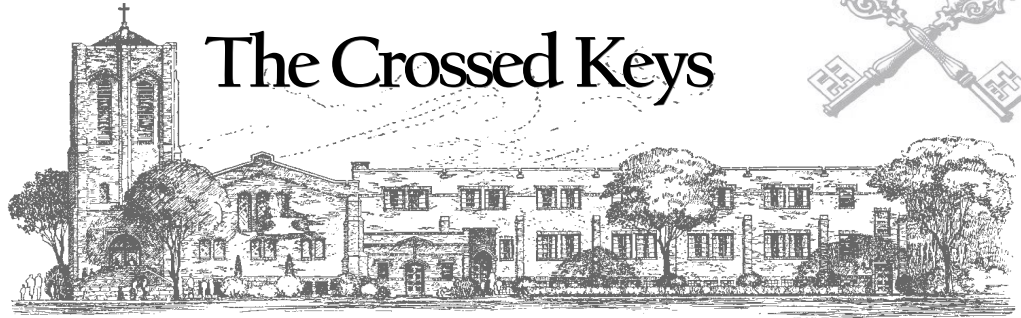


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The Crossed Keys



June
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A word from Fr. John Inserra

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The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is approaching

Many of us don't like to talk about the National Church and what they do. The feeling seems to be that since we are in Wyoming, and 815 Second Avenue in Manhattan (the central church office) is a long way away, much that happens does not affect us. In some ways this is true, but we are part of the Episcopal Church and everything that happens on the big stage will eventually trickle down to us. Every three years the church gathers on a national level for General Convention. It is the event where changes on a church wide level are discussed and either enacted or shot down.

This year is one of those General Convention years and I will be there as a deputy from Wyoming, along with Laura Galloway who is a lay alternate, to see it all firsthand and participate in the discussion and debates. This is my first as a deputy and I have no idea what to expect but will be keeping notes and reflections to share with you all. So in honor of the upcoming General Convention I offer a brief overview of what it is as an introduction or refresher.

When and where is General Convention? General Convention is in Salt Lake City from June 24th - July 3rd. There is a special event on June 23rd that is a town hall interview with the candidates for the next Presiding Bishop.

Who attends General Convention? Technically anyone can attend, but each Diocese sends 8 deputies with voice and vote to serve in the House of Deputies. I am one of the clergy deputies along with Joel Dingman (Casper), Kay Flores (Casper) and Mary Caucutt (Cody). Our lay deputies are Thad Hunter (Casper), Jay Moody (Cody), Mary Naumann (Laramie) and Cindy King (Casper).

How is it structured? General Convention is modeled after the US Congress in the sense that there are two legislative houses. The House of Deputies includes the 8 deputies from each diocese, while the House of Bishops includes Bishop Smylie and every current Bishop in the Episcopal Church. For a resolution or proposed change to pass, it must pass both houses.

What's on the docket for this General Convention? There are hundreds of pieces of legislation that will be brought to Committee's at this year's Convention, many will be "killed" in Committee or combined with other similar pieces to try to streamline the process. There are three big areas of discussion.

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Restructuring church governance – proposals in this area include moving the church office from Manhattan to a central location that is less expensive, combining the House of Bishops and House of Deputies for a more efficient Convention, allowing Dioceses to work towards sharing Committee’s, eliminating most Committee’s on a national level (currently there are 27 and the proposal reduces them to 4) as well changing the process by which a Bishop is elected to be more transparent.

Amending the canons on marriage – The proposed change is to the language in the marriage canon to be gender neutral (note: this change will not change the prayer book).

The Election of a new Presiding Bishop – the PB is the chair of the House of Bishops and is the public face of the church. Katherine Jefferts Schiori is the current PB and her term is up. Each PB serves a 9 year term and is elected only by the House of Bishops. The nominees this year are Michael Curry (North Carolina) Ian Douglas (Connecticut) Dabney Smith (Southwest Florida) and Thomas Brednethal (Southern Ohio).

For information on all things General Convention go to www.generalconvention.org

I hope to return with some honest reflections on the experience to share with you all.

Your Priest,



John+

VESTRY MEMBER LIST ~ 2015

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| Lynne Outland - Sr. Warden | Holland Duell |
| Liz Swanson - Jr. Warden | Karen Ferguson |
| Patrick Henderson | Phil Dorsch |
| Donna Kuehne | Dave Nicolarsen |
| Suzie Schatz-Benson | Linda St. Clair –Secretary |
| Rick Thompson | Fr. John Inserra |
| Billie Chapman | Dr. John Milliken |
| Paul Haworth | |



'The Story' Study for June *(Thursday's study begins at 4:30)*

Section 3—The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

<u>Sunday and Thursday Dates</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
June 4	28	New Beginnings
June 7 and 11	29	Paul's Mission
June 14 and 18	30	Paul's Final Days
June 21 (SUNDAY ONLY)	31	The End of Time



Dear St. Peters,

What a blessing it is to live in Sheridan, Wyoming! As we near the end of May I'm sure there have been grumblings about the lack of sunshine, cooler temperatures, and numerous soggy days. But let's be thankful for these gifts from Heaven. Having recently returned from California where I saw much brown and parched land, it reminds me to appreciate all that God has provided for us.

Another blessing in my life is St. Peters. The worship, love, music and friends of St. Peters. There are so, many reasons to be thankful! I hope you feel the same. If you do, please extend the open arms and welcome others into our St. Peter's family.

Summer officially arrives June 21st. Everyone is gearing up for summer activities to keep them busy and to relax. There is no summer kick-back time for God. As God watches over us, make sure that we keep God in our presence each day.

Blessings to everyone!

Rick Thompson

Greeter Schedule for June:

June 7th
June 14th
June 21st
June 28th

7:30 Service

Peter & Carol Clark
Mickey & Kathy McNickle
Forest & Sandy Asmus
Rick & Roberta Thompson

10:00 Service

Frank & Lorene Smedley
Eric & Danae Brandjord
Rick & Roberta Thompson
Justin & Lacasa Bishop

Up-coming: Events....Information....Activities....and such!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8th – 12th 2015 / 9:00 a.m. – Noon

It's not too late to volunteer for VBS!

For more information contact John Milliken.

drjohn@stpetersheridan .com or 461-1924



In June we will be receiving boys and girls:
*sunglasses, foldable hats, bandanas,
T-shirts, and flip-flops.*

FYI: Items should not contain violent or war
type images. You may place your OCC items in
the Blue Bucket in the Parish Hall. Thank you for
supporting a great cause!!! *Receiving all kid sizes.*



ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY IN PROCESS.

In that St. Peter's has not had an updated directory in quite a number of years, and in that so many people use only cell phones now, a committee has been established to look into an Online Church Directory. You may look on the Internet at "Instant Church Directory" to see what it is like. Our immediate need is to have each of you send a regular size digital photo to the church email: stpeterssheridan@gmail.com Please also include whatever information about you and/or your family that you would like to share: name, address, land phone, cell phone, email, birthdates, anniversaries, etc. You may include as much or as little information as you would like. Your pictures may include whatever you would like, your car, your pets, whatever. Having an online directory will provide a way to keep all of our congregational information current. It is easy to add or remove information if someone changes addresses or moves away. Hopefully, we can get this project completed in a matter of months. We are excited about this new way to have a directory. If you have any questions, you may email me at: stharaldson@yahoo.com ~ Thank you! Sandy

For Kids !!!



What can you hold without your hands?

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What cannot be seen but only heard,
and will not speak unless it is spoken to?

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Last month I mentioned I have been reading a lot of Christian biography lately and recommended a few books I have found especially good. This month I wanted to share something I have learned. As I have read a large number of stories about Christians who have been greatly used by God to impact the world, I have noticed one characteristic they all possess and place great emphasis upon. Can you guess what it might be?

Obedience. Time and again I have read about a singular commitment to *obey the will of God*, whatever it happens to be. There are many other important attributes these individuals possess. They study and know scripture; they pray frequently; they depend upon God in faith. And yet it is their ready obedience that seems to be the key to unlocking the fuller life with God and that sets theirs apart from the average Christian experience.

It probably goes without saying that very few are prepared to offer this sort of obedience to God. The more ordinary course is to follow God in some matters while in others to adopt various strategies of resisting his will. (Sometimes we just flat out refuse to do as he says. Other times we pretend we don't know what he says. Still other times, we scrupulously avoid giving any reflective attention to an area of our lives we suspect God might want to deal with.) Why do we hold back?

The other day I was trying to coax Noah into jumping off a high point of a play structure. "I'll catch you," I said. He wouldn't jump. The problem was that he had doubts about my ability to catch him safely. It is the same way with our obedience to God. We hold back because we aren't sure he has our good in mind or aren't sure he's fully in control of things. To carry on with the metaphor, we suspect he might drop us due to ineptitude or malice.

But here's the truth: God wills only our good and God is able, as Paul says, to work *all* things together for that end. If we really believe that, we won't hesitate to "jump."

And how do we come to believe that, you ask? I think people tend to develop trust in God the same way we develop trust in people: through experience. Start where you are. Ask God to prompt you to take a step of obedience and then see what happens. The more we find God faithful the more willing we will be to take more (and larger) steps.



St. Peter's Ministry Schedule

June Vestry Greeter: Rick Thompson

	Lay Readers	LEM's	Ushers	Acolytes
June 7 2 Pentecost	7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike & Mary Beth Evers	A: Juanita Smith B: Jeannene McKnight C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Sharon Tracy Karen Ferguson Stan & Shari Peddicord	Bobby St. John Joe Eisenach Maria Black
June 14 3 Pentecost	7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Paul Haworth Lee Helvey	A: None B: Phil Dorsch C: Juanita Smith D: Peggy Sorvik	Frank & Georgia Boley Christina Haworth Sherri Wheelock	Joe Eisenach Nate Haworth Kate Alsup
June 21 4 Pentecost	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Bert Thompson Phil Dorsch	A: None B: Phil Dorsch C: Juanita Smith D: Peggy Sorvik	Frank Smedley Mary Dailey Lynne & Gary Outland	Joe Eisenach Maya Fritz Nate Haworth
June 28 5 Pentecost	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Lynne Outland Isabel Wallop	A: None B: Donna Kuehne C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Robert & Jodene Prusak Rick & Liz Rossa Westview: Phil Dorsch	Joe Eisenach Quinn & Aria Heyneman



For any questions or changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928



Calendar Of Events

HE: Holy Eucharist * HS: Healing Service * SRS: Sugarland Ridge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	3 St. Nick's Crafters 9:00 AM	4 Red Door 10-3 <i>The Story 4:30 Chapter 28</i>	5	6
7 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story Chapter 29 10:00 HE	8 VBS 8th-12th St. Peter's is hosting! 9-noon	9 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS 9-noon	10 St. Nick's Crafters 9:00 AM 9-noon	11 Red Door 10-3 <i>The Story 4:30 Chapter 29</i> 9-noon	12 Last day of VBS 9-noon	13
14 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story Chapter 30 10:00 HE	15	16 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	17 St. Nick's Crafters 9:00 AM	18 Red Door 10-3 <i>The Story 4:30 Chapter 30</i>	19	20
21 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story Chapter 31 Sunday Only 10:00 HE	22	23 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	23 St. Nick's Crafters 9:00 AM	25 Red Door 10-3	26	27
28 7:30 HE 10:00 HE	29	30 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS				

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Using Your Gifts and Talents:

St. Peter's Choir & Handbell Ministries are a vital part of our 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in joining one or both contact Suzie Schatz- Benson at 672-2140.

Choir is taking a break for the summer beginning June 1st .

St. Peter's Office and Music Staff

Gail Boyer: Parish Administrator (674-7655)
Karon Keahey: Parish Secretary (674-7655)
Suzie Schatz-Benson: Music Coordinator (763-0525)
Jeannene Mc Knight: Organist
Erin Hanke-Pianist

**St. Peter's Office Hours ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
(Monday - Friday)**

Generally someone is in the church until 4:00 PM. If the doors are locked please ring the doorbell at the main entry.

Also, if you are not receiving your Crossed Keys or Sunday Bulletin via E-mail, notify the office.

You may sign-up for receiving our Sunday Bulletin or the Crossed Keys anytime.

Contact the church office.

Thank You!

Email: stpeterssheridan@gmail.com

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NEW CHURCH WEBSITE!

We have recently re-designed our church website. You can find information about activities, digital copies of the Crossed Keys and sermon audio. Log on this site at <http://www.stpeterssheridan.com>