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May 2016

Hello Church, I have a number of things I would like to inform you about so I am just going to dive in.

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mission presentation from the New Orleans trip and children's choir.**

On Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a special mission presentation from some of the team that went to New Orleans over Spring Break. They will share some of their experiences and pictures with the congregation. Also on that day, the children's choir has a special Mother's Day performance. It will be a fun Sunday that I encourage you to be there for.

**Follow up mission opportunities for families and adults.**

After our May 8<sup>th</sup> service I will be gauging interest from those in the parish on two possible future mission endeavors.

- 1) A 4-day South Dakota family camping mission in July (after Rodeo) for children and parents to work together in age appropriate ways to help those in need.
- 2) An adult service trip to New Orleans working with Lowernine (the same group the Spring Break team worked with) in October.

If there is enough interest, we can look at making these events happen.

**Upcoming vacation**

Sarah, Rosie and I will be out of town for a late Spring vacation at the end of May. We will miss three Sundays total – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling on the East Coast and will spend some time visiting family. I am thankful for Fr. John Meyer who has graciously offered to cover services while I am gone.

**Introducing the Hospitality Committee**

Lastly, I want to continue a monthly tradition (that I started one month ago!) with introducing a Committee to the broader parish. This month I want to introduce the Hospitality Committee that will be working on looking at our church through fresh eyes and see the church as a first time visitor sees it. This is important as we continue to seek to attract (and retain) new faces to come through our doors. The Committee is Liz Swanson, Mary Dailey, Suzie Schatz Benson, Christina Haworth, Chalen Philips, Sarah Inserra and Melanie Araas. Many thanks to them for serving in this important capacity and for all who take the time to serve God and his church.

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This will be my last update from Lithuania. As I write, it is Sunday afternoon. Next Sunday, we will be back at St. Peter's in Sheridan, WY. I am thankful to God for the semester now behind us. It has been very rich and I think, by his grace, fruitful.

I would like for you to be able to hear from students about what has happened in them this semester. On the final exam in Moral Philosophy I ask a couple of questions to attempt to gauge how the class has affected them. The first is, "What is the most important thing you think you will take away from the course?" Here is a sampling of replies:

- "I need to grow up more and listen to more others' opinions and to not behave as arrogant as I appear always"
- "I will take away a lot of things. Most importantly, I will be able to understand the moral point of view within an argument and identify the underlying assumptions as well as implications of the argument. I was highly skeptical about the class at first as I thought that we will be basically preached on how to live."
- "I think that the most important thing which I can take away from this course is an ability to consider opinion of other people."
- "I think throughout I have substantially broadened my perspective on morality. The most important thing I will take away from this course will be careful examination of reasoning and constantly asking myself questions about which I never thought before."

The second question I ask is, "Have any of your views changed during the semester? If so, which ones?"

- "Nice job prof. I came as a relativist and now I am reading Christian books!"
- "How I was viewing happiness and living a meaningful life probably changed. It is more important to give importance to long-term goals that are future oriented, than seeing fulfillment from short-term pleasures."
- "I identify myself as a Christian but I also agree with Aristotle and the fact that we need to follow our reason & not appetites. This was revelational for me. :)"
- "I used to think along the lines of postmodernism and that morality is relative, however, through the course of the semester I became more and more like a modernist thinker, asserting that morality is not relative and that there is only one truth."
- "It actually has strengthened my Christian faith."

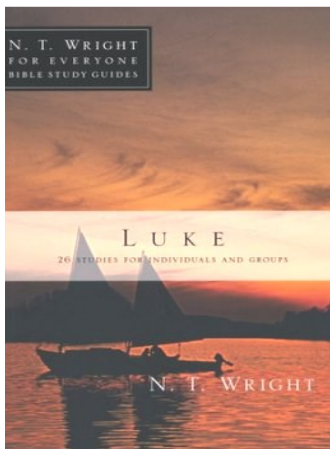
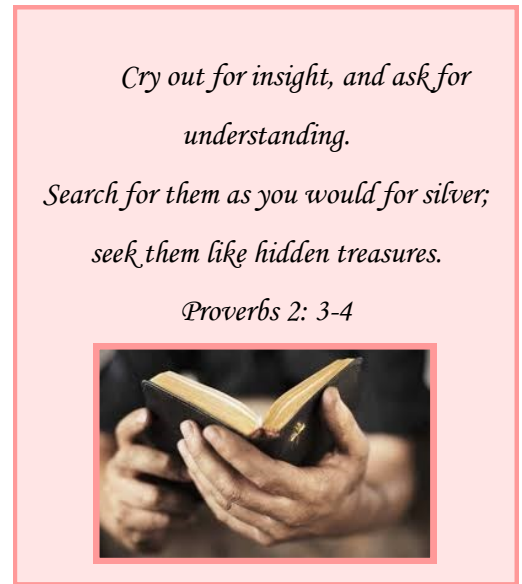
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**Dr. John Milliken**

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There were other comments in other places that were very encouraging to me. Those of you who have supported our being here in any way are part of this work, too. Thank you for the opportunity.

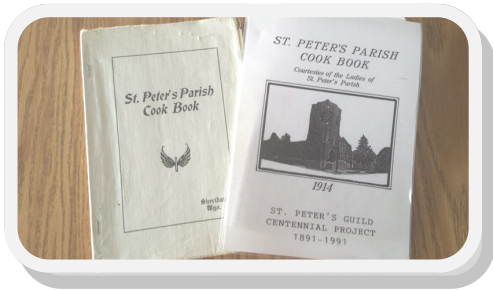
Two days ago a pair of students had stopped by with a gift and a kind note. We sat down to chat a bit on a bench near the pond. Since they were graduating, I asked them what their experience here at LCC has meant to them and what they will take from it. One said to me (I paraphrase), "I have experienced the possibility of community. I have learned that it is possible to be humble, to let down your guard; that love and kindness are real." She went on to explain the culture in her home country that is so cynical and self-protective. I think that's one of the best things that happens here. Students experience a different way of life, rooted in a relationship with God through Christ. They may not fully grasp or even accept the connection while they are here. But a seed has been planted, and my prayer for all these students whom I have met is that this seed would one day sprout into faith.



**May 2016 ~ Study of Luke**

| Sunday | Thursday | Chapter in NT Wright Guide |
|--------|----------|----------------------------|
| May 1  | May 5    | 14                         |
| May 8  | May 12   | 15                         |
| May 15 | May 19   | 16                         |

End of Part one of Luke



## 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. Peter's.

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*



## What's New with the Ushers?

You might have noticed that we have changed a few ushering duties.

As you walk in, ushers will be at the entry way and in the Narthex to greet and assist in any way they can. They will also be available to assist throughout the service. Just look for them in the Narthex or in one of the front pews.

Ushers will have name badges to help you recognize them.

During communion they will assist you to the rail and down the stairs behind the organ.

So here is where we need the congregation's help. We are looking for comments, ideas, and suggestions on how the ushers can better serve with these new duties and greater presence during the service. Just share your thoughts with one of the ushers or Deacon Juanita.

If you wish to become an usher, we would be excited to have you in the group. It is not difficult, yet it is an important ministry that is here to serve God and His family at St. Peter's.

-Juanita



**“Serve the Lord  
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2



## St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • May 2016

|                    | May 1                                                                                        | May 8                                                                                  | May 15                                                                                         | May 22                                                                         | May 29                                                                               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LEMS</b>        | 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<br>B: None<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: J. McKnight                                            | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: D. Kuehne                              | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: J. Smith<br>D: D. Kuehne                                    |
| <b>LAY READERS</b> | <b>7:30</b><br>Forrest Asmus<br>Sandy Asmus<br><b>10:00</b><br>Mike Evers<br>Mary Beth Evers | <b>7:30</b><br>Laura Galloway<br><br><b>10:00</b><br>Roberta Thompson<br>Lynne Outland | <b>7:30</b><br>Peter Clark<br>Carol Clark<br><b>10:00</b><br>Stan Peddicord<br>Shari Peddicord | <b>7:30</b><br>Sharon Bedard<br><br><b>10:00</b><br>Paul Haworth<br>Lee Helvey | <b>7:30</b><br>Sharon Bedard<br><br><b>10:00</b><br>Isabel Wallop<br>Linen Greenough |
| <b>USHERS</b>      | Frank Smedley<br>Karen Ferguson<br>Mary Dailey<br>Dorothy Goodwin                            | Frank Boley<br>Georgia Boley<br>Dan Stewart<br>Cara Nicholls                           | Sandy Tharaldson<br>Rick Rossa<br>Liz Rossa<br>Mary Lee Stopka                                 | Christina Haworth<br>Mary Dailey<br>Robert Prusak<br>Jodene Prusak             | Chris Galloway<br>Laura Galloway<br>Need 2 fill-ins                                  |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b>     | Corey Mentock<br>Nate Haworth<br>Bailee Mentock                                              | Maria Black<br>Nate Haworth<br>Bobby St. John                                          | Aria Heyneman<br>Quinn Heyneman<br>Bobby St. John                                              | Nate Haworth<br>Landon Alsup<br>Kate Alsup                                     | Bailee Mentock<br>Corey Mentock<br>Nate Haworth                                      |

For ministry schedule changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928

(WESTVIEW: Phil Dorsch)



### 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.

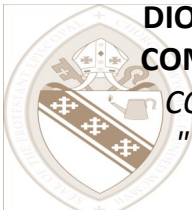
All UTO funds go to support grants for ministries at home and overseas. Last year a donation of \$651.76 received which came through by your generosity and thankful giving.

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

Respectfully - Lois Hall  
**Thankful Living - Thankful Giving**

- \* **May 02** Connie Zemple
- \* **May 03** Dan Alsup, Anna Calkins, Cutter Fletcher
- \* **May 04** Jane Rader, Mary Obermiller, Michael Roe
- \* **May 05** Dick Shelton, Jessie Chapman
- \* **May 06** Stephen Campbell, Douglas Enloe, Gustav Kaminsky, Charlie Gibbons
- \* **May 07** Lynn Gordon
- \* **May 08** Grace Henderson, J.T. Craft
- \* **May 09** John Heyneman, Dan Berens
- \* **May 12** Mike Evers
- \* **May 14** Melanie Townsend, Calvin Eisenach
- \* **May 15** Bill Ferguson
- \* **May 16** Brody Dominguez
- \* **May 17** Debbie Iverson
- \* **May 18** Jack Sorvik
- \* **May 19** Billie Chapman
- \* **May 20** Taylor Crosby, Diane Wimmer, Paul Haworth
- \* **May 21** Amy Smedley
- \* **May 22** Rick Wallach
- \* **May 23** Daniel Mediate, Augustin Gibbons-Pelayo
- \* **May 24** Forrest Asmus
- \* **May 27** Scott Bentzen
- \* **May 29** Steve Jennings





**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 125th YEAR!!!

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. Breakfast will be served prior to the 9AM service by the Women of St. Peters.

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



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Women, 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).

# May Calendar 2016

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                                                                                | Thursday                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1<br><b>6th Sunday after Easter</b><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                                                                                      | 2<br><i>Handbells</i><br>6:30pm                                                                                                            | 3                                        | 4<br><b>Women's Council 9am</b><br>Financial Peace<br>5:30-8pm                           | 5<br><b>Red Door Closed</b><br>Re-modelling<br>(No donations )<br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30  | 6<br><b>African Violet</b><br>10am-6pm<br> | 7<br><br><b>Show 9am-2pm</b><br>(Parish Hall) |
| 8 <b>7th Sunday after Easter</b><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE<br> <i>Mother's Day</i> | 9<br><i>Handbells</i><br>6:30pm<br><b>Lunch Together Mon-Thurs</b><br>➔                                                                    | 10<br><b>10:00 HS</b><br><b>1:00 SRS</b> | 11<br><b>St. Nick's Crafters 9am</b><br>Financial Peace<br>5:30-8pm                      | 12<br><b>Red Door Closed</b><br>Re-modelling<br>(No donations )<br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 | 13                                                                                                                            | 14                                                                                                                               |
| 15<br><br><b>Day of Pentecost</b><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                      | 16<br><i>Handbells</i><br>6:30pm                                                                                                           | 17<br><b>10:00 HS</b><br><b>1:00 SRS</b> | 18<br><b>St. Nick's Crafters 9am</b><br><b>Vestry 6pm</b><br>Financial Peace<br>5:30-8pm | 19<br><b>Red Door Closed</b><br>Re-modelling<br>(No donations )<br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 | 20                                                                                                                            | 21                                                                                                                               |
| 22<br><b>1st Sunday of Pentecost</b><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                                                                                     | 23<br><i>Handbells</i><br>6:30pm                                                                                                           | 24<br><b>10:00 HS</b><br><b>1:00 SRS</b> | 25<br><b>St. Nick's Crafters 9am</b><br>Financial Peace<br>5:30-8pm                      | 26<br><b>Red Door Closed</b><br>Re-modelling<br>(No donations )<br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 | 27                                                                                                                            | 28                                                                                                                               |
| 29<br><b>2nd Sunday of Pentecost</b><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                                                                                     | <br><b>memorial DAY</b><br><b>Church Offices Closed</b> | 31<br><b>10:00 HS</b><br><b>1:00 SRS</b> |                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |

HE: Holy Eucharist

HS: Healing Service

SRS: Sugarland Ridge

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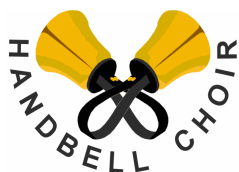
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**Open to everyone!**  
**Handbell Practice**  
 Mondays at  
 at 6:30 PM



**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-  
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