



The Messenger of St. Mark's



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SPECIAL TWO MONTH ISSUE

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Vision

C²

Compassion to the Power of ²

Cr eating A Culture of Compassion

Core Values

as found in the word G.R.A.C.E

G = God

R = Rely on Each Other

A = Accepting of all people.

C = Caring for All Creation (50/50 Approach)

E = Excellence

Core Values

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Some people having been asking what the core values really mean. So over the next months, we will be printing the description of each of the core values that also can be found in the copies of the strategic plan at the back of the nave. Listed below is a description of the first core value at Saint Marks - God.

G = God

First and foremost, a **C²** community is centered in their faith in God, who has first given and shown us perfect compassion through the grace and unconditional love of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Everything flows from this relationship with God, in Christ. We celebrate this each and every day. This is the base of our Baptismal Covenant.

We believe that everything that we do here at Saint Mark's should be grounded in our relationship with God. One of the ideas that has come up to help practice this core value is to not only pray and worship regularly in your personal life, but also to begin and end every ministry and meeting with prayer. Often we at the church get caught up in being busy in our ministries and forget about the spiritual connection and guidance that we need with God. A pastor once said, "The pace at which I am doing the work of God is destroying God's work in me." In everything, especially ministry, be sure you are practicing in your relationship with God as you do the work of God in the world.

Mary Martha News

The Advisory Team of Mary Martha would like to thank all those members and husbands who so diligently helped with the Pentecost Dove project. Over the weeks of preparation, we all learned all sorts of interesting new skills such in cutting, writing prayers, stringing doves and the all important hanging of the Doves in the church. Not only was it fun but also it was a great time for fellowship. A special thanks goes to Jim Stewart, Greg Sneesby and Larry Swanson.

Although the members of Mary Martha will be taking a summer hiatus until September 17, we will continue collecting donations of personal care items for Safehouse.

There is also always need for such items as diapers, paper towels, cleaning products and disinfectants such as Lysol. Just bring your donations to the Parish Hall and place them in the straw basket (with a lavender bow) and they will be taken to Safehouse.

As the song goes "See you in September" when Anne Harris will be demonstrating the art of brass rubbings.

The Deacon's Desk

With the tragic disaster that happened in the Gulf with miles of destruction to one of America's most sensitive ecosystems, I thought this would be a good time to give you my thoughts on God's Creation. How as Christians we need to step up to the plate

I was given a book recently to read called Holy Ground, a gathering of voices on Caring for Creation. The very first essay really made me sit up and take notice. It was written by Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, not only does he have a unique perspective on the continuing dialogue among Christians, Islamic and the Jewish world, he is also notable in promoting environmental awareness. He talks about holding the earth as sacred and for our spirituality to become incarnate.

As summer is now upon us I think that this is a great time for us to help the world around us to heal from the wounds we inflict upon it. At this time we use more water and go outside to enjoy nature. Here are a few tips, besides our prayers of healing and renewal for the earth.

- * If you decrease your water at home, you will decrease the amount of water that must be treated with chemicals before entering rivers and the ocean.
- * Don't use the toilet as a trash can. That over loads the sewers, which release their effluent into local waterways.
- * Sweep driveways rather than hosing them down. Water picks up chemicals.
- * Don't top off your gas tank when filling, this will avoid any spilling.
- * Bicycle or walk more often, a great way to where you want to without using fossil fuels.
- * Try carpooling
- * Hybrid cars save fuel and do not pollute.
- * Use your dish-washer, it uses less water than running taps.
- * Turn down your water heater.
- * Recycle papers, glass and plastic #1 & 2.
- * Don't allow your water to run continually while showering
- * Cut down on paper goods, for example use a cheap cloth to wipe the kitchen counters instead of paper towels.
- * Try to stop using paper cups and plates.

Try at least a couple of these ideas for every little bit helps. There are lots of other ways in which we can protect what God has given so freely to us. When ever we abuse our surrounding we abuse God's gift.

Col.1:16 for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth. Have a great summer.

Many Blessings
The Rev. Anne Adams-Harris+

Licensed Lay Ministries

Did you know that there are several opportunities for individuals to become licensed lay ministers in the Episcopal Church / Diocese of Wyoming / St. Mark's Cheyenne?

Individuals in parishes in our Diocese may be licensed as Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Preacher or Worship Leader. Individuals may be licensed as any one or all of these.

Eucharistic Minister (EM): A lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. EMs should normally function under the direction of a Deacon or the Clergy person exercising oversight of the congregation.

Eucharistic Visitor (EV): A lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present at the Celebration. EVs normally function under the direction of a Deacon or the Clergy person exercising oversight of the congregation.

Preacher: A lay person authorized to preach – in congregations under the direction of the Clergy person exercising oversight of the congregation. Training and continuing education are required.

Worship Leader: A lay person who regularly leads public worship (i.e. Morning Prayer, etc.) under the direction of the Clergy person exercising oversight of the congregation.

Licensed Lay Ministry is a great opportunity to serve the church and others. If you are interested in exploring any of these ministry opportunities please visit with me.

Many Blessings,
The Rev. Carol E. Peterson

Inaugural Cheyenne Interfaith Picnic **FUN, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP**

The inaugural Cheyenne Interfaith Picnic happened on Sunday, June 13. It was pouring down rain, so we met at the Unitarian Universalist Church. There were about 150 people that participated, Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Muslims, Jews, Ba Hai, First Christian. It was a great barbecue and a fun day. With all of the violence throughout the world caused by religion, in Cheyenne we instead stood for peace. The next event will be Tuesday, September 21, at 12 noon inside the Capitol for the International Day of Peace.

Historic Worship Service **Sunday, July 25 at the 10:30 a.m. service**

On Sunday, July 25, we will be celebrating our heritage as a church at the 10:30 a.m. service by using some of the original liturgy used 140 years ago. We will also be using part of the relatively new Enriching Our Worship liturgy, celebrating our roots as well as celebrating how far we have grown from our roots. The 8 a.m. service will be the normal Rite I liturgy. Dress in period clothing.

Cheyenne Frontier Days **July 23—August 1**

Carnival, 11 a.m. to midnight
Rodeos, 12:45 p.m.
Museum, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Evening concerts, 8 p.m.

Fort D.A. Russell Days
July 23, 24, & 25
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parade Days begin at 9:30 a.m.
July 24, 27, 29, and 31

Pancake Breakfast served from 7 to 9 a.m.
July 26, 28, and 30

Cheyenne Day is Wednesday, July 28 with Thunderbirds performing from 10 a.m. to noon. The church office will be closed on this day.

Ordination and Consecration **of the Bishop of Wyoming**

1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31
Casper Events Center

Just six weeks to go before the people of the diocese celebrate the ordination and consecration of Bishop-elect John S. Smylie in Casper. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be the chief consecrator. She'll be joined in Wyoming by her husband, Dick, as well as her canon, The Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson. Special guest is The Right Rev. Michael Curry, the Bishop of North Carolina, who is heralded as one of the most exciting preachers in the country. Doors open at noon and child care is available with advance reservations. Email WyomingBishopSearch@gmail.com for reservations. A reception immediately follows the service.

Lodging in Casper
Check out these hotels with discounts for the Consecration. Be sure to mention Episcopal Diocese Bishop Consecration to receive the rates below.

Hampton Inn & Suites
1100 N Poplar
307-235-6668
\$89 all rooms

LaQuinta Inn
400 W. "F" St.
307-265-1200
\$79 all rooms

Ramkota Best Western
800 N Poplar
307-266-6000
\$75 all plus 2 breakfast vouchers

Holiday Inn East-McMurry Park
721 Granite Peak Drive
307-577-5000
\$99 all rooms

Casper C'mon Inn Hotel
301 E Lathrop Road
866-782-2690
\$89 standard/\$99 suites

Another event the same weekend in Casper is the Balloon Roundup, July 31 and August 1.
www.CasperBalloonRoundup.com

Ministries

* Represents scheduling only

Vestry Liaison - Larry Swanson, Junior Warden

Supplies and Repairs
Gardening
Service Contracts
Memorial Committee

Vestry Liaison - Jim Stewart

Adult Education Norm Peterson, _____
EFM John Peacock, Norm Peterson
Children's Sunday School / Chapel
Eric/O'Hara Keszler, Kim/Tracy P
Euch. Minister _____, John Peacock*
Euch. Vis./Hosp. Carol Peterson, Jim Stewart
Lectors (readers) Lynne Swanson, John Peacock*
Prayer Team _____, _____
Worship Planning

Vestry Liaison - Kay Perry

Daughters of the King Patti Jones, _____
Health Ministry Carol Peterson, _____
Mary / Martha Karine Sneesby, Dorothy Stevens
Prayer Chain Lynne Swanson, Kay Perry
Parish Life Mara Funk, Kay Perry,
Sylvia Stewart

Vestry Liaison - Alice Ruble

Altar Flowers Faye Mills, Alice Ruble
Altar Guild Faye Mills, Alice Ruble
Linus Blankets Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison
Nursery Caroline Veit, _____
Vac. Bible Sch. Caroline Veit, _____
Weddings _____, _____

Vestry Liaison - Nancy Abraham

Care for Creation Corey Rutledge, Casey Patterson
Jon. Daniels Soc Mike Bell, _____
Outreach Celeste Hooper, Eric Nelson
Stewardship Nancy Abraham, _____
Teen Ministry Vanessa Mancill, _____
Web Page Jerry Jones, _____

Vestry Liaison - Glen Garrett

Counters Darwin Pace, _____
Audio/Visual _____, _____

Vestry Liaison - Bud Davis

Audit Team Darwin Pace, _____
Bookkeeper Alisa Noel
Budget Team Bud Davis
Market/Ads Wanda Hughes
Music Betsy Taggart, Lynne Swanson
Office Wanda Hughes
Pledge Rec. Pat Swanson, Betsy Phelan
Treasurer/Asst. Ryan Lance, Peggy Coffman

Vestry Liaison - Mark Stewart

Acolytes Catherine Rogers*, John Peacock*
Bookkeeper Alisa Noel
Cent. Foundation Pam Snell, Beth Lance
Staff / Contracts Rector / Wardens
Templeton Fund Mark Stewart
Ushers _____, _____
Welcome Dan Kline, _____

Small Groups

Sharing Group / Bible Study

Thursdays 10 a.m. at Jim Dolby's house. It is led by Jim Dolby.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

This class began in the Fall.

Men's Coffee

Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Daylight Donuts on 8th Avenue and Central Avenue.

Membership, Baptism, and Confirmation Class

Be sure to mark the future Baptism date, November 7. Contact the church office.

Mary/Martha Women's Group

This group will begin again in September. This group is facilitated by Karine Sneesby and Dorothy Stevens.



Children recently completed a communion class

Outreach



As always, we thank those of you who have given your time so generously for this important ministry! Please feel welcome to come to a workshop, no sewing skills are needed! If you can use scissors, you are able to help make a wonderful token of love! Would you please consider helping comfort a child with a new blanket?

St. Mark's Blanketeers donated 28 blankets to the Cheyenne chapter of Project Linus in May.

Many thanks to Jack Barlow and family for purchasing a fleece blanket. (It was the double fleece green frog print. It will be cozy and warm this coming winter.) We have one more wonderful double fleece blanket decorated with embroidered sports figures. It would make a thoughtful gift for your favorite sports fan. Check out this great blanket in the in the Parish Hall and add your bid to the silent auction sheet. You might be the lucky "winner".

All funds generated through the sale of silent auction items go to purchase of much needed supplies and materials to continue the work of this vital ministry. We thank the members of St. Mark's for their support of Project Linus.

Linus Workshops will resume workshops in September.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." -Proverbs 31: 8-9



It is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."



In Christ's love, we seek, welcome, embrace and serve the human family.

End of School Year

We congratulate our graduates including *Matt Willis* and *Michael Steege* from Central High School and *Jim Stewart* for completing the four year Education for Ministry program.

We give thanks for the educators in our congregation including *Alice Ruble, Mara Funk, Como Boyle, Mary Guthrie, Norm Peterson, Dian Murphy, Suzy Wagner, Cindy Hill and Melissa Sipe* and for the many lives they have touched.

Joining the Saint Mark's Legacy Society

Starting in 2009, we began receiving and acknowledging special donations from people for the purpose of building our endowment through the Centennial Foundation. We have three families who have donated and become members of the Saint Mark's Legacy Society. One gave a life insurance policy worth around \$5,000. Another gave a check for \$250. And the third family gave a check for \$10,000. If you are interested in becoming a Legacy Society member, please contact the church office. We will have annual events to honor those in the Legacy Society, the first being in Spring of 2010. They have also automatically become a member of The Bishop's Society for the Diocese of Wyoming. Your commitment to this church will insure many more years of ministry because of the growing Foundation. Please remember your church as you plan for your estate and wills.

Note from the Stewardship Committee

Why should I sign a Pledge Card rather than just give a weekly plate offering? Turning in a pledge card helps the Vestry budget for the coming year. It also helps you be a good steward of your own resources by planning ahead for the coming year.

Spiritual Direction

If you would like to meet with either a clergy person or with our trained spiritual director, Norm Peterson, please contact the church office at 634-7709.

July Birthdays

July 1 Michele Rose
Gene Todd
David Dibble
July 4 Kaitlin Stewart
July 6 Carrie Anderson-Kincaid
Harry Harris
Cooper Feddersen
July 7 Vanna Hotle
July 8 Heather Voyles
July 11 Clarence Brimmer
July 12 Robert Teter
Isaac Hooper
July 14 Diana Rhodes
July 17 Bud Davis
July 18 Mike Shannon
Albertus Hooper
July 20 Hale Laybourn
July 21 John Peacock
July 22 Cora Kline
July 23 Rosa Rodriguez
July 24 Al Trainer
Jack Barlow
July 27 Robert Goetz
July 29 Cadis Chase
Audrey Patterson
Jonathan Bell
July 30 Jody Hotle
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If your birthday was missed please notify the church office at 634-7709.

August Birthdays

Aug 4 John Sackman
Kerstan Turman
Aug 5 Russell Boyle
Aug 9 Esme' Keszler
Elaina Veit
Aug 10 Chelsea Turner
Aug 12 Joyce Crooks
Linda Barker
Aug 14 Larry O'Holleran
Rick Veit
Erica Scheer
Aug 15 Kari Bright
Aug 17 Gayle Langmo
Aug 18 Patty Barlow
Brandi Boyle
Aug 19 Sage Chase
Aug 20 Joan Pryce
Marshall Smith
Julia Wells
Aug 22 Howard Rhodes
Addison Hinckley
Aug 23 Don Langmo
Francesca Hinkle
Aug 25 George Urbanek
Aug 26 Anne Adams-Harris
Andrew Patterson
Aug 27 Bobbie Parrish
Ron Weickum
Aug 28 Esther Clay
Aug 30 Steve Rotroff
Sean Stewart
Aug 31 Fran Kline

New Members and Transfers

Transfers in:

Rick and Ibby Davis

Transfers out:

Baptism:

***Henry Lance
Corey Goulet***

Confirmation:

***Sutton Willis
Corey Goulet***

If you have come to St. Mark's recently and are interested in officially becoming a member please contact the church office at 634-7709.

Baptism

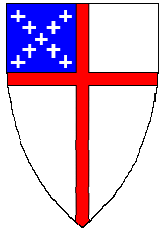
**If You Desire Baptism, Be Sure To Mark Your
Calendar For The Next Baptism Date**

Baptism: All Saint's, Sunday, November 7

Contact the church office for more information.

Roll Out the Red Carpet Celebration—May 22





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Parish Life

Team 1 serves in July

Kay Perry Lynne Swanson Betsy Taggart Mary Guthrie Marshall Smith Cheryl Hudson-Jolley

Team 2 serves in August

Sylvia Stewart Betty Lee Dian Murphy Karine Sneesby O'Hara Keszler Theresa Patterson

Newsletter Articles are due the 2nd Monday of every month. The articles should be no larger than 1/8—1/4 page long.
Please email them to the office at stmark307.ad@gmail.com.