

St. Peter's Keys

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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*“O Light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
More bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.”*
(Hymn #134, 1982 Hymnal, words 10th century,
music Jesu dulcis memoria)

Rector's Rambling

Dear Friends,
Many, many years ago I found myself standing on the front porch of a woman I did not know—but others thought that I should. I remember that reaching my hand to that door bell button was one of the hardest things I had ever done. Blind dates were new to me, even at 31 years of age. After what seemed like endless minutes, the front door opened. There stood a little lady with striking almond shaped brown eyes. I learned later that her eyes were that big because she had never seen a grown man with a ponytail standing on her porch before. No matter the cause, the memory of those brown eyes has stayed with me. Something wonderful began on that front porch. My friends and family were right. I did need to know this person. After due course and a little over a year, the two of us became husband and wife. It has been 30 New Year's Eves since our first date. Along the way the lady with the brown eyes has revealed a little more of herself to me each and every day. Much of what has been revealed is very human, and a great deal has been of her heart. Isn't this the way of all relationships?

This issue comes to you at the end of the season of Christmas and the begin-

ning of Epiphany. What I appreciate the most about Epiphany is that at the heart of this season, the Church recognizes that what we have found to be true in our relationships with family and friends is also true about our relationship with Jesus and God. None of us get to know each other fully in a few short years. It takes a life time and more of loving.

On December 25th we celebrated the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to his parents in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago. In many respects that celebration is also about the moment that the infant Christ was first placed in our arms. Many of us fell in love with him the first time we looked into his face, heard his story, or stepped into one of his sanctuaries. For others it took longer. For all of us, that was only the beginning.

Epiphany season is devoted to those moments in which Jesus reveals more of himself to his friends. The lessons for each Sunday of Epiphany tell the story of the moments in which he most powerfully revealed his inner self to those he loved. These events are remembered for what they were and for what they point to. They point to the everyday events in our lives through which we glimpse more of Christ's heart.

As we listen to the story of Jesus' baptism, the turning of water into wine, and of his transfiguration on the holy mountain—we are called to remember our own experiences of Christ. Remember the moment when you first looked into his heart through the heart of one you love.

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love. Re-experience the time that Jesus forgave you through the forgiving words spoken by one you had hurt. And remember the sense of being unconditionally loved as you encountered his presence in worship.

The season of Epiphany is a time for us to open ourselves to experiencing more of our Lord Jesus. It is a season in which the lover reveals themselves to the beloved. In this case the two I am writing about are Jesus, and you. Just like getting to know anyone we are in relationship with – this process of unfolding self revelation is an infinite experience. Epiphany is something to savor. It is love given birth.

See you in Church,

A. Dave

Trudging the Road to Happy Destiny

Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot—
January 12

Psalm 36:5-9: *Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.*

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

The lives of Saints are instructive in any number of ways. For each, one or another trait tends to become emphasized. Often, this emphasis on one outstanding characteristic distorts our view, and we wonder whether the Saints can recognize themselves, from our retrospective adoration? Certainly, we tend to lose the human, in our stunted understanding of the saintly. Our recollection acts to flatten the dimensionality of these remarkable beings. For such as Stephen, we recall the heroic way in which they remain steadfast, even to horrific death. For others, such as Francis, it is the humble way in which they live, which we hold up as an example for the ages. For some, philosophers such as Aquinas, it is intellectual constructs which last, for other philosophers, as with Augustine, spiritual insight. Or, as

with Benedict, it is organizational balance, or, the administrative genius of Gregory, or the powerful motivational preaching of Dominic, or the eloquence of Bernard.

These are gifts and talents by which God calls Saints to our attention, and to God's service. These are also wounds to those who bear them, through which the Holy Spirit pours, in a lifetime, and from which great acts of courage and compassion and sanctity are called up. From these events, signs are remembered, and miracles are recognized.

People kneel at these founts of the Holy Spirit, hoping to fill up their petitions and carry away miracles. Often, they are successful, but these are the uses of humans. It is well to remember that if we become seekers after signs, we place our own expectations first. Rather than bringing jars to water, we may be carrying sieves, which stand between us and revelation, and retain nothing.

Now, during this season of Epiphany, in the great company assembled before the throne, we are given a startling reminder. We each are called to take our place in the Communion of Saints. We each are made welcome in it, even when we ourselves do not see the fountain of life, the Holy Spirit, pouring through our own lives, or those around us. We need help at times, to accept this. In several ways, Aelred, who lived in the twelfth century, can provide this.

To begin with, Aelred was noted



No Need to Panic

One good thing about being poor is that you don't panic when the stock market falls.



for his meekness and humility. According to Baring-Gould, “A certain person of quality, having insulted and reproached him in the presence of the King, Aelred heard him out with patience and thanked him for his charity and sincerity in telling him his faults. This behaviour had such an influence on his adversary that it made him ask his pardon on the spot.”

Yet, Aelred was a very able administrator. He was son of an English priest, and spent his teen years at the court of King David of Scotland. He became Seneschal, or Master of the Household, at an early age. Rather than a career at court, however, he took his gifts into the service of the Cistercian order.

Aelred entered the monastery at Rievaulx, in Yorkshire, at 24 years of age. He was made Abbot of a new Cistercian house at Revesby, and then returned to Rievaulx as Abbot, at age 38. He continued in this capacity, guiding the growth of the order throughout England and Scotland, until his death, at age 57, on January 12, 1167.

Aelred was a prolific writer. He was known in his day as an historian; seven historic books survive, including a major work on Edward the Confessor. He left a legacy of dozens of works of all types. He was encouraged by Bernard (the eloquent one) of Clairvaux, to write ‘The Mirror of Charity.’ This, Aelred’s first book, is still in print, published in English by the Cistercian Press. His best-known work,

also still in publication, is ‘*Spiritual Friendship.*’

‘*The Mirror of Charity,*’ is about following the example of Christ, and seeking to do this in all things. It takes root in Jesus’ instruction that we should love one another, and seeks to direct this love toward all. We are to love another, because we are both creatures of God. We are united with all other Christians, because the grace of God dwells in us.

In much of the tradition, especially the monastic, this generalized benevolence has been held up as the example—and often, as the only permissible example—of love for another. According to James Kiefer, “In many religious houses, where the monks or nuns walk two by two into chapel or the dining hall or while pacing about during the daily hour of recreation, the superior will make a point of constantly shifting partners, lest anyone form a liking for one partner more than another. (This does not apply just to friends. It is sometimes held that no monk ought to allow himself any preferences in food or drink.)” Particular friendship, in this view, is to be renounced. Scriptural support has been sought from the example of Jesus, at Matt. 12:46-50, and Mark 3:32-35 (“Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”).

Aelred disagreed with this interpretation. In his writing, he distinguished three kinds: carnal, worldly, and spiritual friendship. The ruling principle of carnal friendship

is physical pleasure. The ruling principle of worldly friendship is utility, which exploits the human need to seek and to give love, for temporal (or financial) advantage. True friendship, according to Aelred, is spiritual. It is ‘grounded in Christ,’ and is a gift of God’s grace. In support of this, Aelred points to John’s Gospel, with its references to Jesus’ love of Mary, and Martha, and Lazarus, and for ‘the disciple he loved,’ probably John, himself.

For some eight hundred years, St. Aelred has provided an example which resists stereotype or loss of dimension. Aelred served Henry II, while he nurtured transnational monasticism. He defended the virtues of chastity, and abstinence, and charity. He praised individual friendship, saying, “It is no small consolation in this life to have someone you can unite with you in an intimate affection and the embrace of a holy love, someone in whom your spirit can rest, to whom you can pour out your soul, to whose pleasant exchanges, as to soothing songs, you can fly in sorrow...”

At Epiphany, with joy in Christ,
—Fr. Gordon.

*Friends warm you with
their presence, trust you
with their secrets, and
remember you in their
prayers.*

—via Frindship Is a Special Gift



ABUNDANT LIVING

Living in the Seasons

Happy New Year #2! Huh? #2?

That's right—Happy New Year #2! As we welcome the arrival of the calendar new year – January 1st – we're already several weeks into the new year of the church. That year began on November 30th, when we ushered in the new liturgical year and celebrated the beginning of the season of Advent.

Tis the season! We love our seasons! We have a season for just about everything—holiday season, numerous hunting and fishing seasons, tax season, spring break season, vacation season, baseball season, football season, planting season. You name it, we'll make it a season! Verlyn Klinkenborg writes in *The Rural Life*, “The urge to quarter the year into seasons is nearly irresistible Instead of inhabiting the undivided plain of time, humans prefer to live in the rooms the seasons make”

The dictionary has many definitions of season, including “a period of the year when something is best or available,” “a period of the year marked by certain conditions or activities,” “a period of the year characterized by particular conditions of weather, temperature, etc.: the rainy season.” We mark our time by the passage of the seasons. (“I can't believe summer is over and fall is here!”) We track our lives by the occurrences of the seasons. (“This was the best hunting season I've had in years.”) The transitions of the seasons often dictate the rhythm of our lives. Lengthening

days and warmer nights mean we stay up later and go outside more; longer nights and colder days bring us indoors more often.

Then we have the liturgical seasons of the church: Advent, the season of preparation to receive the Saviour in our hearts and souls; Christmas, the season we celebrate the arrival of the light of Christ; Epiphany, when we examine our gifts and ministries; Lent, a time of introspection, meditation and preparation for the life ahead of us; Easter, the season of joy as we explore the promise of new life; finally, Pentecost – ordinary time – as we travel along with Jesus on his journeys and learn how to live with him in this world. I like to think of these seasons, together with our seasons of winter, spring, summer and fall, as the seasons of God.

The seasons of the world – the man-made seasons – are fickle at best. The hunting season may not provide the meat you need for the coming year. The fishing season may be less profitable than you hoped. Your basketball team may come in last. Maybe during the growing season, your pansies grew beautifully, but your potatoes were a flop. The long-planned spring break trip may be wet and soggy. The holiday season may not live up to your expectations. Even the calendar seasons sometimes disappoint us – case in point: this last summer with all the rain and clouds and so few days of sunshine.

But take heart—God's seasons are never unpredictable. God's seasons continue to come around in

an eternal cycle of promise, light, love, hope and life. And all the people of God continue to gather in celebration and gratitude for the abundance God brings to us throughout all the seasons. God's seasons will never fail us as we travel on our faith journey. When the seasons of the world and the times of our lives bring trouble and sadness, God's ‘chesed’—the loving kindness of God—will always be near us. Our community, grounded in the sure knowledge of our loving God, will surround us and hold us up through all the seasons.

Happy New Year #2! And thanks be to God!

A footnote: At St. Peter's, you can measure the movements of the seasons by the reflections of sunlight through the rose window inside the church building, integrating *all* the seasons of God. Check it out this year! —Kit Mellema

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

—John 10:10

SMILE

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into trouble, finally asked him, “How do you expect to get into heaven?”

The boy thought for a minute, then said, “Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, “for heaven's sake, Jimmy come in or stay out!”



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

- 5 Todd Wyman
- 6 Mike McConnell
- 10 James Kahler
- 11 Sarah Williams
- 12 John Fulton
- 13 Ethel Staton
- 15 Elaine Calhoun
- 15 Toby Scott Brooks
- 15 Theresa Allen-Olson
- 18 Dormand McGraw
- 19 Carol Williamson
- 23 Ike Kahler
- 25 Cliff "Tuffy" Robards
- 25 Kevin Skannes
- 28 Jane Hammock
- 29 Brian Blankenship
- 31 Taylor White

Watch over thy Children, O lord as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

Candi's Corner

Recipe for a "Happy New Year 2009"

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work(some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing —don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor! —Anonymous

Happy "84th" Birthday Mom! January 13th.
& Tuffy on the 25th.....
And to All celebrating Birthdays in January!!

"And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight."

— Philipians 1:9

God bless, love.....Candi



"Religion will disappear."—Karl Marx
"Karl Marx has disappeared."—God



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Nancy Ricketts

Yes! We moved into the new archives on December 14, after a planning session on the 12th; it's spiffy! All three large document cabinets had to be taken apart, then re-assembled, about 60 document boxes carefully moved, many large photographs (many framed), lots of heavy old books toted across ... the following people helped during the course of the quite long day (I closed down at 4); Matt Turner, Andy Turner, Elias Anglin, Fr. Dave, Fr. Gordon, Peter Gorman, Ali Hosford, Gail Peterson, Ted Laufenberg, Pauline Fredrickson, and myself and Tom Reinholdt and Matt had done a lot to get the space ready, and Fr. Dave had done all the electrical work - cove heating, track lighting, and a ceiling fan! It will be a wonderful place to work, and to view.

From the 1873-1874 Sitka Military Post orders book comes the following news item pasted in over some of the earlier Military entries, most of these dates being in the 1880s:

"Sitka, Alaska Territory, October 8, 1882

The weather during the last month has been rainy and cloudy, but this state of the elements seems to be anything but prejudicial to the general health of the community.

The cranberry crops are now being gathered in very large quantities. The Alaska cranberry is famous all along the Pacific Coast and far into the interior, both for its size and delicious flavor and commands the highest price from

similar fruit from other sections. The Northwest Trading Company expects to ship from fifty to one hundred barrels of this delicious fruit by the October steamer.

Rev. Father Metropolsky recently dug up a patch of potatoes not exceeding twenty-four feet square and the result was 850 pounds of fine large potatoes. Each hill contained from eleven to thirty-six potatoes, fully matured and weighing from four ounces to two and a half pounds. The largest one is quite a curiosity for size and Rev. S. Jackson, D.D., intends to carry it to Washington as an additional refutation concerning the untruthful reports about the growth of this vegetable in Alaska.

Our communications with Juneau city are now cut off completely. The little steamer ROSE, owned by Messrs. Whitford & Co., seems destined to misfortune. No sooner was she released by the Collector of Customs than she struck on a rock at the entrance to Sitka Harbor stove a hole in her hull and now—September 27—still remains in her exceedingly dangerous position. Fortunately the weather is fine, and she may be bouyed and thus floated off without further damage...."

Continuing Ruth Ward Thomas's journal of her 1922 trip from Point Hope to Minto—[Punctuation and grammar are the author's]

MARCH 28 - It was a rest day, yet - "This was the morning that my honey got his record bunch of spruce hens. I had always wanted to see them in a flock. I surely saw

them aplenty while I went down to the warm little stream for my morning ablutions. In a while ... 8 spruce hens and some left-over ptarmigan, so dog feed was solved for this day. He is getting so excellent a shot that he gets 2 birds at one shot - a bird for every shot today."

March 29 - because they had somehow veered from the trail during the day, "twas keep to the left' from there on. It was very slow going now for the dogs had no footing and we both put on snowshoes very soon. It seemed more comfortable for me to go ahead of the dogs where I could choose my own time and speed ... It was just 4 pm when we were in the cutest little grove surrounded by natural tall stakes. By 6 pm our little camp was made and I had dinner well on its way.

March 30 - They started at ten after lengthy preparations. "But after all that work in the early morning the dogs acted devilishly ... They simply didn't want to work. So I got ahead again ... The country was becoming so wonderful that I didn't mind snowshoes at all." Later - "by 7 pm we made our 2nd campsite out of hot springs. We are pretty tired for it has been a long hot day, made more so by our late start. But it does gladden our hearts to know this is Kyoysekuk country and that the big river lies just over there.

March 31st was a rest day, but the 1st of April they got up at 3 am and got to the river by 8:50, which they followed all day. They camped "on the lee side in the willows.



Pretty deep snow, but a camping place anyway. I haven't mentioned before how really short we were on provisions. Not provisions, but luxuries, extras! No butter, nor sugar, nor coffee - and a morning with no coffee surely was a hardship! We were really pretty tired and the hotcakes that I made were all right, but we were just too tired to eat them. So you know we melted our fudge and put it on those hotcakes - and the last of the bacon went tonight."

April 2 - They had been headed for "Sacketts" [a town?, a roadhouse?] for some time. Later in the day as they rounded a bend in the trail - "there was something that looked like a water-hole and lo, a man was walking about. Even from that distance we could see that he was a white man. The dogs were very excited and showed lots of pep, and you can be sure we were that way too. Our [earlier] fatigue was gone! ... Oh, it was fine to get into a store - and Mr. Sackett right away proved himself a prince. The native [seen earlier] was a Kubuk Eskimo lad from Shungnak named Henry Shelden, a smart lad in more ways than one. Lunch was soon on the table, and although we were disappointed not to see tea, we were promised it later. We had a fine visit, and picked up lots of information. At dinner I eat my first willow chicken. Delicious."

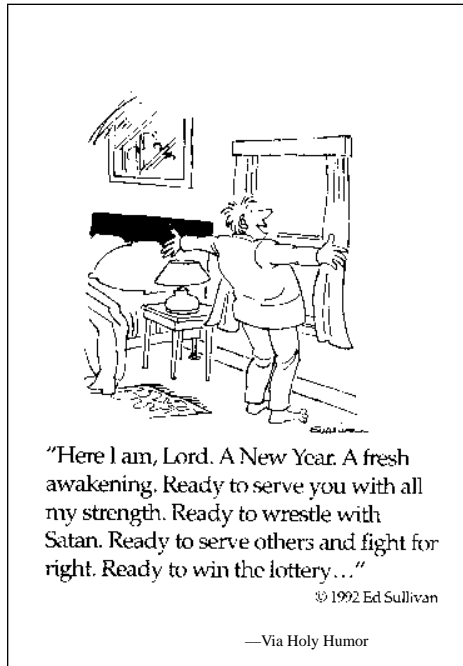
April 3 was a rest day - "We are going to try to make Hughes in 2 days, and in a week, Alatna Village."

April 4 - they left Sackett's and headed, in fairly warm weather, for Huntington's store, a journey of about 1 1/2 hours, where they were just going "to visit a few minutes

and then go on ... After a visit in this store one's mouth just waters, for there are potatoes, onions, Hill's coffee, and lots of good things which we were not able to purchase at Sackett's. I was all for going on, but the trail was getting soft, the barometer falling, and it was very warm. Finally, it was decided to stay on here today..." The next day "everything is so soft and a half-rain, half-snow is falling. Barometer is very low. So back to sleep. Mercy! That coffee! But the eggs, bacon, and jam were excellent. The bread is so good, to, that we are eating now what we planned to take on the trail." They traveled the next day, got a chance at their next camp to have coffee, too, "our first real cup for days and days. Oh yes, Hill's it was.

After more days of travel they reached Hughes, spending Sunday the 9th there.

More in February.



Do This in remembrance of me.—Luke 22:14-30

Do this. Gather with friends new and old around a table. Set the table with bread and wine. And then tell the story. Remember the night long ago in an upper room, when Jesus gathered with just a few of his close friends. Remember, as if it were only yesterday—no, not even yesterday but today, right now and right here. Memory steps from the mists of the past and into the present. It is here and now, this moment.

Remembrance does not mean that we go back, back, back in time, but that what happened once upon a time now joins us here and now, right now, once again as before, in this very present moment. So it happens that as we gather with our friends, Jesus is with us, once again. This is what happens *if* we remember. This is what happens when we *do this*.

Do this. The Jesus who once ate with his friends, does so again, here and now, with us, as we do this.

The whole thing is not very complicated, nor is it very difficult. We gather together in the name and the memory of Lord Christ. We tell the story, and eat the bread and drink wine. We ***Do this in remembrance.***

—via Forward Day by Day





Did you know?

Did you know that a “Special Parish Meeting” was called to meet on July 9, 1995? That meeting voted to renovate the Church, demolish and replace the See House & demolish and replace the Parish Hall / Rectory Apartment addition. Here we are fourteen years later and over \$700,000.00 invested in renovations from contributions from the members of our parish, the citizens of Sitka, and grants.

Over these fourteen years we have seen the See House jacked up, leveled and the foundation stabilized. Twenty years of “accumulated stuff” was removed from the basement to allow a cement floor to be poured, new boilers installed, interior walls framed and a second kitchen installed. This work in the basement has transformed unusable space to a meeting room that is central to the activities of our parish. It is so central, that it is now known as the undercroft. Our plumbing and electrical services were updated and we have four working bathrooms when there was only one. We’ve seen the heating system upgraded, the wood work restored and areas refurbished. Our kitchen on the ground floor was completely gutted and rebuilt. The main entry was re-built to reflect the original 19th century design. The back entry to the parish hall was adapted for handicap accessibility. We have a utility building, and an extension that was once going to be an open gazebo for barbecues.

We’ve also gone from a gravel drive and parking to pavement.

Our church building has been the focus of major renovations these last fourteen years. It began with a new cedar roof and siding. The building has been completely repainted inside and out. The dark brown finish of the floor in the worship space was completely sanded away and a clear finish applied. The interior was also brightened by the installation of new light fixtures. In addition to all of this, the pews were “softened” by the addition of cushions to make sitting through those long sermons more endurable.

This last summer we lived through the work and upgrades that have completed this fourteen year project. Your vestry had the opportunity to apply for a \$120,000 loan from the diocese, and a willing contractor who was ready to start work, and the dedication to see it completed before the heavy weather of winter set in. Your Vestry jumped at this timely opportunity. We understood that delay was not an option and that the building desperately needed this work in order to survive. This investment has helped to bring this once in a hundred year project to completion.

Our Parish Hall and the apartment above it got a new roof. The exterior siding was stripped off and the wall insulated prior to installation of new siding. All windows were replaced and a new entrance door installed for the apartment. The See House had all its interior walls patched and painted. The upstairs

bathroom has a new floor and vanity. New shelves were installed in the Sunday School Room. And the ancient carpeting was removed from Fr. Dave and Fr. Gordon's offices. The oil shed, renamed the Johnstone Annex, was completed and became our new Archives office. By the time you read this, Monitor heaters will have been installed on the ground floor of the See House. Finally, the grand finale: a shelter over the exterior steps to the undercroft, in keeping with the 19th century design of the building, has been completed.

Our buildings have provided countless organizations the opportunity to gather, share fellowship, and meet. We’ve had fund-raisers, wedding receptions, funeral receptions, birthday, anniversary parties, and professional meetings all because this congregation has cared for the buildings entrusted to us by those before us, and made them available to the larger community. This has been a large part of our work and witness to the community of the faith that we share.

We have come a long way from our original decision to demolish the See House and its addition.

In Christ,
—Mat Turner, Co-Junior Warden

Never clutch the past so tightly that it leaves your arms unable to embrace the present.

Happy New Year



Saint Peter's By-the-Sea
Income Statement
For the Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2008

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Revenues				
Offerings - Plate	144.12	258.33	3,206.64	2,841.63
Offerings - Pledges	17,699.56	14,124.92	159,009.98	155,374.12
Offerings - Regular Givers	1,710.00	1,333.33	18,440.48	14,666.63
Offerings - Faith	250.00	750.00	2,570.00	8,250.00
Rent revenue	450.00	333.33	3,926.99	3,666.63
Rent - Apartment	875.00	871.25	9,536.00	9,583.75
Gifts	0.00	0.00	485.00	0.00
Total Revenues	21,128.68	17,671.16	197,175.09	194,382.76
Gross Profit	21,128.68	17,671.16	197,175.09	194,382.76
Expenses				
Clergy salary	5,848.66	5,848.67	64,335.26	64,335.37
Salary - Assistant Clergy	597.58	597.58	6,573.78	6,573.38
Salary - Office	1,177.92	1,277.17	13,785.35	14,048.87
Salary - Nursery	0.00	4.17	0.00	45.87
Salary - Housekeeping	170.00	250.00	620.00	2,750.00
Life/Income insurance	60.00	58.00	658.00	638.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	<90.00>	141.67	1,093.00	1,558.37
Pension	106.01	1,275.25	13,753.88	14,027.75
Continuing Education	41.67	41.67	458.37	458.37
FICA/med/ESC	116.10	110.50	1,240.38	1,215.50
Supplies - Office	115.50	66.67	1,236.58	733.37
Supplies - Church	198.05	187.50	1,062.71	2,062.50
Supplies - Education	0.00	41.67	735.42	458.37
Supplies - Children's Ed.	10.00	62.50	728.84	687.50
Supplies - Music	0.00	62.50	376.00	687.50
Supplies - Altar	0.00	58.33	116.94	641.63
Supplies - Kitchen	0.00	4.17	0.00	45.87
Supplies - Maintenance	99.70	41.67	634.71	458.37
Supplies - Postage	93.56	129.17	1,046.61	1,420.87
Equipment Purchases	0.00	8.33	0.00	91.63
Utilities - Phone	375.71	283.33	3,581.75	3,116.63
Utilities - Gas/Electric	311.09	566.67	5,369.20	6,233.37
Utilities - Fuel Oil	2,018.14	906.67	10,633.29	9,973.37
Maintenance/Repair	0.00	125.00	2,007.22	1,375.00
Maintenance/major	0.00	333.33	462.50	3,666.63
Insurance/comp	2,890.35	1,083.33	12,354.00	11,916.63
Travel	<522.00>	83.33	1,023.00	916.63
Church Vehicle	395.90	50.00	1,195.80	550.00
Diocesan Assessment	3,003.33	3,003.33	33,036.63	33,036.63
Deanery Assessment	218.33	218.33	2,401.63	2,401.63
Public Awareness	0.00	10.42	132.41	114.62
Diocesan loan payment	0.00	0.00	1,214.94	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	4.17	0.00	45.87
Financial fees	121.11	175.83	1,931.49	1,934.13
Convention	0.00	208.33	2,500.00	2,291.63
Archives	0.00	41.67	0.00	458.37
Endowment Board	0.00	4.17	0.00	45.87
Total Expenses	17,356.71	17,365.10	186,299.69	191,016.10
Net Income	\$ 3,771.97	\$ 306.06	\$ 10,875.40	\$ 3,366.66



One Liners

- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- It is easier to preach 10 sermons than it is to live one.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God there.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- Be ye fishers of men. You catch them—He'll clean them.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you, controls you!
- If God is your Co-pilot—swap seats!
- The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

—Via Internet

St. Peter's Balance Sheet November 30, 2008

		ASSETS
Current Assets		
Petty Cash	\$	37.47
Cash - Checking		13,013.11
Pledges Receivable		9,190.35
Total Current Assets		22,240.93
Property and Equipment		
Property(held by Diocese)		6,000.00
Total Property and Equipment		6,000.00
Other Assets		
Checking - ECW		4,416.93
St. Peter's Raffle/Kitchen		168.08
Rector's Discretionary Fund		392.25
Fr. Gordon Discretionary Fund		960.60
Dn Kathryn's Discret. Fund		262.94
Restricted Checking		67,503.38
Investments -Endowment		50,531.27
Total Other Assets		124,235.45
Total Assets	\$	152,476.38
LIABILITIES AND CHURCH FUND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Tax Payable	\$	81.33
Salaries Payable		0.01
Alaska Airlines Credit Card		2,347.54
Total Current Liabilities		2,428.88
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		2,428.88
Fund Balance		
Operating Fund Balance		36,201.58
Restricted Fund Balance		102,970.52
Net Income		10,875.40
Total Fund Balance		150,047.50
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	152,476.38

Quote: *If you think you might be able to look back at today and laugh about it—why not do it today?*



January Lay Ministers' Schedule

Time	4	11	18	25	1
8am					
Lay Reader	Kit	Glenda	Brian	Roberta	Kit
Deacon	Dcn.Kathryn		Dcn. Kathryn		Dcn. Kathryn
11am Lector	Mim	Marian	Carol	Ozments	Mim
Lay Reader	Ginny	Roberta	Harriet	Glenda	Ginny
Greeter	Bonnie	Nancy Jo	Judy O.	Thelma	
	Ann	Judy J	Ginny	Cindy	
Bell Ringer	Ginny	Ginny	Ginny	Ginny	
Hostess	Dorothy	TBA	Bonnie	TBA	
1pm					
Shepherd	Glenda	Ginny	Thelma	Judy O.	
	Morced	Kris	Kit	Judy J.	
Wednesday Service					
	Wed. 7	Wed. 14	Wed. 21	Wed. 28	Wed. June 4
Lay Reader	Harriet	Roberta	Ginny	Brian	Harriet



Telephone Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer need and want someone to pray with you, or if you would like several people to pray for you, call one of the following people. We are all in need of prayer. Don't hesitate to share your needs.

	Home#	Work #	Other#	email
Dn.Kathryn Snelling	747-8825		738-3835	kathryn@thesnellings.com
Fr. Dave Elsensohn	747-7272	747-3977	738-9999	david@stpeters-sitka.us
Gordon Blue	747-7967		206-979-0850	gkblue@gmail.com
Ann DeLill	747-6068			ade_lill@hotmail.com
Dn. Ann Parsons	747-4919		738-4919	arp@gci.net
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Polly Bass	747-4639			pbass@uga.edu
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Marian Blankenship	747-8532	738-3842		sukiesplace@gci.net



January 2009

“O Light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth”



Mark your calendar: St. Peter's Annual Meeting February 8th.

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Holy Eucharist (combined 9:15 & 11am service using 9:15 format)

11:15am Potluck Luncheon and Annual Meeting

4 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	5 5:30pm 12th Night Christmas Carols & Dessert Potluck 6:30pm Spiritual Dev. Circle	6 6:30am Men's Breakfast Pioneer Home 6:30pm Choir	7 5:30pm Wed. School 5:30 Holy Euch. 6:40 W.S. Euch. 6:30 Endowment Bd.	8	9 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna	10
11 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	12 6:30pm Spiritual Dev. Circle	13 6:30pm Choir	14 5:30pm Wed. School 5:30 Holy Euch. 6:40 W.S. Euch. 6:30 Worship Comm.	15 6:30 pm Bible Study	16 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna	17
18 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	19 12:05pm Holy Eucharist St. Peter 6:30pm Spiritual Dev. Circle	20 6:30pm Choir	21 5:30pm Wed. School 5:30 Holy Euch. 6:40 W.S. Euch. 6:30 Vestry	22 6:30 pm Bible Study	23 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna	24
25 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 10:15 Outreach Comm. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	26 12:05pm Holy Eucharist St. Paul 6:30pm Spiritual Dev. Circle	27 6:30pm Choir	28 5:30pm Wed. School 5:30 Holy Euch. 6:40 W.S. Euch.	29 6:30 pm Bible Study	30 10 am St. Simeon St. Anna ECW Felloship & 12pm Luncheon	31



Voting Members

How to be a voting member of St. Peter's. To become a voting member of an Episcopal congregation, a person needs to have their baptism recorded in the parish records, receive communion at least 3 times a year and work for the building of God's Kingdom. Please make certain that all these have been met before the **Annual Meeting on February 8.**

**Church office hours are:
Tuesday through Friday
from 10am to 4pm.**

Thank You!

To all who turned in their Lakeside receipts. September's check from Lakeside was for \$750. This was due to the receipts being received in a timely fashion.

We have a two month window in which to receive the bonus for our receipts. **So keep them coming!**

—Carol Williamson



St. Peter's Annual Meeting

Sunday February 8, 2009

*** 10am Worship Service**

(*9:15 and 11:00am Services will be combined.)

11:15 Meeting & Potluck

8:00 Service will be at the usual time.

Elections:

Vestry Positions

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Deanery Convocation Delegates

Deanery Youth Delegate

Cooperative Church Council

Parish Clerk Parish Treasurer

Budget to be Passed

**Be sure to turn in your December and January
Lakeside receipts in before January 26**



The St. Peter's Players presented
"The Best Christmas Present Ever"

Notes

January 5
5:30pm
Twelfth Night
Service &
Celebration

Fridays, 10am
St. Simeon & St. Anna
Prayer Service

January 30
ECW Fellowship
Luncheon 12pm

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