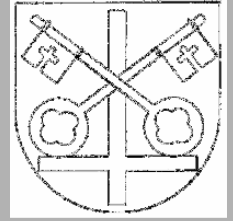


Crossed Keys



June, 2007

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Dear Families and Friends of St. Peter's

From my article in last month's *Crossed Keys* I received perhaps the most feedback of any other. Several people mentioned that they had read the article and that it had prompted them to consider questions regarding their health care and end-of-life preparation.

Lynn Gordon, a professional counselor and church member, suggested an outline called "Five Wishes," which she has used to help people articulate their wishes. This outline may be obtained by called 1-888-5wishes (1-888-594-7437) or online www.agingwithdignity.org.

Coincidentally, a community member called me this month to ask me to witness and keep on file her Advance Directive (Living Will), so that I might help her family to articulate her wishes if there comes a time when she is unable to articulate those wishes on her own. I have now added her Advance Directive to the others I have on file; a tremendous responsibility, but one which the church willingly takes.

To continue the discussion of Durable Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney for Health Care, it is important to discuss both of these further. It is very important to have persons appointed by you to fill these two roles—the first for carrying out your business transactions, and the second for your health care—but it is also important to know that the power you delegate to these persons to act on your behalf "dies with you." That is, on the point of your death, your Power of Attorney has no power to act any longer on your behalf.

How are your wishes then carried out after your death? They are carried out by the Executor of your Will, according to the parameters you have set out in your Will, and they are carried out by anyone with whom you hold joint accounts.

For example, if I want there to be no delay whatsoever in the settling of my accounts after my death, then I must allow another person to hold my accounts jointly with me, so that they

have an equal power to make financial transactions on my behalf. Both names are on the account, and if one person dies, the other has full authority. Most people do not go to this level of sharing power and authority, but it is definitely an option. Obviously, you would need to have complete and absolute trust in that person, as they would have equal authority with you in managing your accounts. But this authority, unlike the Powers of Attorney, "does not die with you." The day you die, this person can begin to settle your accounts and manage property and funeral arrangements.

It is very important to note that if you have none of these persons in place, your estate is held in Probate Court until the court decides the just distribution of your accounts. This was, unfortunately, the case when my brother died. There was no Will, no Powers of Attorney, and no Executor. We simply had to turn over all of his accounts to the Probate Court, and they managed his estate until it was completed. In order for me to take possession of one of his motorcycles (which he would have wanted me to have) I had to purchase the motorcycle from the estate through the probate lawyer. Otherwise, it would have been sold on the open market to settle his accounts.

I hope you understand the reason I am discussing these facts. Although they have little apparent bearing on your spiritual well-being, they are important to discuss because many people do not have their arrangements made according to their own wishes. I am not trying to "play lawyer," but I am encouraging you to hire one to complete your planning if you have not done so. What is more, we are offering to be on your "team" of care givers, with your lawyer, your doctor, your executor and your Powers of Attorney, to respect and carry out your wishes. When your wishes are not articulated, there is indeed a spiritual problem. Families struggle with their own feelings and with one another over what should be done. Families often divide over these issues, and these divisions can last for decades and lifetimes! (Cont'd on pg. 3)

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KEVIN'S CORNER...

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

As I write this letter we are fresh off of our most recent trip to Juarez, Mexico, having just completed another house build in conjunction with the ministry of Casas por Cristo. The team that traveled the length of I-25 together had a great experience. We bonded on the highway and in the churches where we stayed, we shared life together as we hammered, sheet rocked, and stuccoed the house together, and we were humbled by the gracious hospitality of the family we went to serve. We laughed hard, worked harder, and felt the emotion as we dedicated the new casa to God and handed over the keys to Ciento and Anna, the new owners. You can catch some snippets of the sermon some of the team members gave on our website: www.stpeterssheridan.com. Look for the "sermons" link and follow it to May 13th, or "Juarez".

We had no idea as to who the family was that we would be working with, yet I had been praying for them prior to our departure. My prayer was that God would use the house we were to build as a sign of his grace to the family, that he would show them demonstrably that he loved them dearly through this new structure. As we arrived and met the pastor, who was their sponsor, we learned that Anna, the wife, was a member of the church, but that Ciento, her husband, was not a Christian, but struggled with alcohol abuse. The pastor, Arturro, was actually Ciento's brother. While we spent the next few days together, I continued to pray for Ciento. On the final morning we were there, we had the opportunity to share with them during the house dedication. I told them that we had felt welcomed into their family. I also said that the 15 of us represented a larger church family from Wyoming. As we had felt accepted by them, we, in turn, felt that they were now bound to us as family, as well.

As Ciento accepted the bible and keys from me, he had tears running down his face. We were all moved as his brother, Arturro, prayed the blessing over the house.

At this time I have no idea how the experience has impacted Ciento's life, but I covet your prayers for him. Pray that he will be able to give up drinking. Pray for he and Anna's relationship. Pray that he would open his heart to the love of God and that he would put his faith in Jesus.

There is another team looking for members to help build a house this summer. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting and life-changing project, please contact me at 674-7655. The next build is scheduled for the end of July. We'll keep going until every one who is even mildly interested has a chance or two to be involved.

Speaking of the next house build...

We are preparing for our annual Mexican dinner/Silent auction fundraiser, "Cinco de Junio." We are planning for another exceptional evening of fantastic silent auction items, as well as some of the best Mexican food you'll find around these parts. Plan on joining us on Tuesday, the 5th of June with the knowledge that all of the proceeds will go towards funding the next house for a needy family in Juarez. Tickets for dinner are \$7.50 per person or just \$20 for an entire family. You can buy these at the door. This is always a great event and you can't beat the cause. We'll start serving food at 6:00 p.m. and will wrap up the silent auction sometime around 7:45.

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve him in a place where the congregation is open to doing this kind of ministry. Your enthusiastic support of international missions work makes me proud to be a member here.

By Grace,

Our 2007 Vestry Members

Rick Rossa
Sr. Warden

Marcus York
Jr. Warden

- Dan Alsup**
- Maria Black**
- John Chase**
- Mike Evers**
- Penny Hoffman**
- Tina Mediate**
- Cara Nicholls**
- Shari Peddicord**
- Mary South**
- Randy Stout**

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

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Finally, once you have established your wishes, and put your affairs in order, I suggest you have a family meeting. One beloved parishioner summed up her communication by saying “my wishes are on a piece of paper in my Bible.” This is good! But it is not enough. Share your wishes and your reasoning with your children, spouse, and other loved ones, and allow them to ask questions. Tell them to whom you have given authority and why. This will all but eliminate any struggles after you are gone. All this is for the good of the unity of your family, for generations to come.

Again, I invite you to contact Fr. Kevin, Fr. John, or me if you would like any further counsel in these matters. We love you and we care about you and your families.

God Bless you,

Fr. David



Vacation Bible School is here! St. Peter’s, Holy Name, First Congregational, First United Methodist, First Christian and First Congregational churches announce:

“Lift Off” - Soaring to New Heights with God!

When: June 11-15 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Where: 1st United Methodist Church

St. Peter’s treat day is Wednesday, the 13th. Help in all areas including the nursery would be welcome.



A man and his young son were walking on a mountain trail when the boy tripped on a rock and twisted his ankle. “Ahhhh!” he screamed in pain.

“Ahhhh!” came a distant reply from the mountain.

The startled boy shouted back, “Who are you?”

“Who are you?” replied the voice from the mountain. This made him angry, so he shouted,

“You’re a big coward!”

“You’re a big coward!” was the reply.

The puzzled boy looked at his father and asked, “Dad, what’s going on?”

“Son,” the father replied, “listen to this.” He then shouted, “I admire you!”

“I admire you!” answered the voice.

“You are wonderful!” shouted the dad.

And the voice replied, “You are wonderful!”

The father turned to his son and explained, “People call that an echo, but it’s really life. Life always gives back to you what you give to it. Life is a mirror of all your actions. If you want to be loved, give love. If you want respect, give respect. If you want people to be patient with you, be patient with them. This rule of nature applies to every part of our lives.”



Congratulations to the graduates and their families!
Well done!



If you were to ask any of our students at EYC where they go to church they would respond, "I go to St. Peter's." Most of them are not officially "members"; they do not tithe or attend Sunday services on a regular basis. Vernon Strickland sums this up with the profound truth (I am paraphrasing him here), that the Church is the only institution in the world whose purpose and existence is for those who do not belong to it. You see, most of our students "don't belong" to a church, but St. Peter's is their church.

Last week youth group was nothing out of the ordinary. We started the night with games and then headed downstairs to watch a Nooma video, which focused on what it meant to be a disciple of Christ. It was very interesting in that it explained the process in Jesus' time of what one had to do in order to become a disciple of a teacher. A disciple was a student who was the best of the best, one who could memorize a majority of the Old Testament. The video went on to describe how Jesus broke the mold by not picking the best of the best to be his disciples. He started by choosing fisherman and when he left, he encouraged *them* to go out and make more disciples. We broke into small groups and discussed further what it meant to be a disciple and how to live that out.

The event that made this night stand out occurred when youth group was over. One of our students that has been coming this school year, wanted to know what she had to do to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She had been asking a friend in youth group what it meant to be a Christian and was trying to grasp that she didn't have to do anything to gain Christ's love. This was awesome! Minutes later we were praying with her as she accepted Christ into her life. This was one of the most exciting experiences of youth ministry that I've been able to share in! Here I was able to witness the process of a student being transformed from a Jr. high school youth group attendee to one who now has her name indelibly written in the Lamb's book of Life! This is why I love my job.

This new believer and other youth like her are the students that are "non-members", who "don't belong" and yet are now becoming Christ's disciples. It is for these exact students that the church exists. I am thrilled that St. Peter's has the opportunity to share in Bishop Strickland's philosophy because in reality, these are the very ones that *do* belong to St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

God bless,

AnDy

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

This is the house of God!
Welcome in the name of Christ.
We gather to worship our Creator
who is our refuge and strength.
Lift up your heart and offer praise
to the God of glory.



To the family and friends of Betty Spangler, Arline Wood and Levita Dinnebeck. May God bring peace and healing into their hearts.

Special Dates Ahead

Trinity Sunday 6/3
VBS 6/11-15
Flag Day 6/14
Father's Day 6/17

**ST. PETER'S
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**Interest free loans
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We are planning our annual Mexican dinner/Silent auction fundraiser, "**Cinco de Junio.**" Come join the festivities on June 5th at 6:00 in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



Sally Witzel has a passion for gardening. It was her ministry to St. Peter's but unfortunately, she is unable to work in our flowerbeds anymore. Her love of things that grow is noticeable and very much appreciated. It would be a shame to let her attention and care go by the wayside. If you looking for a way to volunteer at St. Peter's, here is your opportunity. A little time would make a huge difference. Thanks so much for considering this ministry!



We welcome those who were confirmed this year, affirming their Baptism, faith and commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ:

Susan A. Schatz-Benson, Dela G. Prazma, Gwen L. Erickson, Jacilyn J. Kindle, Cole L. Gustafson, Joshua D. Loseke, Kaitlyn Brisch, Melissa Rene Fort and confirmed in Apostolic Succession, Anthony Mediate.

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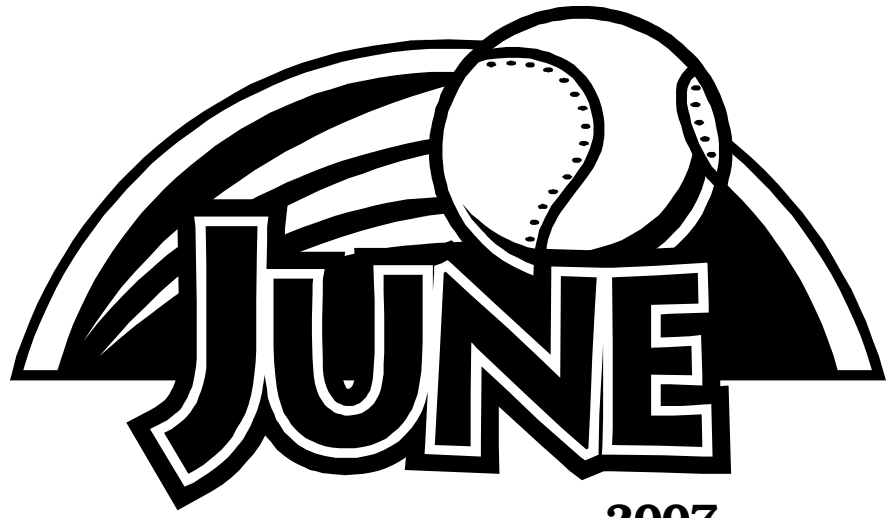
**VESTRY
MEETINGS**
**4th TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH**



Sacred Thirst by M. Craig Barnes, pg. 144

Augustine maintained that our greatest enemy with struggles with our will is **habit**. He writes, "My will was perverse, and lust had grown from it, and when I gave into lust, **habit** was born, and when I did not resist the **habit**, it became a necessity." Sin is anything that keeps us separated from God, and it is very addictive. What begins as a single act often becomes a **habit**, and then a necessity. Because this attachment prevents us from following Jesus, it is the first thing he asks us to give up in order to follow him. It isn't just that Jesus wants us to sacrifice, but, more to the point, that he wants us to believe that our salvation comes exclusively from him and not the other things that, by means of **habit**, we have made necessary in our lives.

One of our favorite responses to Jesus is to tell him that we are going to believe. We will make the required changes and start to follow him—**tomorrow**. Augustine knew this approach well: "I prayed to you for chastity and said, 'Give me chastity and restraint, but not yet,' for I was afraid that you would answer my prayer at once and cure me too soon of the disease of lust, which I wanted satisfied and not quelled." It is like telling ourselves that we are going to begin a diet — **tomorrow**.



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IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. 307-674-7655

Holy Eucharist- HE
 Healing Service- H
 Sunday School- SS
 Youth Group- EYC
 Daughters of the King- DOK
 Morning Prayer- MP
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

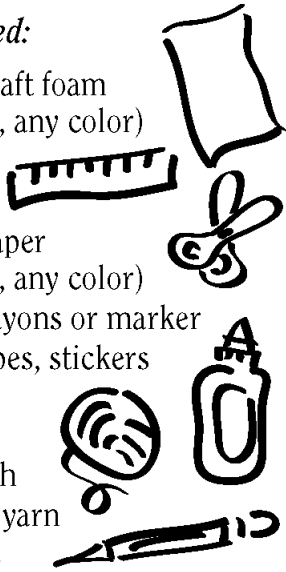
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A Verse Frame

Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.

Q: What time of day was Adam created?



Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

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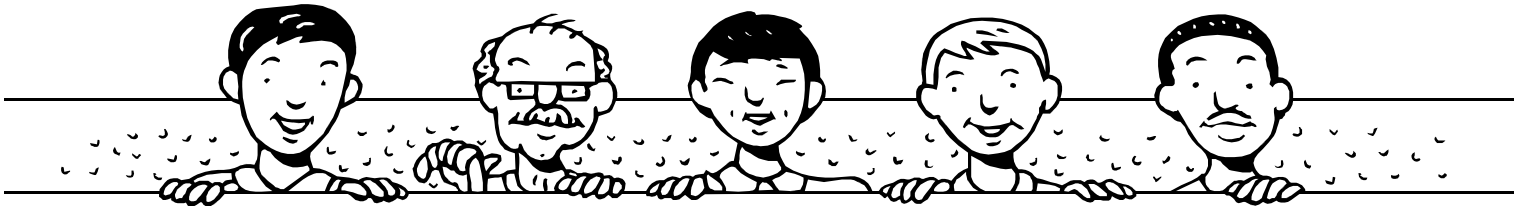
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We are all blessed to be surrounded by people who are much more than they seem, such as the volunteers on the May house building excursion to Juarez, Mexico. Bill, Charlie, Mike, Brian, Forrest, Ron, Kevin, Rick, Liz, Bill, Carol, Susan, Angie and Rob all worked hard and smiled—and at the same time.

Kevin's guidance prepared us for the work:

“Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12

It was a blessing to be among all of those wonderful people, not only the team members, but also the people we were there to help. It was a blessing to see the joy and thankfulness in every face. It is a blessing to find new friends and to do meaningful work.

“And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:14,15

Best regards,

Randy Stout
Vestry

FROM
THE
VESTRY