



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Entering into the SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the 40-Day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter service. Holy Week, the final week in Lent commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth. Several events and worship services take place during that week.

Lent is a time to look at what is out of harmony with God (Sin) so that we might find our way back to that harmony (Communion). Therefore, Lent is a special time for confession, meditation, prayer, and penitential practices. This season in our church of looking at sin – its sources, its manifestations, its consequences, and God's and our responses, requires personal and corporate courage and commitment.

We have extra fellowship events during this time to remind us that we support one another in the good work we have undertaken. We study and reflect together so that we might be more aware of what we face and become better equipped to resist sin. We worship together more often to remind us that in our struggles we have a champion and mentor who has defeated all enemies. We practice patience to better understand that our ways are not God's ways. When we enter into this season of discipline and study, examination and repentance, we are finally set free to be the individuals God created us to be. We find ourselves ready to experience the FULL JOY of Easter.



Please join in the journey and share in this season at St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:
St. John's - 9:00 am
St. Andrew's - 11:00 am

Vestry Meeting
March 14th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Sunday School (Ages 2-9)
March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
10:45 at St. Andrew's

J2A & Rite 13
March 2nd & 16th
6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Daylight Savings Time
Spring forward at 2:00 am on March 13th

Ash Wednesday
March 9th
7:15 am, 12:15 pm, or 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's

Lenten Soup Supper
March 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st
6:15 pm at St. Andrew's

Via Media Course
March 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st
6:45 to 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Evensong Service
March 16th, 23rd, & 30th
5:45 pm at St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am

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PRAYER & MEDITATION

Various Lenten Meditation books available from Pastor Jami or ERD.
Forward Day by Day booklets

“Walking the Labyrinth as Prayer” at the library – All day, Thursday, April 21st.

WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday – March 9th – 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., or 7:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Evensong – Each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m., starting March 16th



Sundays in Lent: Rite I, Starting with the Decalogue and Penitential Order
Communion Hymns will be meditative, prayerful Taize hymns.

FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays – Starting on March 10th - 6:15 p.m.
A simple soup supper at the church.



Thursdays – March 10 – April 14th 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Via Media course – Video and small group discussion on 21st century questions about faith.



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday service times to be announced.

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Christian Education J2A—Jordan Vana

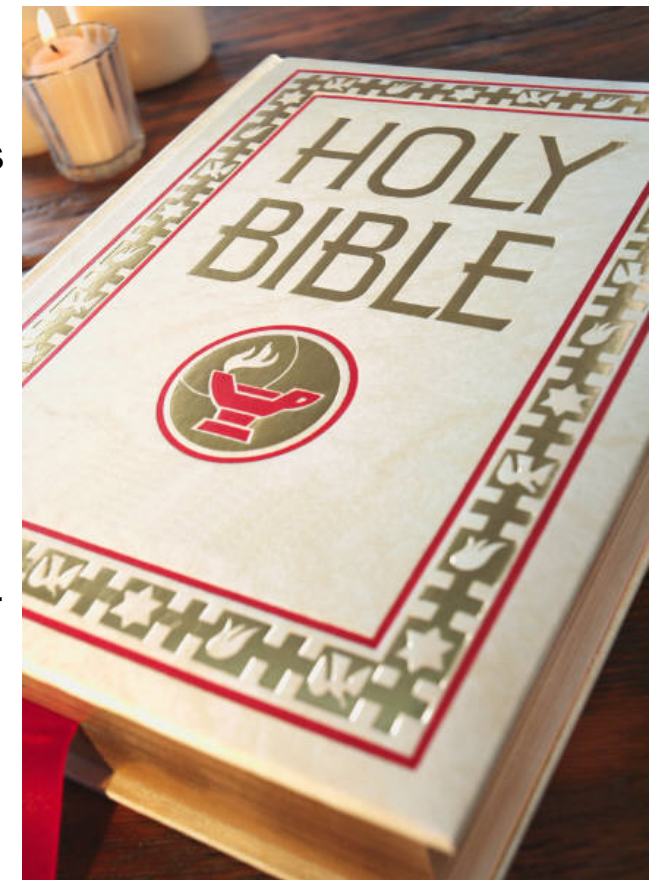
High school youth group is in full swing! Since November, about 10 students have gathered every other week to learn more about themselves, how they relate to others, and the role God plays in their lives.

Aaron Belton, Gage Ceruti, Talyn Costello, Gus Holz, Eric Kleven, Hattie McKay, Matt McKee, Ryan McKee, Hadley Pape, and their friends always make the conversations interesting and lively!

When we meet, everyone has dinner together, then Jami usually leads a fun game before we start our lessons. Michelle Costello coordinates meals—thanks Michelle and everyone who's fed us!

Our group follows the Journey to Adulthood (or J2A) curriculum. J2A is a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation that uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its two guiding principles: (1) manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God and (2) adulthood is earned.

We have some exciting things planned for the rest of the year and would love to have anyone who's interested join us at any of our meetings! We're also planning a pilgrimage for next year, so stay tuned for ways to help out!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	7 Sublette Center 10:30 am	8	9 Ash Wednesday 7:15 am, 12:15 pm, or 7:30 pm	10 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm Via Media Course 6:45—8:00 pm	11	12
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Sublette County Al Anon Family Group meets on Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. at the Lutheran Church in Pinedale. For more information, please go to the Al Anon website at www.wyomingal-anon.org

MORNING PRAYER

“.....whenever two or three are gathered.....”
That’s us right now, two of us getting together on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM at the church to do Morning Prayer together. I am pretty sure God’s promise to be “in the midst of us” would hold even if there were more than three! So please feel free to join us.



Betty Golden and Coralee Petersen

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Impressions from a trip to the Holy Land, Pastor Jami Anderson

From the airplane – a land dotted with white – sheep, houses, rocks? I later learn that white limestone is everywhere. The villages are white buildings on the hillsides, almost indistinguishable from the rocks strewn about on the ground.

In this land where Christ lived – walked, talked, taught, performed miracles, died and was buried – Where are the Christians today?

Apart from tour busses spewing out hundreds of Christians each day at “holy” sites – this is a land populated by Palestinian Muslims and Jews. I have never before experienced being in a land where the Christian population wasn’t dominant.

After two days of being told I was “Entering a Holy Site, Please refrain from talking and act respectfully” – I have realized that it is us – we who are traveling together that are holy. When we enter the churches, monasteries, and ruins – we are bringing holiness to that place. We are the holy.

Is this land truly the only place where God intimately worked with, instructed, and guided a people? I find it hard to accept that this limited area of land is the only place where God has entered into relationship with humankind.

This land does inspire intimacy - the gentle hills, the fertile soil, the rain, rivers, and lakes. It seems to be a life-giving land.

And yet, we visit ruins with up to 56 layers of civilizations that have been demolished and destroyed. Warring over trade routes and land has plagued this area since the beginning of civilization.

From the beginning of scripture God has warned the oppressed not to forget that they were once oppressed that they might not become oppressors themselves – to always remember that they were once aliens in the land. The Jewish people of Israel have forgotten.

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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

You have probably noticed a new look in the choir area in the church. We were getting pretty crunched in our little corner, and Jami thought that she could use the big wooden cabinet for her office, so we decided to re-organize. The vestry okayed our plans and the work began. Jon Boroff moved the short pew from the back on the east side to the back on the west side, eliminating a row of chairs and providing better seating for those who like that spot. Jon and Cheryl Boroff and Cheryl Essington emptied the cabinet and got it moved downstairs to the office where it was a big help to Jami who re-organized her space - they even got the printer inside the cabinet! By the way, Sam and Judy Martin gave that cabinet to the church many years ago for us to use in the choir area (rather than the pile of boxes that had housed the music). I am sure that they would be pleased to know that it is stilling serving us well. With the pew and the cabinet gone, we were able to move the piano and organ further forward and make more room for chairs for the choir. We replaced the cabinet with a 4-drawer file which will make access to the music much easier. One Sunday afternoon, Gail Randall, Lora Grinestaff, Marilyn Huffman, Fred and I met at the church and sorted, filed and threw away, moved piano and organ, and arranged chairs, etc. The result is the very pleasant and workable space you see now. Many thanks to all who helped make this little renovation happen.

Of course, the bottom line is that now we have room for lots more choir members! Please consider joining us. There are NO auditions and we would love to have you. If you cannot make a long term commitment, maybe you could join us for Lent and Easter. (Lents begins on Ash Wenesday, March 9th and Easter is April 24th)

Coralee Petersen



ECW NEWS

The ECW ladies met after church on February 13, 2011 to discuss the distribution of funds to various charities. Sheryl Boroff, ECW treasurer, conducted the meeting. The allocation of monies to be donated is as follows:

Tanzania for drought relief	\$500.00
Our Little Roses Ministries	\$500.00
Pinedale Food Basket	\$200.00
SAFV	\$500.00
Rector’s Discretionary Fund	\$200.00
Smile Train	\$400.00



Sheryl reported the balance today is \$3900. Donations total \$2300 which will leave a balance of \$1600 on hand to cover expenses for the next few months. After a brief discussion it was decided to again plan for the Rendezvous pie sale as a money making project for this summer. Marilyn Huffman will help with planning for the pie sale.

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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

Hello from St. John's!

We are all awaiting spring and the contemplative lenten season that blossoms into Easter. With that comes our lenten soup suppers. We will serve the community beef barley soup in April and we look forward to working together for that good cause. Additionally, we will recognize St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner that we'll offer to the public on March 17 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at St. John's. We welcome any and all friends from the community as well as our extended family at St. Andrew's.

In other news, our youth and children's groups are growing and learning together and we count our blessings as we look forward to warmer days. We have much to be thankful for! Peace!

Amy Bell

Via Media Course

If you have ever been curious about the ins and outs of the Episcopal Church, here is your chance to finally learn more. We're hosting a new and exciting program called Via Media that promises to shine light on everything you have felt you have been left in the dark about.

Learn more about your faith with Via Media. Via Media is an educational tool meant to keep members of the Episcopal Church informed about their faith and give seekers the opportunity to learn about the Episcopal Church.

With insightful videos featuring well-known theologians and open discussion, the Via Media approach is a unique way to get people passionate and excited about the Episcopal tradition.



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Not sure what I think of the hundreds waiting in line to touch a rock where Jesus was born and a rock where he was laid in the tomb and a rock where his crucifixion took place. The sites are gaudy, the crowds interesting, the buildings around developed beyond any semblance to picture books or Christmas card scenes.

I think there are more of us visiting the crucifixion site today than would have been around on the day of the actual crucifixion.

The churches built on every possible holy spot aren't there for worshipping communities. Rather – we enter, take pictures, say a quick prayer, perhaps sing a song or two. Why then are they churches?

I like Qumran – out in the desert. It reminds me of Hells Half Acre. There are no churches or monasteries or large developments. I like the openness.

I looked at us trooping along the streets of Jerusalem on a rainy afternoon and my heart was warmed. It was the end of our time together and there we were, traveling two by two – with our “buddies”, helping the slower along, supporting each other. We truly did look like pilgrims on a pilgrimage.

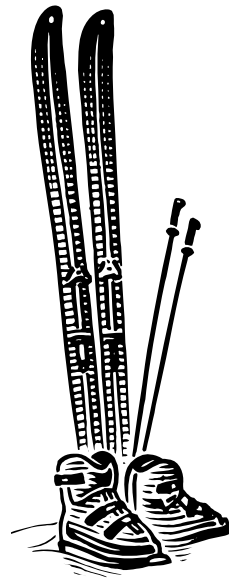
As Marilyn Engstrom preached to us at our closing Eucharist – maybe we did enter into Kairos time for a few days. Our lives entered into Christ's time – in a fellowship with the past and present. It was for good.



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Jon Gibson headed for the finish line!



Doc Johnston races down the hill!



Stuart Thompson racing down the slopes!

All pictures courtesy of Mindi Crabb

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Jon Gibson, Wyoming Senior Winter Games

I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in the Wyoming Senior Winter Games in Pinedale which were held from February 17 through February 20. Two of the primary sponsors are the Pinedale Aquatic Center and White Pine Ski Area, among others, who did a wonderful job of hosting the games. To make a long story short, I, along with most of the senior athletes, had a blast.

There are Alpine events, Nordic, Snowshoe, Biathlon, Skating, Racquetball, Hockey, Speed Skating, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing and other entertainments, like Swimming.

This was my second year to join the games. In 2010 I had planned to be a volunteer only. After observing how much fun was being had by people who were not much more athletic than myself, I signed on to compete. The first discovery was that I was fairly competitive in the pool. I won several medals last year and this one, for 25 meter sprints in various strokes, as well as couple of 100 meter relay type medleys. This year I tried Slalom Skiing for the first time in my life, what a kick!

I also discovered that sometimes in life, just showing up is a victory, and is rewarded as such. I also found out that I need much improvement in sports like Pickle Ball and Racquetball. Those nice folks made short work of me. If they venture to the pool next year I'll do my best to leave them way behind in a frothy wake. The winner of the Alpine, Nordic, Snowshoe Relay was a team of women who demonstrated that actually planning a sound race strategy can create a fine synergy to beat possibly stronger individual athletes.

At any rate, the best part of the games are the wonderful, happy and experienced people that I met and became friends with. The next best part is challenging myself to try new things or at least try things I have not experienced for decades.

Some senior game venues are allowing 40 year olds and up to play. Perhaps St. Andrews can field a relay team or two? Come join us.



Mary Jane Kleven hitting the slopes