and other youth group leaders on Wednesday nights with the group for kids in 6th through 8th grades. At first, I was not quite sure what to expect since I had not been around young people for some time. “Controlled chaos,” as Andy calls it, is from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. During this time, kids start to come and just hang out catching up on one another, listening to music, playing the pinball machine and grabbing a bite to eat before we get to the heart of things. One thing I like to do, since some of them come over right after school, is to have something on hand for them to eat. It could be a cup of soup or a hot dog. They are easy to please, and having something in their tummies helps them to stay focused during group. The class might start with some funny videos and announcements from Andy. After this, we get down to business which is Scripture reading and sometimes a video pertaining to a Scripture. After this, we break up into small groups headed by a group leader. Students from the high school youth group who have been coming for years also help. We discuss the Scriptures and how they apply to our daily lives. I am amazed at their knowledge about the Scriptures and how they retain the information. This is also when the kids might open up and share something personal because they know we are here to help. We close with prayer time, and, when we are especially filled with the Spirit, we go all out and sing hymn after hymn of praise. Actually, sometimes it is hard to stop. One night, for one of the girls, it was so powerful she asked the leaders in attendance to pray for her, and at that time, she accepted the Lord. Wow!!!

I invite you all to come and see how these kids have grown in Jesus. The older ones who have been coming for a while now are becoming role models and leaders for the younger ones. They know where they are going and what to do to get there.

Come on down. You’ll be glad you did.

Peace,
Maria Black

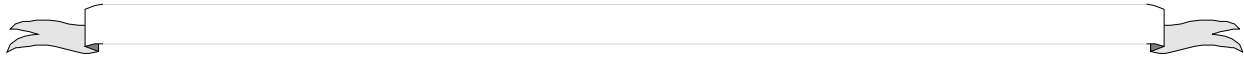
Hangin' out in the Youth Room



Maria and some of "her" kids

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We need you! Do you love Jesus, understand teenagers and have a free night? Right now we are short on our youth staff, and we are looking for a few volunteers. We are looking for a few that would fit well with the rest of our youth staff and teens. If you have an interest, please contact me (AnDy) at St. Peter's. There are no requirements, and all types of people are needed.



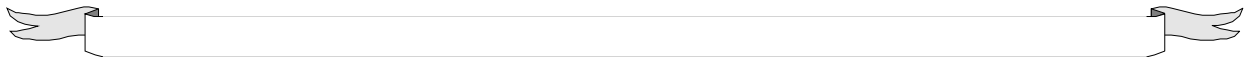
MENTH FAMILY NEWS



A few days ago, Jack and I spent about an hour in the doctor's office with Sarah as she had the first of many upcoming appointments. As I sat there taking care of Jack, making sure he did not touch anything, I realized that it might have been a good idea to bring a few toys. Until today, I have never noticed the many, many objects in a doctor's office that attract a baby's eyes and fingers.

In case you are wondering, Sarah's health is great. We were at the doctor's office to see the first ultrasound of our next child. Although Jack was able to see his soon-to-be sibling, he was only worried about eating the rest of the gummies. Right now Sarah is about ten weeks pregnant and is due around the end of April. Please remember to keep her in your prayers, and we will keep you updated as the pregnancy progresses.

God bless,
AnDy



Jr. EYC meets at 7 P.M. Wednesdays

&

Sr. EYC meets at 7 P.M. Sundays

in the Parish Hall basement.

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For more information, contact Andy
Menth at 674-7655.

BITS FROM BERT . . .

Do you know someone in times of celebration or need? We have prayer shawls ready to be “gifted” away to such individuals once more. We, here at St. Peter’s, consider them a “hug from God” from God’s people. Contact me or the church office for more information.

A small group from Crow Agency, Montana, joined a small group of women from St. Peter’s on August 27th. A luncheon and time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Continuing plans are being made with Sister Loretta at St. Dennis parish for continuing parish exchange opportunities.

A planned trip to St. Dennis the morning of October 12th will not be possible due to conflicts with my own personal schedule. We will try for a November visit there, but you know weather may be a factor as we go later into the year for travel. God willing, we will try. If you are interested in sharing other exchange ideas with me, things you would like to see as we continue to build this relationship bridge, call or e-mail me.

His Peace and Blessings to your Fall,
Roberta “Bert” Thompson
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robrick@fiberpipe.net

St. Margaret’s Guild will meet Wednesday, October 15th, at 7 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Patti Adkins will present ghost stories related to The Sheridan Inn.

Parents of young children, remember that there is a nursery in the parish hall basement which is available during the 10 A.M. service. The wonderful ladies who care for children there have been employed by St. Peter’s for that sole purpose for the past 17 years. It’s a great place for a little kid to be!

If you would like a bit of pin money, there is a need for someone to sit with an elderly church member, who is a resident at Sheridan Manor, for one hour each day, five days a week. For more information, please call Betty at 672-9414.

A Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference will be held October 31st through November 2nd in Billings. Group rates will apply if registrations are received prior to October 21st. There are registration forms on the credenza across from the office or from Judy Tenney (672-0278) or Carol Bredin (672-6288).

A HUGE thank you to Fred Gutz for
washing the outsides of ALL the church and parish
hall windows!

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