

A Voice in the Wilderness



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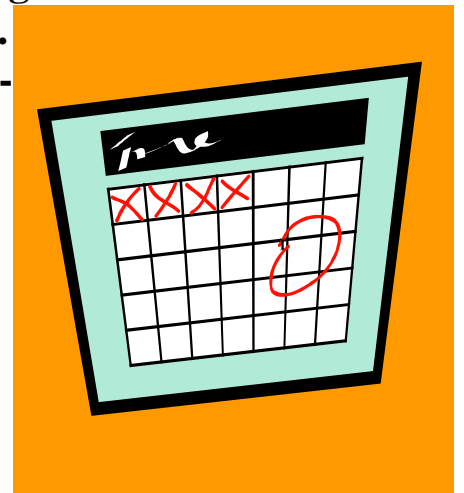
The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



I want to talk a little bit this month about something that's vital to our church family and that is the Rota. Many of you are involved with our various ministries on Sunday mornings and I just want to remind each of you of the importance of those tasks. Whether it's nursery duty or chalice bearer, we are all counting on each other to do these important ministries. With that said, there are some of you out there who are not on the Rota and I bet you are wondering how you can be a part of this exciting ministry opportunity. First of all, let me list the various ministries:

1. Usher- greets people when they arrive and hand out bulletins. You also bring forward the bread and wine and pass around the offering plates.
2. Lector- You read the Old and New Testament readings as well as leading the congregation in the psalm. The Lector also reads the prayers of the people.
3. Chalice Bearer- Administer one of the chalices during communion.
4. Bread bakers- Bake the bread for Sunday mornings.
5. Refreshments- You work with others to provide Sunday morning refreshments.
6. Acolytes- This is traditionally done by our young folks, but is open to all ages. Your job is to assist with the service.
7. Nursery- Arrive 15 minutes before the service and keep the kids until communion is being distributed.
8. Vaccuming- Your job would be to come in and vacuum the church once a week during your time.

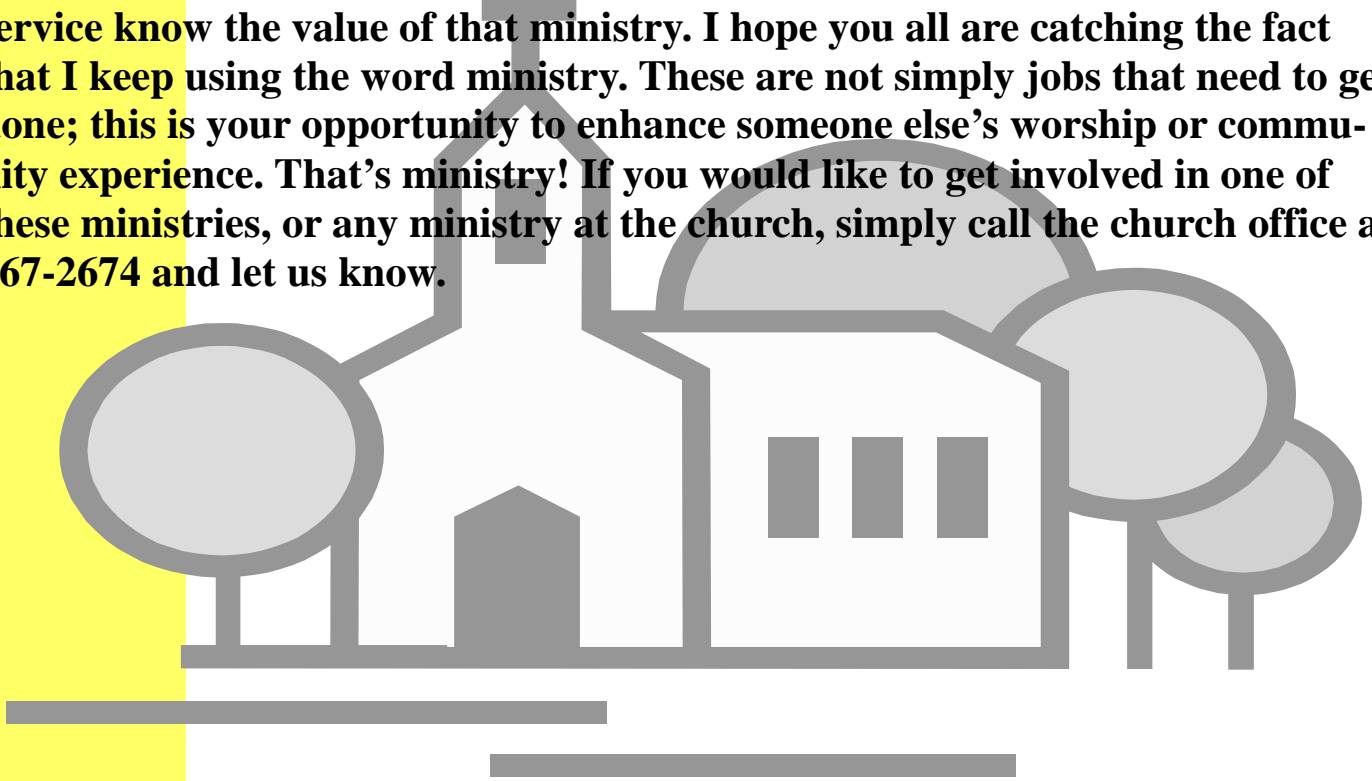


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Rector's Remarks (cont.)

These are just a few of the ministry opportunities that we have at the church, but these are vitally important. Anyone who has stayed for refreshments knows what an amazing job those ladies do and any parents who have been able to drop their kids off in the nursery and actually relax and enjoy a service know the value of that ministry. I hope you all are catching the fact that I keep using the word ministry. These are not simply jobs that need to get done; this is your opportunity to enhance someone else's worship or community experience. That's ministry! If you would like to get involved in one of these ministries, or any ministry at the church, simply call the church office at 367-2674 and let us know.

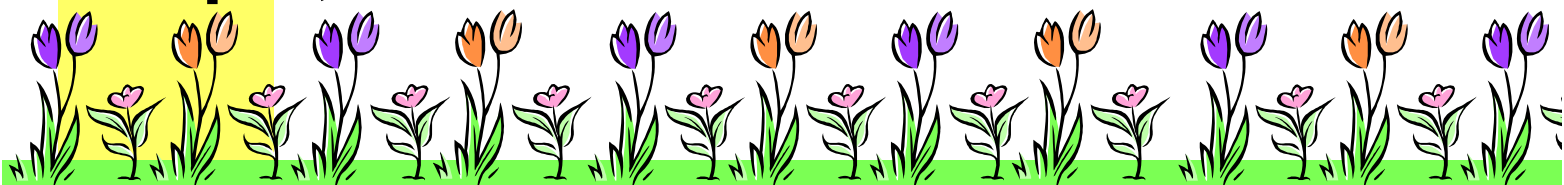


ECW SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring conference
of the Episcopal
Church Women
April 13-15, 2007
Casper, WY

Save the Date!

Dean Marilyn Engstrom will be our guest speaker and the theme for the conference will be "Laughter is the Language of the Heart".



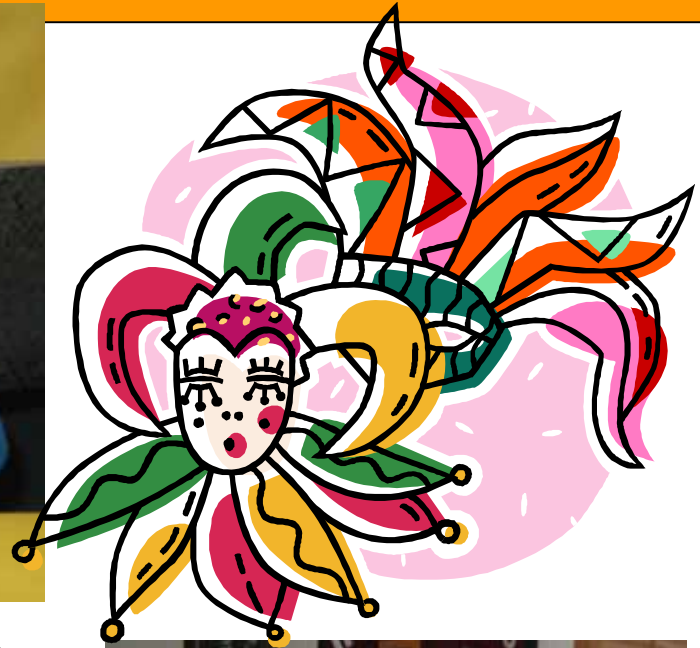
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Mardi Gras



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CHURCH BULLETIN FUNNIES!

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning. "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight "Searching for Jesus."
3. Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the Recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
4. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
5. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a Conflict.
6. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
7. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
8. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
9. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
10. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
11. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing. "Break Forth Into Joy." He he he,
12. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
13. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
15. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
16. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
17. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
18. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
19. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
20. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



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Youth Group, Katie McClure

St. Andrews High School and Middle School youth groups had another great month. We have a very committed core group of young people who are fun and interesting to be around! We made valentines for the residents of the senior center and delivered them. On Valentines day we had a blast going on a video scavenger hunt. The kids "kidnapped" a lawn ornament then took a video of its adventures for the night. One of the stops for the night was Bud and Lois Decker's. We thank them for being such good sports and if anyone would like to see a video of Lois kissing a bunny lawn ornament, it can be arranged. The High School groups went to the PFAC presentation of Hansel and Gretel, while the Middle School group went to Jackson for dinner and tubing. We also continued our Bible 101 class with Wes. Thanks to our leaders Sue, Jordan, Michelle and Wes for their continued support and commitment!



Youth Activities outside church - Some of our youth will be participating in the High School and Middle School Jazz Festival in

Powell, Wyoming March 15 - 17. Keep them in your prayers for safe passage and a fun, educational time. Good Luck to the Middle School kids who are participating in History Day on March 22!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUTH - Please make note that we will not allow the youth to bring their cell phones to youth group if they are turned on. We feel that cell phones are a distraction to the youth whether they get a call or are texting someone during our activities. If you need to get in touch with your child while they are at youth group you can call the church phone number. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this.



In March, we will meet on the 7th, 14th, and 21st. This month, we are doing a study on the film Narnia and it's Christian view points. We won't meet over Spring Break, so everyone have a fun and safe break and we will see you back on April 4th!

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February Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes
2-12-07

Present: Wes Shields, Roz Leslie, Gail Grub, Donna Skinner, Cheryl Essington, Barb Wise, Jon Boroff, Carla Sullivan, Dave Lankford, Shane Costello

Action items listed in red.

Minutes of the last meeting: Gail Grubb moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting; Jon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Wes explained the financial reports to the new Vestry members. We are off to a good start financially this year. Carla moved to accept the treasurer's report Gail seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Gail spoke with the Highway Department regarding a crosswalk across Juana and was told to speak with the City. She has called Steve Smith and is still waiting for a response.

Rector's Report: Big Piney is maintaining, Wes will be going over Tuesdays as well during Lent. New Vestry members were given the opportunity to ask questions and Wes reviewed the expectations. A vestry retreat will be planned and Wes will email the details soon.

Others: Cheryl will update the master list.

Old Business:

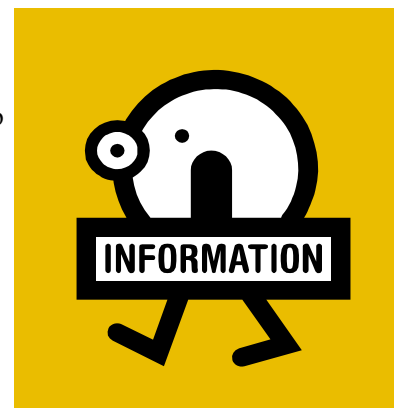
- 1. Dance.** The dance discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 2. Website.** Cally is making progress.
- 3. Altar Guild.** Wes spoke with Pat Coleman about the second service and her concerns and they resolved that Wes will prepare the Altar for the early service.

New Business:

- 1. Appraisal:** Wes provided the Church Insurance Company's appraisal for the Vestry's information. The Vestry then had the opportunity to review the appraisal and ask questions. It will be on file in the church office.
- 2. Watchguard:** Phil is checking with our insurance company to see if this fire security system will save on insurance premiums. Dave moved to table the discussion until Phil reports back; Shane seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Easter Brunch:** The Vestry would like to host an Easter Brunch potluck again. Donna will organize and let the Vestry know what is needed at the next meeting.
- 4. Pre-payment on mortgage:** Phil has asked for approval to make a \$12,000.00 pre-payment on the property. Gail moved to approve the payment, Donna seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. HR Camp Scholarship:** Wes asked if the Vestry would like to participate in the new scholarship program. Each church was asked to sponsor a HR Camp student for one week at a cost of \$300.00. Barb moved to provide the scholarship; Gail seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion: Jon asked the Vestry to think about a new fundraiser for various charities, which the Church would serve as a clearinghouse for funds. Dave will bring a proposed schedule to next months Vestry meeting to be discussed further.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.





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Dates to Remember:

**March 12th @ 7:00 pm
Vestry Meeting**

**March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
Lenten Dinners @ 5:30**

Coming Up:

**April 5th—Maundy-Thursday
Seder at 5:30 & Service at 7:00**

April 6th—Good Friday Service

