

November 2017



# The Crossed Keys

It is hard to believe November is here already. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us as well as many other things as the Holiday season will kick into gear. Please take note of a few of the following things.

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** – Military Appreciation Sunday. Please do not misunderstand what we are doing here. This is a service on Veterans Day weekend to honor all those who serve or have served in the US Armed Forces. We do this because we appreciate the selflessness of our service men and women and of our families.

It is my hope that we can pray for the Veterans in our church, our communities and in our families. The service will have lots of Patriotic hymns like “God Bless America.” Please join us for this special Sunday if you can.

**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>** – The Annual St. Peter’s Holiday Bazaar. This is a tradition I enjoy quite a bit and look forward to seeing many of you there. Please see the inside for more info.

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** - We will have an instructed Eucharist on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This will be a service that will feature explanations of why we do what we do in our liturgy. It is always a great learning experience.

**Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Day** - We will have our Annual Thanksgiving service on Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**A note about stewardship** – Please check your mailbox for pledge cards for 2018. God is a generous God, and he loves when his people are generous. St. Peter’s could not be a House of Prayer for all people without you being generous. I am grateful for your generosity year after year and ask that you please prayerfully consider being generous again in 2018.

If you are new to the church and have questions about giving please do not hesitate to call, email or text me and I would be happy to chat with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John" or similar, written in a cursive style.

*"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)*

Jesus came to bring freedom, but we sometimes struggle to experience it. We can feel in bondage: to the wound that won't heal, the bitterness we can't let go of, the habit we can't break, the emotion we can't control, the sin we can't resist. We aren't meant to live that way. I will be starting an eight-week study at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 5, to explore what freedom in Christ looks like and how we can fully enter into it.

This course is for anyone who wants to understand better how to thrive in the Christian life and also to help others along the way. Here is an outline of topics for each session:

Nov 5	What is freedom?
Nov 12	The gospel and freedom
Nov 19	Truth and freedom
Nov 26	Truth and belief --Overview
Dec 3	Truth and belief --Hands on with some examples
Dec 10	Truth and behavior
Dec 17	Authority over the evil one
Jan 7	Continuing in freedom

If you have questions, please get in touch. I hope to see you there!

God bless,

John Milliken

***The Rescue Mission of Jesus "Bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." Luke 14:21***

When I was attending graduate school in Chicago, I would occasionally walk past an inner-city rescue ministry called The Pacific Garden Mission. It had a tacky orange neon cross on the outside that I always found embarrassing. One day as I walked down that street I saw a beautiful new sign with the message, "Welcome to the Art of Living." At first I thought that the rescue mission must be under new management. Yet when I got closer, I could see that the sign belonged to the new condominiums that had been built nearby. Smaller print on the sign promised that these condos would provide "luxury, security, and the chance to meet exciting new people." Suddenly, the old neon cross over the rescue mission looked pretty good to me.

These very different signs describe very different philosophies to 'the art of living.' The pretty new one assures us that it has to do with moving into the right place, where you will be surrounded by the right kind of people and protected from the wrong kind. The other sign, the embarrassing one, claims that the art of living is to join those under the cross who are in need of being rescued.

To enter the kingdom of God is to walk into the rescue mission of Jesus. There isn't much luxury inside, but there is eternal security, and the opportunity to meet exciting new people. Of course, some of them are poor and homeless, but the art of spiritual living is to see these folks as your neighbors.

There is an important point I wish to add to this reading. One of the principles in God's kingdom is that when we bless others, we are blessed as well, and we receive the far greater blessing. -Juanita



### LET THE FILLING FUN BEGIN!

Operation Christmas child Shoeboxes are empty and ready to be filled with the love and generosity of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's generosity has grown tremendously since 2013 when we sent out 54 boxes. In 2016, 146 boxes left St. Peter's!

Boxes will be available to take home beginning Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Filled boxes will be due back to St. Peter's by Sunday, Nov. 5.

First of all, decide if you'd like to bless a boy or girl (or both~there's no limit to the number of boxes you can fill!); then choose your age range: 2-4 year olds; 5-9 year olds or 10-14 year olds. Fill your box with a "WOW" item (such as a soccer ball and pump or stuffed animal), then fill up the remainder of the box with hygiene items, school supplies, socks, underwear, bar soap and washcloth, toothbrush and other small fun toys. Please note: this is the first year Operation Christmas Child will not be accepting toothpaste, candy or any liquids). More details will be coming; plus lots of great ideas are available on line at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

Have fun packing! Let's see what amazing things God will do through us this year.

"I tell all of you with certainty, whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple will never lose his reward." . ~Matthew 10:42

**St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday, November 18**

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**Doors open at 8 am – 2 pm  
Lunch from 11 am – 1 pm**

Please consider the following items to donate:

- homemade delectables (bread, cakes, jellies)
- candies, fudge, cookies
- crocheted and knitted items, quilts, aprons, towels
- collectibles, antique pieces and small furniture
- all jewelry – necklaces, earrings, rings, bracelets
- ornaments (new and handmade)

We will serve lunch from 11 am – 1 pm. Luncheon cost is \$7 per person. The menu will include lasagna (beef, chicken, vegetable), Caesar salad, homemade bread, pie and beverages.

The luncheon is possible only because all of you contribute so graciously – please see the sign-up sheets in the parish hall for listing of lasagna and pies and for recipe information\*.

Tobie Alsup and Carmen Rideout will again chair the luncheon.

All the women of St. Peter's should be very proud of our bazaar. The money raised is given to many charitable organizations in Sheridan and around the world. You are an important part of the bazaar and we need your help to achieve our goals. Thank you for your part in making each bazaar a great success!

If you have any questions/ideas/comments, please contact Linda Ernst (672-2293), Kathy McNickle (752-5745) or Karon in the office (674-7655).

\*Please use a disposable pan for your baked items. The lasagna may be frozen but must be cooked.

**Bazaar Week Schedule  
November 15-19**

Wednesday Nov. 15, 9 am .....set up center booths & tables  
Thursday Nov. 16, .....decorate booths  
Friday Nov. 17 (all day) .....bring projects (baked goods, booth fillers, pies for lunch)  
Saturday Nov. 18.....Bazaar Day.  
Doors open at 6 am. Booth chairs must be present to price.  
Sunday Nov. 19.....Take down bazaar after second service. **Please-if everyone helps we finish quickly.**

**Booths**

Parish Hall Mercantile.....Christian-based gift items  
Bibles, prayer books, and many new arrivals  
Country Store.....baked goods, preserves, yummy goodies  
Handiwork.....needlework, quilts, pillows, hand-knit items  
Holiday Center.....wreaths, garlands, table center pieces, gift items  
Jewelry.....earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings  
Ornaments.....large and small tree ornaments, handmade ones, too!  
Treasures.....gently used and cherished items, knick-knacks, and collectibles.  
Candies & Cookies.....homemade delectables to tempt your sweet tooth  
Coffee Bar (next to kitchen).....cinnamon rolls, donuts, coffee  
The Red Door.....(located downstairs)  
Lots of holiday fashions  
(same as the bazaar fashions hours)

Community Hall Downstairs .....outside vendors

Our hope is that you will be able to attend the bazaar and enjoy the fruits of the labor put into this wonderful fundraising event. We thank all of the ladies and gentlemen who help. Your time and talents are very much appreciated!!

Peace to Everyone!  
Have a Merry Christmas!





# Ministries

Greeters/Ushers	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Lay Readers
November 5	November 5	November 5	November 5
7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Frank Boley Georgia Boley Mary Dailey Karen Ferguson	Karen Nicolarsen Jayne Spell	Nate Haworth Maya Fritz Isaac Fritz Alicia Thoney	7:30 Forrest Asmus Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike Evers Mary Beth Evers
November 12	November 12	November 12	November 12
7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Sandy Tharaldson Cara Nicholls Frank Smedley Dorothy Goodwin	Sandy Asmus Wendy Gale Maria Black	Nate Haworth Maya Fritz Isaac Fritz	7:30 Peter Clark Carol Clark 10:00 Roberta Thompson Linen Greenough
November 19	November 19	November 19	November 19
7:30 Bert & Ethelyn St. John 10:00 Sarah Mentock Robert Prusak Jodene Prusak Stan Peddicord	Debbie Ebia Karen Ferguson DuAnn Diers	Bailee Mentock Corey Hansford Ian Gale	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Holland Duell Lee Helvey
November 26	November 26	November 26	November 26
7:30 Lois Hall 10:00 Rick & Liz Rossa Gary & Lynne Outland	S Labore C Nicholls T Mediate	Nate Haworth Alicia Thoney Chayah Milliken Ian Gale	7:30 Lois Hall 10:00 Christina Haworth Paul Haworth
	<p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>November 23, 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Mary Beth Evers</b></p> <hr style="border: 0.5px dashed purple;"/> <p><b>Christmas Day</b>  <b>December 25, 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Holland Duell</b></p>		

*For ministry schedule changes, contact Juanita Smith at 673-4928*



# November events calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HE I-Holy Eucharist I - 7:30 am SS-Sunday School-9:00 am HE II- Holy Eucharist II-10:00 am			1	2	3	4 
5 All Saints Day  7:30 HE I 9:00 Study on Freedom 10:00 HE II	6 Handbells 6:30PM	7 Midweek Eucharist 12:05 PM In Chapel	8 Women's Council 9 am  Financial Peace 5:30-8 PM	9 Red Door 10-3 pm  Choir Practice	10	11 Mug & Muffin 10:00-11:30 AM
12 23 Pentecost  7:30 HE I 9:00 Study on Freedom 10:00 HE II	13 Handbells 6:30PM	14 Midweek Eucharist 12:05 PM In Chapel	15 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am  Financial Peace 5:30-8 PM	16 Red Door Closed  Choir Practice	17	18  Christmas Bazaar 8 am-2 pm & Lunch 11 am-1 pm
.....Bazaar Set-up this week.....						
19 24 Pentecost  7:30 HE I 9:00 Study on Freedom 10:00 HE II	20 Handbells 6:30PM	21 Midweek Eucharist 12:05 PM In Chapel	22 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am  Freedom Study 12:10 PM  Vestry 5:30PM	23 Red Door Closed  Offices Closed	24 Offices Closed	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Happy Thanksgiving!           </div>
26 Last Sunday Pentecost  7:30 HE I 9:00 Study on Freedom 10:00 HE II	27 Handbells 6:30PM	28 Midweek Eucharist 12:05 PM In Chapel	29 St. Nick's Crafters 9 am  Freedom Study 12:10 PM	30 Red Door 10-3 pm  Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Lunch Together ~ November 27-30           </div>	

**“Serve the Lord  
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE RED DOOR!

In 1992, St. Peter's Vestry approved an idea that Connie Wilson and Vi Fitzpatrick had to start a thrift shop to serve the Sheridan community. The Red Door Thrift shop opened for the first time on November 4th of that year and is a ministry of the Women of St. Peter's, supported by a group of women who work tirelessly to make it the best thrift shop in Sheridan.

The shop, located in the church basement, was originally a one room operation and over the years has expanded to four rooms which consists of various merchandise, including; clothing for men, women and children, house wares, books, shoes and the ever popular knick-knacks and do-dads.

A grant, generously written by Margaret Pilch, was received in 2016 from the Foundation for the Epsicopal Diocese of Wyoming to make some much needed updates to the Red Door. These improvements included new carpeting, painting, shelving, a washer and dryer and a new bathroom.

The Red Door has been able to stay in business for 25 years because of the dedication of the Women of St. Peter's, the support of the members of St. Peter's and the Sheridan Community.

All proceeds from the sale of merchandise are given away annually by the Women to various charities and organizations; locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally. As of the end of October, 2017, sales have totaled \$414,949.83.

The Women feel blessed to have been able to serve so many through their efforts. Wit the continued support of the church and community, they look forward to many more years of operating The Red Door.

Gail Boyer

Sunday's Coffee Hour is 10 a.m.  
every Sunday.

Everyone is invited.

It's a great time of fellowship!

If you are interested in hosting a  
Coffee Hour a sign-up sheet is  
provided in the parish hall near  
the kitchen entrance.

COFFEE  
HOUR

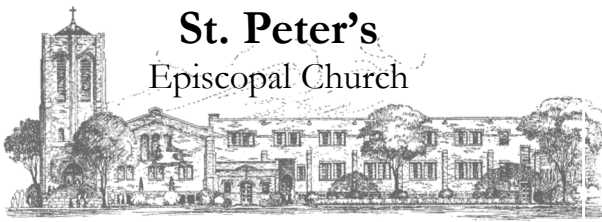
### ATTENTION: Booth Space Rentals Available.

The Women of St. Peter's are expanding  
opportunities to rent booths during the  
2017 Christmas Bazaar.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas"  
Saturday, November 18.

The \$40.00 rental for a 12 X 10 foot  
booth space  
located in the Community Room includes  
an  
8-foot table and 2 chairs.

Contact Kathy McNickle for details at  
752-5745. (Some restrictions apply.)



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## Church Office Hours

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(Monday - Friday)