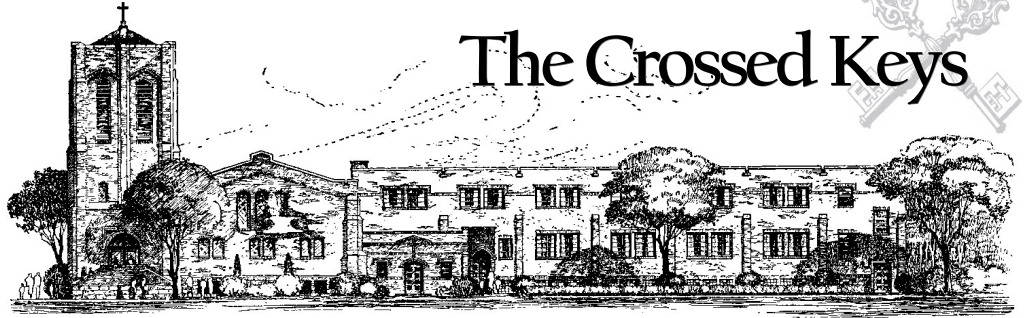


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The Crossed Keys

May
2015



A word from Fr. John Inserra

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God's Secret Shoppers

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. **Hebrews 13:2**

I used to work in retail stores when I was a teenager, both for Nautica and Tommy Hilfiger (in the late 90's that was the place to be). Our managers used to always harp on us for customer service because we never knew when we were going to be visited by "secret shoppers." If you do not know, a secret shopper is someone the corporate office will pay to send in and act like a customer needing assistance. The secret shopper would then send a detailed review to the corporate office that would be part of the store's evaluation. If we failed to help a secret shopper, our manager would get severely reprimanded and because that sort of stuff rolls downhill, all the employees would then get chewed out. It was frustrating because anyone could be a secret shopper, you never knew who they would send. The only way to ensure we did not get a bad review was to treat everyone with the attention that a secret shopper would receive (and that is exactly what management wanted).

The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that churches and Christian communities have a version of this secret shopper, angels. The author says that in neglecting to show hospitality to strangers, we would miss the opportunity to entertain God's "secret shoppers." The idea is that a church would welcome everyone like they were sent by God, so at the very least, not to neglect those who might be.

One of the tasks of the Vestry this year is to focus on hospitality and welcome, several on our hospitality task force have been looking at St. Peter's through fresh eyes asking the question – what is the experience at St. Peter's for someone visiting for the first time? Part of this process has been asking first time visitors to fill out a review answering questions. Some of the issues are out of our hands, but the one question that affects everyone in this church is – Do you feel welcomed? When a person walks in the door for the first time, much of the first impression they have of St. Peter's will be based on how they are treated and welcomed.

This is not meant to lecture (far from it) but to remind us of the high calling we all share in the ministry of welcome. It is a ministry we all share, it is more than just the job of one, it is the job of all. We may not all be evangelists, or teachers, or preachers, but we all can welcome.

We do not know why people walk in the door of St. Peter's for the first time, we do not know what might be happening in their life, we do not know if they are hurting or scared or broken. We can never underestimate how much a warm smile and a sincere welcome can mean to someone when they are going through something in their life.

God will send us his "secret shoppers" as the author to the Hebrews tells us, what would their report of St. Peter's be?

The Story May and June *(Thursday's study begins at 4:30)*

Section 3—The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

<u>Sunday & Thursday Dates</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 3 and 7	24	No Ordinary Man
May 10 and 14	25	Jesus, the Son of God
May 17 and 21	26	The Hour of Darkness
May 24 and 28	27	The Resurrection

Section 4—The Early Church

<u>Sunday and Thursday Dates</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 31 and 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



It seems as I get older I become more aware of God's presence and His immense love...my life experiences were influenced by this. Having worked at the Wyoming Girls School for 26 years, I worked with girls from all walks of life and I questioned many things. Why do these terrible things happen to these girls? Does God plan this to happen? Why did I get cancer 16 years ago? Why do our loved ones suffer or die early?

Years ago a person told me, "God plans all these terrible things that happen to us to make us stronger and for us to reach out to him." I just could **NOT** accept that! After reading and studying the Bible, I know that God gives us a freewill. People do and say horrible things, we get cancer and other diseases, and, bad things happen to all of us. But one thing that rings loud and clear, **God is always with us.**

He was with the girls at the Girls School helping them heal. He is with our loved ones. He is with each of us as we battle to survive - we just have to open our hearts to Him. We must **pray** for His guidance, healing and protection. We should be thankful for waking up everyday. No one is perfect, only the good Lord. When we listen to His guidance and His loving words, it makes us stronger.

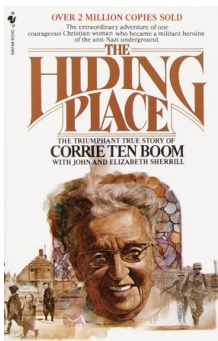
Remember: We are loved. We are known. We belong.

Peace ~ Donna Kuehne

Summer Reading

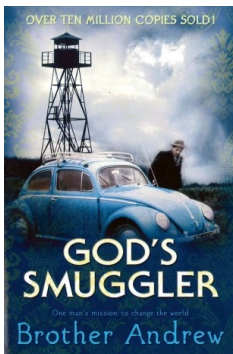
Late last spring I posted a short list of book recommendations for the summer. I know of at least one person who took me up on at least one recommendation; hopefully there were others. In any case, perhaps there will be at least one this year, too.

I have been on a kick for a few months of reading Christian biography. I highly recommend it. Through stories like the ones below we are offered a chance to spend time in the company of those who have walked closely with God, which is a great encouragement for our own journeys. (Our library has the first two.)



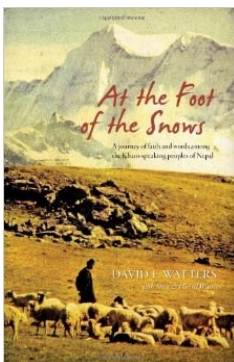
Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

This book tells the story of Corrie and her family, who helped to hide Jews in Holland during WWII. Their activities were eventually discovered, leading to their arrest. One of the most fascinating parts of the book is the description of how Corrie and her sister live out their faith in the midst of the deplorable conditions of a concentration camp.



Brother Andrew, *God's Smuggler*

Brother Andrew is a child in Holland during the Nazi occupation and joins the army as a young man, taking part in combat in the Dutch East Indies. Having reached a very low point in his life, he is converted to Christianity, afterwards becoming a smuggler of Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. His experience of dependence upon God, as well as God's miraculous provision, is inspiring and fascinating.



David Watters, *At the Foot of the Snows*

This book recounts the experiences of a young American family that goes to Nepal in the late '60's to do ethnographic work for the Nepali government. They live among a remote tribe while, among other things, they translate the Bible into the local language, thereby introducing Christianity to these people for the first time. The result looks much like the book of *Acts* recapitulated in a very different setting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

I would like to help VBS "G Force" by....

- Helping with Registration
- Helping Decorate Sanctuary
- Helping with Recreation
- Take Photos
- Helping with Crafts
- Being an AV/Techie
- Helping with Friday picnic
- Discovery/Science Teacher
- Navigator Guide (moving children from center to center)
- Helping with childcare/nursery

Drop filled out form into collection plate or take to the office.

You can also email John Milliken (millikjr@gmail.com) and let him know what you would like to volunteer for.

Matthew 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

How does your garden grow?



The KID'S Garden

VBS is just around the corner!!!

Please be watching for a volunteer form in your Sunday Bulletin or stop by the church office to pick one up!

Thank you!

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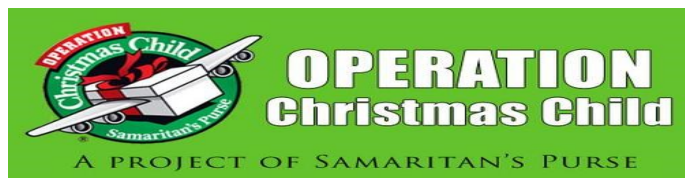
QPR Training - Saturday, May 2 from 9a.m.-1 pm.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training is a training that anyone, in any field or walk of life, can take to learn to help save a life from suicide. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - these are three easy steps that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just as anyone in our community can be trained in CPR to help a person in medical need get to the professional help they need, QPR trains anyone in our community to help a person who is struggling with mental or emotional needs to get the professional help they need. Just as no one trained in CPR is expected to then perform open heart surgery, no one trained in QPR suicide prevention training is expected to become a mental health professional. However, those trained in QPR Suicide Prevention will be able to help save lives because they will learn to: recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, and know how to get professional help to save a life. In QPR, the general public is educated about the known warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond: expressions of hopelessness, depression, giving away prized possessions, talking of suicide, or securing lethal means.

As Wyoming communities, we need to approach the issue of suicide prevention in the same way - ensuring that individuals throughout our community are trained in recognizing and referring those at risk of suicide. Because suicides happen in families - where emergency interventions are more likely to take place - we believe that AT LEAST ONE PERSON PER FAMILY UNIT should be trained in QPR. The training is free and open to the public, and we hope you will join us. Please be trained in suicide prevention - for your family, for your faith community, for your neighbors, and for your co-workers.

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Contact St. Peter's Episcopal Church to sign-up for this training 674-7655.



In May we will be receiving small musical instruments: *harmonicas, small tambourines, wooden whistles, bells, maracas, kazoos, etc.* You may place your OCC items in the Blue Bucket in the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting a great cause!!!

3 SIMPLE STEPS
QUESTION. PERSUADE. REFER.

IN AS LITTLE AS 2 HOURS

YOU CAN LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

QPR TRAINING
WILL TEACH YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS OF A SUICIDE CRISIS AND HOW TO QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER SOMEONE TO HELP.

Join the thousands of Wyomingites who **SAY YES** TO BECOMING PART OF THE SOLUTION TO SUICIDE.

Join us for a **FREE QPR Training from 9-11 a.m. on May 2** at **St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall**, 1 South Tschirgi Street, Sheridan, WY • (307) 674-7655 Refreshments will be provided.

SPACE IS LIMITED!
To sign up please contact:
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Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming
Sheridan County
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St. Peter's Ministry Schedule

May Vestry Greeter: Donna Kuehne

	Lay Readers	LEM's	Ushers	Acolytes
May 3 5 Easter	8:00 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Darracott & Anne Vaughan	A: Juanita Smith B: Peggy Sorvik C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Robert & Jodene Prusak Mary Dailey Frank Smedley	Bobby St. John Joe Eisenach Maria Black
May 10 Mother's Day 6 Easter	7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Lee Helvey Lynne Outland	A: None B: J. McKnight C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Frank & Georgia Boley Jim & Barbara Benepe	Bobby St. John Joe Eisenach Maria Black
May 17 7 Easter	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Darracott & Anne Vaughan	A: None B: D. Vaughan C: Juanita Smith D: Peggy Sorvik	Sharon Tracy Chris & Laura Galloway Cara Nicholls	Nate Haworth Joe Eisenach Maya Fritz
May 24 Day of Pentecost	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Paul Haworth Linen Greenough	A: None B: J. McKnight C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne	Christina Haworth Dorothy Goodwin Frank Smedley Sherri Wheelock	Nate Haworth Joe Eisenach Kate Alsup
May 31 Trinity Sunday 1st Day After Pentecost	7:30 Linen Greenough 10:00 Phil Dorsch Isabel Wallop	A: None B: Phil Dorsch C: Juanita Smith D: Donna Kuehne Westview: P.Dorsch	Mary Lee Stopka Sandy Tharaldson Karen Ferguson Geri Roth	Joe Eisenach Maya Fritz Landon Alsup





Calendar Of Events May 2015

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story 10:00 HE	4 No Handbells until fall.	5 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	6 Women of St. Peter's 9:00 am	7 Red Door 10-3 Choir 6:30 PM The Story 4:00	8	9
10 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story 10:00 HE	11	12 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	13 No St. Nick Crafters until fall. Bishop Smylie Visit 7:00 pm	14 Red Door 10-3 Choir 6:30 PM The Story 4:00	15	16
17 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story 10:00 HE	18	19 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	20	21 Red Door 10-3 Choir 6:30 PM The Story 4:00	22	23
24 7:30 HE 9:00 The Story 10:00 HE	25	26 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	27	28 Red Door 10-3 Choir 6:30 PM The Story 4:00	29	30
31 7:30 HE 10:00 HE 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>The Altar Guild has openings for new members. Anyone interested may contact Theo Powers, Maria Black or Wendy Gale.</i></p> </div>					

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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 Benson at 672-2140.



FYI: Handbell Practices ...On break until fall.



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, a door bell is available at the main entry. Also, if you are not receiving your Crossed Keys or Sunday Bulletin via E-mail, please notify the office.

If you would like to sign-up receiving our Sunday Bulletin or the Crossed Keys Contact the church office.
Thank You!

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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>