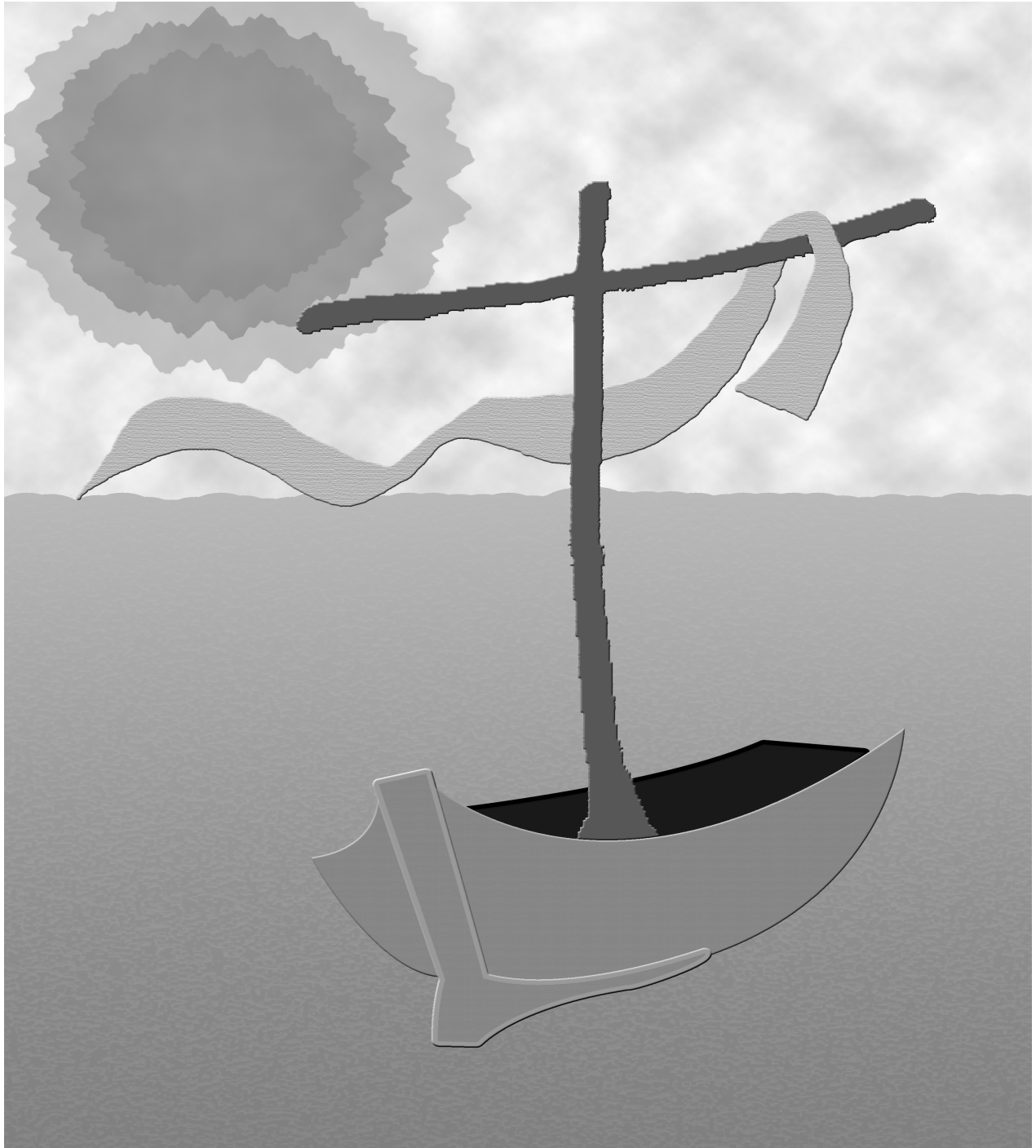


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
KEYS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2010

Dear Family of St. Peter's

This time of year offers clergy wonderful opportunities to write about the upcoming programs within the Church. The articles are usually upbeat and filled with encouragement. I know this, because like you, over the years I have read plenty of such articles. I also know this because over the years I've written my fair share of them. Now, I certainly do want to encourage you to participate in the ministries, activities and programs in the upcoming year. But I want to plant this encouragement in a little different tone this time by asking that we examine together the opportunities before us and the reasons for taking advantage of them.

At the beginning of spring, I offered St. Peter's an opportunity to hold Adult Forum at 10:30 AM each week and to move Sunday School for children to 10:30 AM as well. But as we have moved into the year, it has become apparent to me that there is very little interest right now in Adult Forum. I believe I have not done a very good job of promoting the benefits of a forum to you. So, rather than begin something without support for it, I'll work this year on trying to make a more persuasive argument about the rewards of adult spiritual education. This is not an opportunity missed – only one delayed.

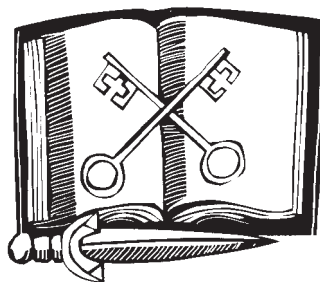
In the meantime, Sunday School for Children, pre- school to 12 years old, will be held each Sunday during the 9:30 worship service. I'm so deeply grateful for the ministry of our Sunday School teachers. They deserve our thanks and our support. The best support that you can give them is to offer assistance when asked. The best support you can offer your children for the coming school year is to insist that they actively participate in Sunday School. Our kids face an uphill battle every day – filled with all kinds of harmful temptations, disillusionments and untruths. We can't be with them during a large portion of their weekdays, but we can work together to make sure that they are given the spiritual strength they need to climb over the barriers that might block their spiritual paths. Combining this with your love and guidance, our kids can grow as Children of God. There really is no greater gift that a parent can give to their child than this.

As for other activities and programs, well, there are a number of things already being planned. I'm excited about the upcoming Christmas Cantata the choir is preparing. I know it will be wonderful. Father Ivan is beginning a Youth Group. If you have teens – send them (and have them invite their friends to something at your teen's church for a change!). Bible Study on Thursdays will begin again soon and there will also be short, evening Adult discussion groups planned throughout the year. The Men's Bible Study is forming and the Vestry is planning monthly family activities. Other ministries that function all year long will continue to strengthen our faith by their presence in our worship and in our lives. You'll be able to tell for yourself as you move into these activities and ministries whether or not each is worthwhile. You'll know from participation whether each program fed your heart and soul and left you still a little hungry for more. It's my hope that along the way, you'll talk to me about the things in the program year that help you on your spiritual journey and that we'll also be able to converse about how some things help only some members of the community directly while the rest of us grow by knowing we are working in support roles. All these ministries and your participation in them are how we build and strengthen our faith community.

If you have ideas for activities, please share them with the Vestry or clergy. If you begin to hear that still, small voice calling to be a part of a ministry, project or program, don't lie down until the mood passes. Instead stand up; become involved. If you can list a few hardships and problems that you face in your life right now, then you have just given yourself the reasons why you need to become more deeply connected to this Church community. Let God and those who worship with you, offer you the love and strength you need to move on through the tough stuff. Bring yourself, bring your kids, bring your neighbor's kids. Come. Come. Come.

Blessings

Claudia





CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON!

The new Program Year for Sunday School begins **Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 AM**. This year's classes will run each week. There will be stories, lessons, crafts and activities provided each week for children ages pre-school to 12.

One big surprise this year will be the locations for the Sunday School classes. The Pre-school and Kindergarten class will meet in the old Nursery Room. This will provide the children with their own room so that they may display their artwork and have a space that is just their own. It also keeps them safer than they were in the fellowship hall because it is more contained. Rosy Shaw will be teaching this class. Parents of pre-school children are asked to sign up to assist occasionally.

The 6-12 year olds will be meeting in the former Youth Room. This room offers plenty of space for activities and discussions. Michelle White will be teaching this class. Plenty of topics for discussions and activities have been chosen.

The new Nursery Room will now be located in the old classroom #1, right by the Sacristy. Tasha Harris will be in charge of the Nursery. A sign up sheet will be provided for parents so that they may take turns assisting in nursery care. Please remember that the Nursery is for children 3 years old and younger. Older children need to be in their designated classrooms or with their parents.

The 2nd classroom will eventually be set up as a playroom that all children may use during Coffee Hour/Brunch. This room will not be supervised but will be supplied with toys and books.

The new Youth Group that Father Ivan is forming will begin for teens and older children and will be held each month. Teens are encouraged to attend the regular Sunday service as well as special activities throughout the year.

The classrooms are receiving some new coats of paint to brighten them. All the teachers are preparing their classrooms, lessons and activities. So get ready for a terrific year. Remember parents and grandparents, children need religious education. They will either receive it from us or they will receive it from their friends at school. Make sure your children are learning things that will be a positive influence on them for the rest of their lives. Mark your calendars for SEPT. 19 and look forward to a great Sunday School year.



JOIN THE CHOIR

Serve God, serve St. Peter's, try something new, inspire others with song, have a great time with great people, help to ensure we continue to have a choir!

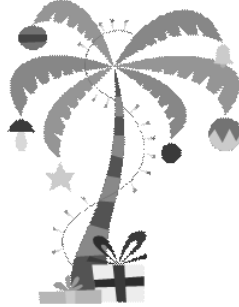
Rehearsals are Saturdays at 10:00am, but we only rehearse three times a month. We sing every other Sunday and for special days. You don't have to read music to join! For more information contact Christina S. or any choir member.



NORTHERN EPISCOPAL OPEN

Sunday Sep. 19th at noon at the Eagle Mountain Golf Course in Brigham City, there will be a golf tournament! It will be Scramble Format with picnic at St. Michael's Following the Golf Tournament, around 4:30pm-ish

Cost is \$36 for 18 holes and a cart. Call Dave Seiter by September 14th to Reserve Your Spot.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST WAS A SUCCESS!

Since 2008, St Peters has been involved with Lincoln Elementary School, donating school supplies, books, money, boxes of milk and crackers for hungry children, and gently used children's clothing and shoes for the needy. Lincoln is a Title 1 school, having a high percentage of underprivileged children.

This year, on August 19, we held "Christmas in August ". A Christmas tree was decorated, carols played and a potluck was held. People were asked to donate school items again. We had fun playing Christmas games, adults and children. We donated many bags and boxes of supplies, clothes and shoes, also \$220 in cash. Well done! We thank the members of St. Michaels, in Brigham City, who generously helped us too. Phil Kinchington was instrumental in planning the evening; our thanks go out to him.

The Principal, Mrs. Whitaker, and Vice Principal, Mrs. Johnson, were amazed at our generosity and came to the 9:30am service on Sunday August 29 to thank everyone. Mrs. Johnson told us how much we have helped them. For example, she gave 3 children backpacks, living out of a car. Money was used to buy formula for a baby, as the mother had no money and was using Kool-Aid. Another child could not start school, as she used 'Pull Ups' and Mom could not afford to buy them. They were bought! It was heartbreaking to hear her stories. Many clothes and shoes were given to the 'After School Program ' at the school, and parents were told to take what they needed.

We out-did ourselves! For a small church we do such excellent Ministry!

Thank you from the children at Lincoln Elementary.



FISHES AND LOAVES

There is a continued demand for help from our food pantry and any donations of non-perishable food are much appreciated. Good items to put in the basket at our Church entrance are peanut butter, jam / jelly, cereals, canned chili or stew, tuna, chicken, or other canned meats or protein foods. Cash is always welcome to purchase fresh items like eggs, milk, and fresh meat.

At the July 26 quarterly meeting of Fish 'N Loaves, it was reported that for the second quarter, we had the highest number of deliveries ever. During the 2nd quarter there were 154 deliveries for 627 individuals which breaks down to an astounding 7,524 meals. Your monetary and food donations really make a difference.

Also discussed was the possibility of having a shed for the food pantry constructed at the rear of the Layton Hills Baptist Church next summer. We are waiting for cost estimates and feasibility. If all labor is donated, each participating church has been asked for about a \$500 donation. Our Vestry has agreed to support this project and so various fund raisers will be held during the next year.

To donate food, place it in the basket near the front door. Juliane Glander is our St Peter's representative and takes it over to the food pantry. Items needed this month are mac & cheese, breakfast cereals, Hamburger Helper (all varieties), jelly and brown paper sacks.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers, needed about 2 times a month and also I am looking for someone to act as Assistant Treasurer when I am out of town. To donate money, please designate Fish 'N Loaves on your check.

Information about Fish 'N Loaves and the last two minutes and treasurers report are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



An Inspirational Short Story

Two Wolves

Cherokee Wisdom

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil.

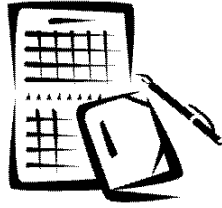
It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good.

It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."



Weekly Events

Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Artists Guild
Thursdays	11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursdays	1:30 p.m.	Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
Saturdays	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

September 4, 2010	10:00am	First Choir Practice
September 19, 2010	9:30am	Sunday School Begins
September 19, 2010	12:00pm	Five Northern Parishes Golf Tournament



VESTRY MEETING

All are welcome to attend Vestry Meetings and hear what is being discussed as well as give their own input.

The deadline for submissions for the October newsletter will be
September 26th.

If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please submit it to webmaster@stpetersutah.com, or call
Jessi at 801-217-3933, or hand it to her on Sundays.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10:00am - Choir Practice
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 - Holy Eucharist		10:00am - Artist's Guild		11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10:00am - Choir Practice
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26	27	28	29	30		
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	Coffee Hour	Lay Reader	Chalice Bearer	Usher / Greeter	Altar Guild
September 5, 2010		Judy G.	Mike Mc.		Judy G.
September 12, 2010		Marlene S.	Dave Seiter C. Cox		Marlene S.
September 19, 2010	Jim	Sue W.	Mike Mc. Shirley		Sue W.
September 26, 2010					Kathy T.

Please sign up for shared ministry opportunities
and please get a substitute if you cannot serve as scheduled.