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#### Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the Holy Week and Easter service as much as I did. We had wonderful worship and made great inroads to a more visible Christian unity in the town of Sheridan. Protestant division is a 500-year-old issue for the church and will not be undone overnight, but surely we can say we are taking baby steps towards creating a more united Christian community in Sheridan.

Please understand you are an important part of that – St. Peter's is the only church that can be a bridge between the Evangelical, Protestant, and Roman Catholic Communities in town. Be assured of two things 1) It is not an accident we are in this position and 2) God will be support our efforts in this, Jesus promises this in John 17.

Moving towards more administrative matters, I would like to use this space to introduce you to a newly reformed committee at St. Peter's.

#### Introducing the (Revamped) Outreach Committee

One of the goals of our Senior Warden, Patrick Henderson, is to see the Vestry lead more efficiently and empower Committees and Task Forces to handle much of the leadership of the church. This allows the Vestry to work on a "big-picture" level and gives the Committee's and Task Forces the ability to deal with issues at a deeper level that the Vestry cannot.

The first committee that I would like to introduce you is the Outreach Committee. Robert Prusak, Carol Clark, Pam Standish, Wendy Gale, Dan Stewart and Sandy Tharaldson make up the Committee. I have tasked them with revising and developing guidelines for walk-in assistance as well as serving as the point group for community partnerships that use the downstairs space.

In a longer term goal, I have asked the Committee to inventory and evaluate the current Outreach ministries of St. Peter's. We have much going on in the parish and many of us are not aware of all the different Outreach taking place across the parish, as well as who participates in them. My hope is to present a better picture to all of us of what we are involved in, and hopefully avoiding duplication and burnout. Please feel free to talk to them about any concerns or ideas you may have regarding Outreach at St. Peter's.

Be on the lookout for more committees and task forces in the coming months, and please feel free to let me know if you have any interest in serving in a specific area.

Your priest,

John+



r. John Milliken-Family Minister drjohn@stpeterssheridan.com



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This month I'm going two things. I will give you some updates on students I have written about in the past (plus one new one). I am also going to say a bit about some things I've been involved in outside the classroom.

Ingrida: I mentioned before that she objects to Christianity because she thinks of it as restrictive. We had a conversation a couple of weeks ago and this topic came up again (as it always seems to), but in a specific form. She said she believes in loving and accepting everyone but thinks that if you are a Christian this gets in the way. You must then be evaluating and judging others, instead of letting them be who they are. I explained to her how in my experience the opposite has been true. It is precisely my relationship with Jesus that has changed my heart towards people to be more loving, accepting, patient, etc. I spoke also about the spirit's supernatural empowerment for love which believers sometimes experience. Miraculously, she seemed to get it. I mean "miraculously" quite literally. It is a miracle (and not a small one) when God opens our eyes to see things rightly. I hope this small shift in her perspective will lead to others.

leva: I bumped into her in the cafeteria two weeks back in the midst of a bad day. She had just come from burying her dog, who had been hit by a car. We talked about that briefly and then the conversation turned to her struggle with unforgiveness. There is a friend who betrayed her trust. And then there is her father, who left her family when she was five and who now has other daughters whom he loves and cares for. She has been reading books and seeing a counselor, but making little progress. I said something brief about our inability to forgive in our humanness and God's empowerment for forgiveness. My sense is that she's not ready to try so drastic a measure as turning to God yet. She went on to tell me that she trusts no one, having found that vulnerability always leads to rejection. If only she knew how God sees her!

Dmitry: A few weeks back I noticed that he seemed to wear the same shirt often. One I had noticed, I started paying attention. He wears the same shirt every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (and maybe Tuesday and Thursday, too, but I don't have him in class those days). I think he wears the same pants as well. I remember when I was packing to come here I wanted to make sure I brought five shirts, so I wouldn't have to wear the same one twice in a week. It is easy to take for granted what we have.

Olena: She is in my moral philosophy class, though she has missed many sessions due to illness. She had the flu early in the semester, then pneumonia a bit later, then some painful inflammation of the eyes that kept her in bed for several days. I passed her in a lounge area and she wasn't looking too cheery so I asked her how she was doing. She had just found out yesterday that her grandmother back in Ukraine was dead. Her mother didn't tell her until after the funeral so she wouldn't try to come back for it.

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Dr. John continued... And I heard a bit more of her story: she was stuck by a car in a crosswalk last summer (in the US) and seriously injured, spending two months in a hospital in a foreign land. She now owes somewhere around \$200,000 in medical bills and the possibility that the driver's insurance won't help with the costs. Apparently, the driver denies fault and the police report supports this claim. Witnesses say otherwise, but the driver is an important person in a small community and Olena is just a young girl from a foreign country. To put it mildly, she has not had an easy year. In a few weeks she graduates, facing an uncertain future back in Ukraine.

Outside the classroom I have had the opportunity to speak to some other audiences. On Palm Sunday I preached about trust for an English language service attended by faculty, staff, and students. Last week on Wednesday I spoke to a group of high school students about happiness, encouraging them to give careful thought to what the happy life really is and how one attains it. During questions, students were particularly keen to ask about what I said concerning God's connection to the happy life. I gave out my email address to two guys who said they'd like to continue the conversation. This coming Friday I will speak again to a group of prospective students visiting campus.

Thank you for your continued prayers and interest. In Christ,

John (and family)

Dr. John Milliken's webpage, may be found at address:

http://millikenlcc.wordpress.com

#### **Church Periodical Club**

Thank you for your faithful giving to one of my favorite projects over the years.

Sister Penny , through generous giving has helped to buy books, build libraries, and assist seminaries by raising over \$13,000 in our diocese. Most of these funds came from the generosity of St. Peters. I thank you for your faithful giving.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Spring conference will be held the last of April. Date and place to be announced.

Granting session 2015-Grants went to nine U.S. Seminaries. Churches in Idaho, Texas, Virginia, Arizona & Wisconsin. Grants overseas went to priests, churches and libraries in Tanzania, Sudan, and Uganda.

Thank you!

# The United Thank Offering



UTO is a spiritual

and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Parishioners are asked to daily collect pocket change as a thank offering to God, reflecting on our own blessings.

All UTO funds go to support grants for ministries at home and oversees. Last year a donation of \$651.76 received which came through by your generosity and thankful giving.

An "Ingathering" takes place every May and November. (UTO boxes are available in the church office however other containers work perfectly). Start collecting today!!!

Respectfully - Lois Hall

Thankful living, thankful giving.



## Gathering Recipes for a Fall Women of St. Peter's Cookbook

In 1914, ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Peter's compiled recipes for a St. Peter's Cook Book. This was the very first recipe book created for St. Peters.

Then, in August of 1991, a small group of women parishioners of St. Peter's gathered to discuss the 1914 recipe book, deciding to reprint the edition for the 100th year celebration of St. Peter's.

We need you to help us gather recipes for a new version of this St. Peter's Parish Cookbook to celebrate 125 years! This recipe book will contain old with new recipes.

Please submit one or two of your favorite recipes to the church office for collection. Ideas for recipes might be something you always bring to a potluck or a favorite soup you've made for a Lenten Dinner.

Please include your name, along with these submissions and maybe even why you chose it. Contact Roberta for questions at 674-8578.

Thank you for your support in this fun endeavor!

Gail Boyer and Roberta Thompson Women of St. Peter's Recipe Collectors He took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Do this, meet together, break the bread, remember me.

Remember me at the feeding of the five thousand-

You do not have to perish in the wilderness-

Come to me, and I will refresh you,

I will renew you,

I will restore you,

Come to me, I am the bread of life,

The bread that comes down from heaven.

Remember me,

Remember me, I am known in the breaking,

In the breaking of the day and in the breaking of the bread.

Two people on the road to Emmaus,

Plans shattered,

Lives confused,

Hearts broken,

Knew me in the breaking,

I am there in your breaking also,

And in the breaking of the bread.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Juanita Smith





# St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • April 2016



|                                                                                            | April 3                                                         | April 10                                                       | April 17                                            | April 24                                                |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| LEMS                                                                                       | A: J. Smith<br>B: P. Sorvik<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: D. Kuehne      | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: J. McKnight            | A: None B: None C: J. Smith D: J. McKnight          | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: J. Smith        |  |
| LAY<br>READERS                                                                             | 7:30 Forrest Asmus Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike Evers Mary Beth Evers | 7:30 Laura Galloway  10:00 Stan Peddicord Shari Peddicord      | 7:30 Sharon Bedard  10:00 Paul Haworth Anne Vaughan | 7:30 Holland Duell  10:00 Linen Greenough Isabel Wallop |  |
| USHERS                                                                                     | Frank Smedley<br>F.& G. Boley<br>Dorothy Goodwin                | Anne Vaughan<br>Mary Dailey<br>Sarah Mentock<br>Karen Ferguson | Christina Haworth<br>Cara Nicholls<br>R. & L. Rossa | R. & J. Prusak<br>Mary Lee Stopka<br>Sandy Tharaldson   |  |
| ACOLYTE                                                                                    | Corey Mentock<br>Bobby St. John<br>Cori Mentock                 | Quinn Heyneman<br>Nate Haworth<br>Aria Heyneman                | Nate Haworth<br>Kate Alsup<br>Maya Fritz            | Nate Haworth<br>Kate Alsup<br>Landon Alsup              |  |
| For any questions or changes for the ministry schedule contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928 |                                                                 |                                                                |                                                     |                                                         |  |

| 4/02 | Roberta Thompson      | 4/18 | Anita Badgett   |
|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
|      | Molly Boyer           |      | Sarah Mentock   |
| 4/03 | Mary Mentock          | 4/20 | Catylin Steil   |
| 4/04 | Rick Parkison         |      | Jack Pelissier  |
| 4/06 | Phillip Mediate       | 4/21 | Fritz Kehrwald  |
|      | Laurel Prusak         | 4/22 | Mike Storey     |
| 4/07 | Doris Moeller         |      | Gina Lanka      |
|      | Loretta Holloway      | 4/23 | Carmen Rideout  |
|      | Arin Waddell-Heyneman |      | Mark Galloway   |
| 4/09 | John Stopka           |      | Steven Bateman  |
|      | Elliot Boley          |      | Randall Bateman |
| 4/11 | Waneta Thirlwell      |      | Colter Stopka   |
| 4/13 | Matthew Prusak        | 4/24 | Sandy Pilch     |
| 4/14 | Mickey McNickle       |      | Rachel Milliken |
| 4/15 | Jaynie Spell          |      | Landon Alsup    |
|      | Claire Schnatterbeck  | 4/26 | Aaron Woodward  |

**4/17** Mary McDougall

4/28 Terri Luplow
Andy Lowe
Laci St. John
4/29 Robert Prusak

**Westview**: April 24th Roberta Thompson



If you love to knit, there is a need for Prayer Shawls at St. Peters. These shawls are blessed and given to people who are sick or need encouragement. Please contact the office for more information (674-7655).



Chayah Milliken

4/27 Ross Langhorne

4/26

### Luke Study for April - Sundays at 9am & Thursdays at 4:30pm

| Sunday   | Thursday | Scripture Text   | Chapter in NT Wright Guide |
|----------|----------|------------------|----------------------------|
| April 3  | April 7  | Luke 8:26 – 9:17 | 10                         |
| April 10 | April 14 | Luke 9:18-62     | 11                         |
| April 17 | April 21 | Luke 10          | 12                         |
| April 24 | April 28 | Luke 11          | 13                         |

# DIOCESAN CONVENTION COMES TO ST. PETER'S !!!

CONVENTION THEME: "We Belong to God".



This Fall beginning on Friday,
October 7 through Sunday,
October 9th, the St. Peter's
Family will be hosting the
annual Diocesan Convention.
This year is the 50th Diocesan
Convention and St. Peter's

While the majority of the convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, there will be two worship events held at St. Peter's; one on Friday evening at 6PM and Sunday 9AM.

Following a convention, a breakfast is planned in the parish hall at 7:30AM.

Many "hands" have already stepped forward, but many more will be needed before this event concludes. Below are the main chairpersons. Please thank these individuals as they are already in planning mode!

**Jessica Reynolds**: Comptroller & Executive Secretary to Bishop Smylie-Casper, WY

**Fr. John Inserra:** Worship/Liturgies **Suzie Schatz-Bensen:** Worship Music

Members of St. Peter's Altar Guild

Cara Nicholls: Registration

**Rob and Ginny Connor:** Welcome Gift Baskets

and info on Child Care

Liz Swanson: Hospitality Room-Holiday Inn

Women of St. Peters: Sunday Breakfast

Craft Brothers: Musical Entertainment-

Saturday evening

Pam Standish/Wendy Gale: Decorations

Gail Boyer: In-house Communications

Convention Budget Advisor

Nate Haworth: St. Peter's Youth

Mary Dailey, Lois Hall, and Laura Galloway:

**Convention Assistants** 

Members may also purchase a meal and entertainment for Sat. night for \$35. It has been requested that our Red Door be open on Friday prior to the 2pm convention start, and possibly Sunday AM prior to service.

Prayers—All members

Rick & Roberta Thompson: St. Peter's Co-chairs

#### **Financial Peace Training:**

Each Wednesday beginning April 6-June 1 (9 Weeks)

Dinner and child care provided (5:30-8:00pm)

Held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Cost: \$25 per family (Over \$100 value)

Click here to register

(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83B7BTJ)

For more information email: <a href="mailto:sheridanjacees@gmail.com">sheridanjacees@gmail.com</a> or call Lacey at 605-354-2043



| Sunday                                                                       | Monday            | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                                           | Thursday                                                                  | Fríday | Saturday |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| HE: Holy Eucharist HS: Healing Service SRS: Sugarland Ridge                  |                   |                           |                                                     |                                                                           | 1      | 2        |
| Second Sunday<br>after Easter<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                         | Handbells<br>6:30 | 5<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS | Women's<br>Council<br>9 AM                          | 7 Red Door—Closed Under Re-modelling (No donations) Choir Practice 6:30   | 8      | 9        |
| Third Sunday<br>after Easter<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                          | Handbells<br>6:30 | 10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS      | St. Nick's<br>Crafters 9am                          | Red Door—Closed Under Re-modelling (No donations)  Choir Practice 6:30    | 15     | 16       |
| Fourth Sunday<br>after Easter<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                         | Handbells<br>6:30 | 10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS      | St. Nick's<br>Crafters 9am<br>Vestry<br>Meeting-6pm | 21 Red Door—Closed Under Re-modelling (No donations)  Choir Practice 6:30 | 22     | 23       |
| Fifth Sunday<br>after Easter<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE<br>Altar Guild<br>8:30AM | Handbells<br>6:30 | 10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS      | St. Nick's<br>Crafters 9am                          | 28 Red Door—Closed Under Re-modelling (No donations)  Choir Practice 6:30 | 29     | 30       |

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Open to everyone!

Handbells Practice Mondays at at 6:30 PM



Choir Practices are held on Thursday's at 6:30 PM. If you love to sing and would like to be a part of these vital ministries, contact Suzie Schatz-Benson at 672-2140 Sr. Warden-Patrick Henderson email: phenderson@vcn.com

Phone: 461-0554

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