



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 2010

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## Dates to Remember:

**Church Service Times:**  
**St. Johns - 9:00 am**  
**St. Andrews - 11:00 am**

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**July 4th from 7:00 am to 9:00 am**  
**St. John's**

**Vestry Meeting**  
**July 12th at 7:00 pm**  
**St. Andrew's**

**Jami's First Sunday**  
**July 25th**

**Bishop Consecration**  
**July 31st at 1:00 pm**  
**Casper Events Center, Casper, WY**

**Retirement Center Service**  
**Mondays at 10:30 am**



# A Voice in the Wilderness



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### Rector's Report Jami Anderson



If you would like to know a little bit about me, I would tell you to go to the mountains, to the prairies, to the forgotten places – the towns where few people live. For it is wilderness and wilderness that have surrounded my life, shaping and forming me. It is there that I meet the hugeness of my creator and there that I feel most alive.

For me, to be the Body of Christ is to understand how valuable we all are – to appreciate our tenacity and our gifts. It is to gather us together to celebrate and to share – to allow us to connect, see each other, sustain each other. We reflect Christ's light when we recognize the importance of each of us and all of creation.

So, I will seek to share with you and to preach from who I am. I will preach about a huge God, a creator God, a sustaining God – a God who knows all of us. I will preach about the value of humbleness and simplicity – of the importance of connections with our fellow man. I will preach about sharing who we are with each other. I will preach about going through life gently, for even though the world troubles or assails us it cannot defeat us for we were created and are loved. Even so, we love in return. I will preach community – a glorious community, an imagined community – a hope, a dream, a gift.

I care about pushing boundaries, about not letting boundaries define us, about not giving false powers honor or dominion. I hope we all take pride in our being created, pride in the very essence of who we were made to be. Pride that we live, and move, and have our being in one God. This God knows us, honors us, and send us out to transform places into havens of peace and shelter. No one should fear violence or despair – there are places to go that offer care and hope. These places are found wherever there are missionaries on this earth. We will be the Church.

I care about obedience – obedience to a great and personal God; a God who speaks to us in a still small voice, in the scriptures, and in the love given to each other. Obedience to a God that sends a Holy Spirit to be present with us at all times – a spirit that comforts, guides and works miracles at moments known and unknown, in ways known and unknown.

I believe that salvation is a process happening each time our soul responds to the divine with a Yes. Let there be salvation over and over, forever.

That's a start to who I am – see you in July. My first day at the church is July 20 and my first Sunday is July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Jami

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## Tanzania, Leanne Rellstab

Greeting from Tanzania Travelers,

Patty, Phil and I had a very successful trip to Tanzania, and we are very anxious to tell you all about it. We would like to have a dinner, or brunch at the church and be able to show our pictures, and answer all your questions. We have so much to share. Unfortunately, we have not caught up with ourselves yet, in order to set a date. In the mean time, I kept a blog while I was gone. These are my thoughts, and some of the things that I learned while I was in Tanzania. There are also a few pictures. I invite all of you to look at the blog as much as you like. The address is [leannemaria.wordpress.com](http://leannemaria.wordpress.com). Here is an entry that I wrote on the way home.

Peace, Leanne

**Dear Jamie, On My Way Home**

June 10, 2010 at 8:51 am ([2010 trip to Africa](#))

Dear Jamie,(10 year old girl)

Well, I am on my way home. I am on the plane, from Amsterdam to Minneapolis. I have to tell you, it is hard for me to come home. There is something about traveling, that I just love so much. I love being at home and I love being with you...but... Do you know why I always cry at the end of The Wizard of Oz? Because Dorothy has to leave her friends. I have made wonderful friends while is visiting Dadoma. At least two of them, Patty and Phil, I get to bring home. And, I have a new focus for myself as far as St. Andrews goes. I was sad, because I had to leave people who I admire and respect, in Dadoma. Magi and Sandy, are each doing a remarkable job for the DCT (Dioceses of Central Tanganika). I have a tremendous amount of respect for them both. I think that when I left, they were slightly envious of me getting to return to the U.S. and I know that in was jealous of them, because they got to stay.

I really enjoyed getting to know Stephen and Dorica. St. Andrews is paying for Stephen to go to Msalato Theological School, to become a priest. Dorica is his wife. He is the same age as dad, and because he has been so poor, and has already given so much of himself, that it has taken him many years to get to college. I guess it really is never too late. Stephen is a great person, and I hope to get to spend more time with him someday. He was in Pinedale last winter. I wish he would come back, so we could be as generous to him, as his congregations were to me. We would have to give him an elk or something...after all, they did give me a chicken. Stephen's wife Dorica, is a doll. She told me I should just stay forever.

Then there are all the students at Msalato. When I had dinner with them, they wanted to know if I had a dog, and if we prayed for our pets. I told them about our Blessing of the Animals service at St. Andrews. They would think that Whistler and Bandit were the craziest animals they have ever seen...because they would be! But I really enjoyed all of these guys. I really wanted to get some music from Emmanuel, but I never did. All of the music was so beautiful.

We had dinner with the Bishop, and his wife Irene. Bishop is a very forward thinking and gentle man. I really liked him. He had recently attended a meeting of several church leaders, and the President of his Country. I have never dined with someone who has also shared a table with their country's leader. Moses Montoya is also an incredible person. He is in charge at Msalato. As long as Moses is there, that institution will continue to be great. He is very practical, and a visionary. Musa was our driver all week. He didn't say much, but he was always there, and I felt very safe with him. If it weren't for Musa, I would have never seen all that I saw.

And let's not forget the villagers, and the true faces of Africa. The little kids carrying firewood on their heads, or herding goats. The Masai bathing naked in the stream. The women who walk several kilometers every day just to get water. The sick kids in the AIDS ward at the hospital. And all the school kids in their uniforms, or the woman in their kangas. Truly, beautiful people.

Here is what my travel agent told me:

hi leanne, you do realize, of course, that you have caught the worst bug of all, i.e. the dreaded African Bug!!! you will now find yourself being drawn back to africa time and time again – whether you want to or not! it's too late; there's nothing you can do about it; and there's no known remedy for this incurable bug. so start saving those shillings!

Funny thing, I have a bunch a shillings left. Shillings is what their money is called. Did you know that the biggest bill is worth about \$10. No hundreds, or fifties. Anyway, I just couldn't bring my self to spend these extra shillings that I have, or trade them for dollars. I kept telling myself I would just give them to Lynn. But ya know...maybe I better hang on to them. You just never know. But I won't come back without you.

I love you, and I am so thankful to God that I have you, and that you are well.

See you soon,

Love Mom

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## June Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2010

Present: Cheryl Essington, Mindy Seehafer, ML Baxley, Dave Lankford, Jo Crandall, Ron Rhyne, Dick & Linda Tanner, Cody Saxton, Norm Pape

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** to be approved at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Norm moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ron seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** Jami is getting packed and her belongings should arrive around the 9<sup>th</sup>. For accounting purposes, the Vestry needs to clarify the housing allowance. Dave made a motion to designate a housing allowance of \$2,000.00 including rectory for 2010-2011, Jo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**1. Rectory:** The rectory is looking great with new paint, flooring, etc. Lots of work is ongoing to update the property.

**2. Bank Acct Revamp:** This action will be tabled until Jami arrives and business settles down. Mindy asked for permission to change the account type at this time. Jo moved to move the building fund savings from a market rate savings to a high yield savings and to change the flower account from a checking to a market rate savings. Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Signage:** Jordan is looking into what we currently have.

**4. Capital Campaign:** Money has begun to come in and we will have better numbers at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**1. Sound System:** Gail Randall will meet with Barb Wise to learn the sound system so our supply clergy can use it.

**2. Ranch Mass:** On hold until Jami arrives.

**3. Phone Tree:** Tom Davenport will look into repairs with Centurytel to get the phone tree/phone line up and running again.

**E.M.:** The Vestry needed to clarify the youth director's last paycheck. Ron moved that the final paycheck be a full month, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Open Discussion:**

Recognition for the services that Roy and Melinda have provided was discussed. The Vestry will look into purchasing each a stole. Jo will check into embroidery work and report back to the Vestry.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Essington- Secretary

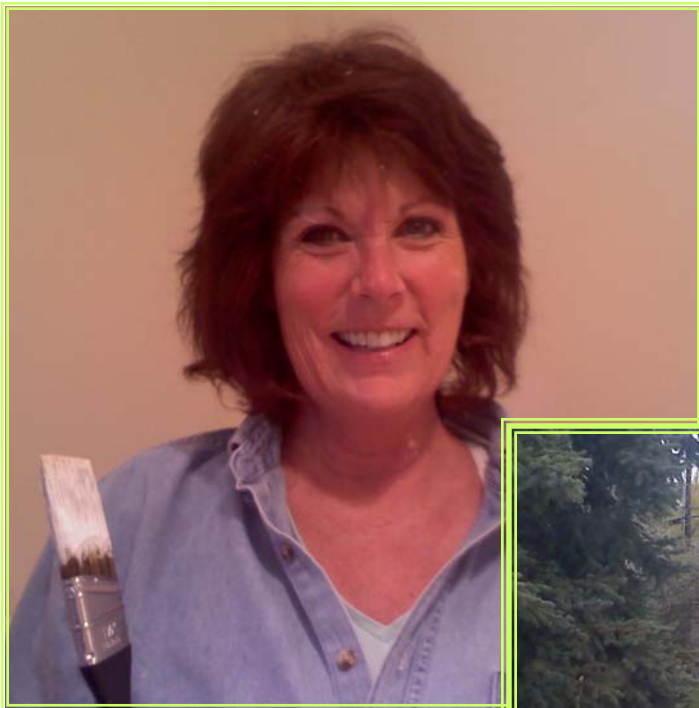
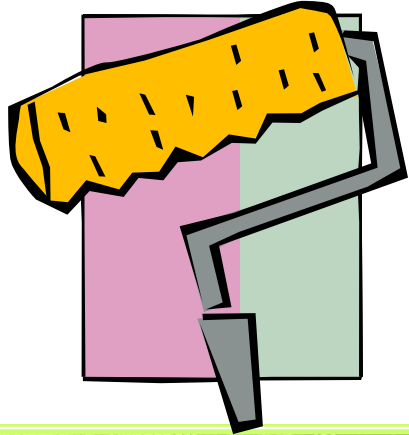


**As work continues on the Rectory to prepare for Jami and John's arrival, we ask all of you to prayerfully consider the stewardship request for Rectory repairs. A letter requesting funds went out a couple months ago. If you have any questions or need another copy of the letter, please call Dave Lankford at 367-4820.**



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## Sprucing up the Rectory



Painting  
and Power-  
washing!

# JULY 2010



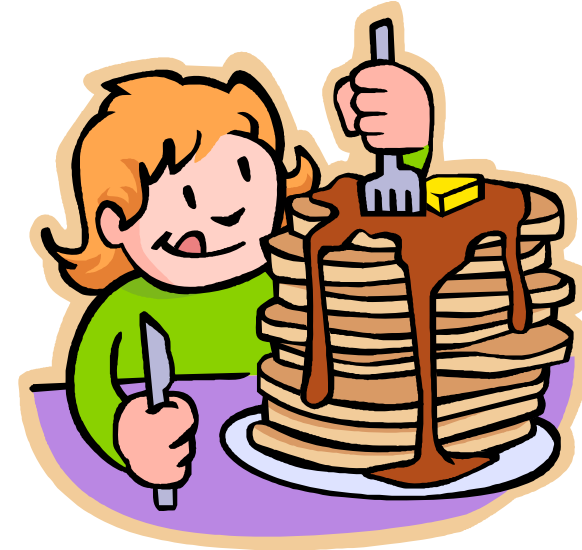
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4 Pancake Breakfast St. John's	5 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	20	21	22	23	24
25 Jam's First Sunday!	26 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	27	28	29	30	31 Bishops Consecration 31 Casper, WY

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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

Hello, All!

St. John's is enjoying a good summer now that the sun is finally shining! We appreciate the rain and things have greened up beautifully, so we're happy. We are busy planning our annual pancake breakfast to be held the morning of July 4th prior to the parade. Last year our breakfast was a bit hit with the community and a good lesson in giving for our youth as we used the proceeds to purchase a new vitals machine for the Sublette Center. We are looking forward to an even better turnout this year as well as another opportunity for congregation members of all ages to work together. The breakfast will be held July 4th from 7-9 a.m. and is a free-will donation event. We welcome our friends from St. Andrew's to come down and stop by for a bite to eat before enjoying our annual parade!



We also have a member of our youth group attending HR camp this year! Jeff B. will head to Esterbrook later this month and we all look forward to hearing about Jeff's experiences when he returns.

Have a great July!

:) Amy Bell

## NEED A RIDE?

On Saturday, July 31 at the Casper Events Center, John Smylie will be consecrated as our new Bishop of Wyoming. I have been fortunate enough to attend two consecrations--Bruce's and Bishop Tanner Irish's in the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. They are wonderful events and I highly encourage anyone who is thinking of going to attend. I am willing to coordinate carpools of anyone who would like to attend from St. Andrew's. Let me know if you want to go for the day or overnight, etc. and I will try to match people up. You can contact me at the library or at home. My home number is 367-2078.

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Ordination and Consecration of the Bishop of Wyoming

**Countdown to the Consecration**

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

## Excitement builds as diocese makes plans for consecration of 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Wyoming

Just seven 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 Wyoming BishopSearch@gmail.com for reservations. A reception immediately follows the service.

## LODGING IN CASPER

Planning to stay the night? Check out these hotels with discounts for the Consecration:

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

**LaQuinta Inn**  
400 W. 'F' St.  
307-265-1200  
\$79 all

**Quality Inn**  
821 N. Poplar  
307-266-2400  
\$72.99 single  
\$77.99 double

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

**Holiday Inn East—McMurry Park**  
721 Granite Peak Dr.  
(east side of Casper off I-25)  
307-577-5000  
\$99 all

**Casper C'mon Inn Hotel**  
301 E. Lathrop Rd.  
307-472-6300/866-782-2690  
\$89 standard  
\$99 suites

Be sure to mention "Episcopal Diocese Bishop Consecration" to receive the above rates

## Here's how your parish can participate on July 31...

✦ **Bring your Processional Cross, two torches and Patronal banner** (on a pole) — along with four stands — so your congregation is represented in the Procession.



✦ **Select four experienced acolytes** (all ages welcome, especially youth) to carry your parish cross, torches & banner. IMPORTANT! Contact John Peacock ASAP to let him know who your acolytes are. He can be reached at mettenheim@msn.com or 307-631-8914.

✦ **Have your Choir Director contact the Consecration planners right away.** Email or call Cindy King at cindyking@juno.com or 307-259-2023.

✦ **Wear RED! The festival colors are red** — that means red stoles for clergy. Lay folks also can get into the Spirit with red attire.



**The same weekend...**  
**CASPER BALLOON ROUNDUP**  
July 31 & August 1  
Casper College Murane Soccer Field  
www.CasperBalloonRoundup.com

FYI — The Casper Events Center is handicapped accessible. The Consecration will be signed for the hearing impaired.

For questions or more information, contact us at WyomingBishopSearch@gmail.com