

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The mission of St. Peter's is to be a supportive congregation for all seeking and wanting to share Christ's love in a welcoming and inclusive community where the Bible, human reason and the historical traditions of the Church are celebrated.

Summer 2010



Vacation Bible School



July 4th Fundraiser to "Close the Gap"

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe
Bishop of Iowa

The Rev. Dr. Lynne Carver
Rector

Karl Bodenbender
Music Director

Carolyn Tapscott
Administrative Assistant

Worship Schedule

Sundays (summer)
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christian Education

Sundays (Sept. – May)
9:00 a.m.

Vestry

Shelley Chambers
Nancy Czubara
Jane Hoffman
Sonita Oldfield-Carlson
Anne Petrie
John Swarney
Duane Timm
Keith Wilson
Marty Yeast

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Reflections from the rector . . .

As I look back over the year since sabbatical, I'm struck both by the number and the variety of losses we've experienced here at St. Peter's: loss of health as some of our members struggle with life threatening illnesses; death (Helen Willson while I was gone, Pat Johnsen, Eula Williams and close relatives of parishioners during the past year); James O'Hare retired and John Horn left us to become rector of Christ's Church in Burlington; some long term members have left the Quad Cities and some have chosen to join other churches; after several years of increased monetary giving and nearly balanced budgets we're back to struggling financially; and, like many mainline congregations, we're finding that old ways of being church aren't working so well. All of these are losses – some more easily seen and acknowledged than others.

In homilies during memorial services, I often mention the denial, anger, sadness and anxiety that are part of our human response to loss. I've sensed some of this amongst you this year and have experienced it myself. So I decided it might be helpful to publically name some of the losses and share my perception that we're grieving. Acknowledging the reality of the losses and allowing ourselves to experience the very human feelings that result can free us to move as whole people into the future. Our Christian faith helps us acknowledge loss and all that comes with it without being overwhelmed. The Eucharistic prayer during the memorial services proclaims, "to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed not ended." We are Easter people who trust that pain, sorrow and fear are not the end; evil does not have the last word. We are people who believe that out of death and loss God brings resurrection and new life.

In recent months I've sensed that we are beginning to move into the future especially with respect to our communal losses. That doesn't mean we don't miss people, don't sometimes yearn for what is now past. I trust that there is a Spirit moving among us that can, if we're willing, help us go forward. As we together move into God's future, we'll need to continue caring for one

another in the midst of the losses that are part of life here on earth. And, we'll need to be attentive to the Spirit's direction as we here at St. Peter's seek to "be church" – to share God's love and build God's kingdom - in the 21st century. *Lynne+*

Christian Education Wrap-up for 2009-2010

On May 23 we celebrated our 2009-2010 Christian Education program year with a picnic. Thanks to parents for encouraging your children's regular participation. Thanks to Lisa Bancroft, Patrick Carlson, Lynne Carver, Joe & Shelley Chambers, Ghada Hamdan-Allen, Lorri Swarney and Sharon Tinsman for teaching this year.

Vacation Bible School 2010

St. Peter's and Trinity Cathedral shared VBS June 21-25. Among those participating were Tavia, Lydia & Lorri Swarney, Ben, Clare & Sharon Tinsman and Lynne+. **BAOBAB BLAST** took the children to the rainforest of Africa where, through music, games, science, storytelling and crafts, they learned: "trust in God, love never fails, follow Jesus, care for others, share your faith." Thanks to Anne Petrie for her creativity and construction of the huge Baobab tree that stood in the center of Trinity's fellowship hall. Watch for more pictures during coffee hour!

"Close the Gap"

As many of you know, we started 2010 with a large deficit. With the leadership of the vestry and help from many of you we're "closing the gap." Our Tupperware sale raised \$240. As of June 22, \$12,400 has been pledged by members of St. Peter's toward "closing the gap" with 75% of this amount already paid. Our 4th of July Fireworks sale of walking tacos, baked goods and beverages netted about \$600. Thanks to Nancy Czubara, Jane Hoffman and Anne Petrie for their leadership. Thanks to all who generously responded to our "close the gap" appeal and/or sold Tupperware, donated pop, water, cookies or their time on July 4th.

What's Happening with Music?

With the end of December 2009 retirement of James O'Hare, who faithfully served St. Peter's for many years, we entered an interim period with our music. During the next five months, we explored different types of church music lead and accompanied by "in-house" musicians. This music included traditional and contemporary hymns, Taize chants and "paperless" or "sung by heart" music. Vestry, music task force and the congregation discussed their experience and reached the following conclusion: 1) we desire a variety of music and 2) in our new music director, we want an individual who is flexible, open to and skilled in using the variety of music we experience as enhancing our worship of God and who is good at bringing our and nurturing the musical gifts of St. Peter's members as they contribute to our worship.

Thanks to Doug Druckenmiller, Joan Marttila, Linda Roy and Duane Timm for leading and accompanying our singing during the interim!!

In June we focused our attention on a musician whose name Lynne+ had received from a colleague. We visited the church where he is currently serving, checked references and interviewed him. Following the interview, the reaction of the group (young and old, musician and self-declared "non-musician") was "hire him!" We've completed a letter of agreement. He begins Sunday, August 1.

A note from our new musical director . . .

Greetings to the congregation of St. Peter's

My name is Karl Bodenbender, and I am happy to be your new Director of Music. I am excited to have the opportunity to lead and continue the long and rich tradition of music in this place.

Born and raised on the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, I am glad to be home. After five years in the Amana

Colonies, my wife Caitie and I, with our three-year-old son Josef, have recently re-located to the Quad Cities in order to be closer to our families. My family's roots in this area begin with my grandparents' emigration from Germany in 1929/30 and their founding of the family business, Katy's in 1933. My father Arthur owns and operates the business on 7th Street in Moline today, and my grandmother ("Oma") for whom the store is named still lives -at age 105- in the adjacent family home. Indeed, it is good to be home.

As a young boy, I sang with the Moline Boys' Choir and later accompanied the choir at the piano. In addition, I accompanied the Quad City Men's Chorale in my junior high and early high school years. I held my first church organist position at Calvary Lutheran in Moline as a junior and senior at Moline High.

I studied voice at Northwestern University, receiving specialization in vocal music before continuing my studies at The Cleveland Institute of Music where I received a B.F.A. in piano performance. Returning from school, I served as Music Director at Immanuel Lutheran, East Moline and Accompanist of Choirs at Rock Island High School.

In 2001, I became the music director of The Old Creamery Theatre in Amana, a role I continued through this past season. When Caitie and I married and settled in the Amanas, we became music directors at First Lutheran in nearby Conroy. I also taught general and instrumental music K-8 at the Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg, Iowa.

I hope to bring my past music, theatre, and educational abilities to serve this congregation. With my family, I look forward to worshipping and serving with you in joyful song!

2010-2011 Program Year: Thinking Ahead

We're starting to plan for September. As the word liturgy literally means "the work of the people," we're always **inviting folks to consider serving on the altar guild, singing in the choir or serving as ushers, acolytes, lay readers and Eucharistic ministers.** If you're interested in serving, please sign-up on the sheets in the back of the church or call the church office. In late August we will be offering training and scheduling for the fall months.

The Episcopal Church formally licenses non-ordained people who preach, serve Communion within the worship service, take the Consecrated Elements to those who are unable to be present for the Eucharist, lead public worship regularly, serve as pastoral leaders under special circumstances or prepare persons for baptism. If you are interested in being a Eucharist minister or visitor or in preaching, please talk with Lynne+.

Education for Ministry

EFM at St. Peter's will resume in September. Education for Ministry is a program of theological education that is designed for people who want to deepen their faith, improve their ability to think theologically and become more effective in their daily ministry. It's a 4-year program; you sign up for 1 year at a time. Pat Kirkland and Linda Neuman serve as mentors.

The Education for Ministry program began with a vision of enrolling a few hundred students. Within a few years it developed into a program reaching several thousand students with groups around the globe. Over 70,000 persons have participated in the program, and in the United States more than 22,000 have completed the full four years.

St. Peter's began its second EFM group in the fall of 2008. Most who participated in that group are choosing to continue in the program. If you'd like more information or want to participate, contact Linda or Pat.

Vestry Minutes – June 22, 2010

(submitted, not yet approved)

Present: Keith, John, Duane, Jane, Anne, Shelley, Marty, Sonita, Lynne, Nancy, Bruce.

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM. John led a reading and meditation from John 15.

The May 11, 2010 Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current bills are paid. Pledges were +\$5000 at the end of May. The preschool is one month ahead on their payments. Bruce will notify them of the credit. Maintenance expenses are somewhat over budget due to furnace repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Deficit:

- Bruce feels we will be able to cover our expenses through September.
- "Close the Gap" letter: \$12,400 has been pledged and @ 75% already received.
- Thank you notes: Handwritten notes will be sent from vestry members for the extra contributions. Marty suggested we all use the same basic letter for uniformity. The vestry will aim for a July 2 mailing date. Lynne & Carolyn are creating St. Peter's. note paper.

Fundraisers:

- Tupperware: \$240 profit earned. Thanks to Nancy for spearheading this fundraiser.
- 4th of July: Jane reported we have collected about 300 drinks which we will be able to sell in addition to 150 "walking tacos" and the donated desserts. Nancy suggested we have signs. Anne has made one banner.

Formal Request To Diocese To Defer Loan Payment: The vestry voted to send a letter to the diocese requesting permission to defer our Opportunity Campaign loan payments for 12 months. The \$7596 would be split into 6 months in 2010 and 6 months in 2011. The letter will be signed by the Co-wardens and the Treasurer.

Property:

- Windows: Mike Johnson presented information about the wall of windows in the sanctuary. These windows, reworked in 1993 with aluminum cladding, are deteriorating (leaking and appear to have insect damage and/or are rotting). Mike recommends (1) professional advice regarding insects, (2) treatments for same, (3) 3 repair bids done at one time to reduce the cost of renting a scissor lift. (Jerry Yeast has rented a lift in the past.) Mike suggested we

could redesign the window wall to save money if replacement is necessary by eliminating the irregular shaped windows along the sides and replacing them with wood panels. Property committee members, John & Anne, will take care of the insect portion and report back to Mike with the results. Mike will get the bids.

- The vestry authorized spending up to \$250 for insect extermination
- Diverting exterior water: Sonita distributed the estimate from Alec at Aunt Rhodies for a comprehensive water management plan as follows. (1) construct a retaining wall in the hosta bed at the front of the church and a deep running foundation drain from the front to the catch drain in back. (2) handle water from downspouts. (3) construct a bioswale to direct the flow of surface water. Sonita will request an invoice for the design work so we can pay Aunt Rhodies. This payment was authorized by the vestry prior to having the design work done.
- Memorials for those whose ashes have been spread on the property: No estimate for plaques has been received from Craig Heesch.
- Music: Lynne recapped the progress toward hiring an organist. A candidate will be interviewed next week. The vestry voted to pay the requested \$11,000 per year in view of the music program being mentioned in the "Close the Gap" letter.
- Canoe Trip: A new date has not been established for the canoe trip.
- Goal Setting for 2010: The vestry offered possible goals to be decided upon by the Annual Meeting in January. These goals are meant to keep in mind our Mission, our Vision, and our current reality at St. Peters.
- Lynne reported that Vacation Bible School at Trinity is going well. We have several children participating.
- Lynne will be on the J2A Pilgrimage on two Sundays, July 18 and 25.

NEW BUSINESS: none introduced

NEXT VESTRY MEETING: Tuesday, August 3rd. Shelley will lead the opening meditation.

The closing prayer was led by Lynne. The meeting closed at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Petrie

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Mark Petrie
- 14 Maggie Tinsman
- 17 T. J. O'Hare, Hovey Tinsman
- 19 Will Snowball
- 21 Pauline Janney
- 22 Pam O'Hare
- 24 Laura Timm
- 26 Craig Heesch

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sara Batkie, Lanell Mogab
- 4 Nicholas Czubara
- 6 Pat Druckenmiller
Olivia Raab, Julianne Raab
- 7 Tavia Swarney
- 12 Joan Marttila
- 13 Kirk Wilson
- 14 Irwin Darrah, Diane McCool
- 15 Marty Yeast, Gaye Dunn
- 16 Sharon Tinsman
- 17 Lynne Carver, Henry Neuman
- 20 Zoe Satterfield
- 22 Anne Petrie
- 26 Jane Hoffman, Grace Rood

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jose & Caryl Bucksbaum
- 5 Steve & Cathy Batkie, Jimmy & Maria Jones
- 6 Gary & Sue Peterson
- 12 Craig & Jane Heesch
- 18 Kirk Wilson & Lisa Bancroft

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dan & Helen Bovenmeyer
- 4 Jeff & Nancy Peterson
- 7 Rick & Sue Leuthauser,
Mark & Nancy McMullen
- 9 Brant & Erica Scheidecker
- 19 Mike & Mary Jo Johnson
- 21 Jerry & Marty Yeast
- 30 Joe & Shelley Chambers

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday, July 17 – Sunday, July 25

J2-A Pilgrimage to New Orleans

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 21

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 28

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. St. Peter's serves Community Meal

Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 3

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, August 4

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, August 18

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, August 25

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, September 1

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist