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The Printed Voice of St. Francis of the Tetons Episcopal Church

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The Voice

If you're reading this, it probably means you're somewhat patriotic. How do I know this? Well, it's fairly simple. Religion and patriotism in the United States go hand-in-hand. You're most likely aware that for those who are patriotic and religious, the group is shrinking. We are now well under the majority of people within the United States to feel a sense of patriotism. Do we share the same ideals, the same goals and dreams as our forefathers? I think it's important that we all have a sense civic duty. When we are caring and supporting of our neighbors and community, we then provide a place where our culture can grow. We all remember back in September 2001, when the world stopped and our nation became united. I'm not sure that we've experienced a unity within our nation to that degree since then. It seems that only epic evil acts can motivate us to unite. Certainly, we can and must do better.

How do we define the American way of life? That's a moving target for sure. So what can we do to combat the polarization that we see all around us? Americans have a reputation for being strong and gritty, and resourceful. When we are knocked down, we find a way to get back up. We are much more likely to pursue our goals which are most important to us. Critical to that mindset is optimism. We are optimistic through hope. It's not some blind belief we have that all will end well, and things will work out as planned. It is because there is good in the world, And that good will ultimately win the battle over evil. I think Americans have a special kind of optimism that we tap into when the going gets tough. We, like all other nations have many problems ingrained into our society. As Americans, it is our charge to look squarely at the challenges we face. We face our shortcomings, failures, and our inabilities, in order to move forward in a way where we can all share in the prosperity of this great and wonderful land. It is my hope for us, as we reflect upon the immense struggles, which have taken place in order to afford us our liberties, and that we are truly humbled and thankful for the sacrifices which have been made for each of us and families.

We will celebrate another Independence Day come this Fourth of July with family and friends, parades and barbeque grills. My hope is that while gaining our independence is on our minds, we remember how much we all need each other to get through each day. We are better together.

May God Bless You and these United States.

John

Thankful & Grateful for Our Musical Gifts

St. Francis has been the recipient of many blessings over the years. One of our greatest blessings within the past few years has been the musical gifts that so many have given to our church family.

This month, we received an amazing gift from members Diane and Leland Brendsel. The Brendsels gifted St. Francis a beautiful used Schimmel piano that was delivered from Salt Lake earlier in the month. Leland and Diane were at the church when the piano was delivered, Leland was quick to give the keyboard a test run once the piano was set up.

No one can deny that we have the most amazing musicians at our little church, not to mention the talents of other members who occasionally bless us with their musical gifts when they are here.

We cannot thank our regular supply musicians enough, Gayle Lien, Ellen Rein, Beverly Charette, and Rev. Eric Moehring for the time that they give to St. Francis and the beautiful music that we receive from their musical gifts and talents. When you can, please take a minute to thank them for all they do for St. Francis.



Above: Rev. Eric Moehring, one of our pianists and who also plays the organ receives a thoughtful gift from Fr. Coke McClure. Pianist Gayle Lien, who had also been our Music Director for many years, is always ready to guide us. Guitar, flute and violin player Beverly Charette gets ready to play before the service. Pianist Ellen Rein leads the children at the Christmas Eve family service.



Right: The new to St. Francis Schimmel piano that was gifted to us this month.



Above: Diane and Leland Brendsel try out the new piano after it was delivered.

Recommendations From Our Worship Committee



The Worship Committee has determined that we will return to practicing the Sign of Peace as we did before COVID. Please feel free to walk about in the congregation and greet each other.

The Worship Committee has also determined that we will return to the practice of using only a Common Cup (s) at Holy Communion, and no longer use individual cups. In addition it will be suggested that Intinction be practiced only in special situations. However, before we return to what is the normal practice of the Church, the committee would like to hear any suggestions and/or concerns members of the congregation might have. Please speak to any member of the committee or to Eric Moehring, chair, at 614-448-7580 or moehringee@att.net if you have any suggestions or concerns. The committee will meet again on July 9 to review the concerns and suggestions and then will set a date for the return of the pre-COVID practice of receiving the Holy Communion. (An article about the issue has been e-mailed to the congregation and is also available in the church foyer.)

Yard Sale is Coming August 12th

The St. Francis Annual Yard Sale
Will be held on Saturday, August 12th from 9 am until 1 pm.
Your help will be needed before, during, and after the sale.



Clothing, household items, sporting equipment, bedding, small furniture, baby items, and any other useful items are needed.

Get your donations in now!

Skip Dempsey Memorial

Please join us in celebrating the life of
Colby "Skip" Dempsey
March 12, 1931 - July 25, 2022

Beloved parent, physicist, neuroscientist, school founder, and stained-glass artist.
Skip's stained-glass work forms the door of the columbarium where Skip will be interred, joining his wife of many years, Kathleen Martin.



Saturday July 15, 2023, 2pm - 4pm
St. Francis Episcopal Church

Kindly RSVP jspencereditor@gmail.com

July Eat & Meet

An "Eat & Meet", sponsored by our Outreach & Fellowship Committee, will be taking place in July.

The theme of this month's Eat & Meet will be a picnic, side dishes and desserts will be needed.

Watch your emails and church bulletins for more information.



Donate To St. Francis Through Tin Cup



The St. Francis "TIN CUP" fund is one of many local organizations which provide assistance to those in a crisis situation and help bridge the gaps which occur when other funding resources are not available. Forms of assistance can be as basic as help with a utility bill to funding for Scouting, 4-H, or unfunded special projects in our local schools and community. Your donation helps make this possible; it allows us to assist community members and organizations in need. To for more information on donating in the name of St. Francis please go to <https://cftetonvalley.org/tin-cup-challenge/>.

Ready to get involved? Please sign up to help with the St. Francis Booth on Tin Cup Challenge Event Day. Event Day is July 15th (and ALWAYS the 3rd Saturday in July). Thank you in advance for your assistance.

June Review

The Bishop's Visit

Bishop Jos Tharakan joined us on June 4th for his annual visit of St. Francis church. Leaders of the church met at the Parisee house for a get-together on June 3rd.



Above: Fr. Coke McClure entertains the group with his bagpipe performance.

Left: Bishop Jos gets ready for worship on Sunday morning.



Left: Rod Gust and Bishop Jos take some time to get to know each other.



Right: John Parisee and Eastern Dean, Bruce Turner, take a moment to catch up.

Below: 48 attended the service & potluck meal for the Bishop.



Above: Church leaders, along with Bishop Jos and family, gather outside the Parisee house to enjoy listening to Fr. Coke play the bagpipes.



Above: Bishop Jos gives his sermon to the congregation.

Left: Bishop Jos talks to leaders of the congregation on Saturday night.

Rod's Alaskan Adventure

We are enjoying the time with our grandson Carson Gust, who turned 8 years old on the boat; his birthday cake was a Hostess cup cake. He hasn't landed his first fish yet but we had plenty that got away. The law of attraction has brought us docked next to another couple from Wyoming while in Skagway. We also discovered the charming little community of Elfin Cove. While walking the boardwalk path of Elfin Cove, Carson found the only other boy his age and his grandparents have a house on 5000 N. in Driggs. They had a wonderful time playing in old fishing nets strung high in the trees like an adventure course. Jill helped Carson's friends mother cut up smoked salmon fresh out of the smoker. The people we've met and the hearts we have gladdened is the most meaningful and rewarding aspects of our adventure. Communication is marginal at best so know that I am thinking of my St. Francis family while adventuring through the waters off Alaska.

Thoughts, Prayers & Love, Rod, Jill & Carson



Guess what Rod & Carson caught the day after this letter was sent!

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<https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835/give/now>

Weekly Attendance & Offering

June 4	48	\$ 1,219.00
June 11	25	\$ 840.00
June 18	29	\$ 1,390.00
June 25	25	\$ 410.00



Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

Jim, Rod Gust, Jennifer Robinson, Graham McNair, Larry Stokely, Hansine Goran, Tommy Huss, Bishop Michael Curry, the family of Gary Bills, the family of Roice Reiley, the family of Jeff Ingram, as well as all faith Communities and schools of Teton Valley.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Wood Palmer - July 1st
Eric Moehring - July 8th
Rosemary Viets - July 15th
Carol Taylor - July 28th

Anniversaries

Jim & Ellen Rein - July 29th



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July Service Volunteers

July 2

**Pentecost 5
Morning Prayer**

Worship Leader: Nancy Parisee
Musician: Gayle Lien
Euch. Minister: Angie Warner
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Ron Lien
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck

July 9

**Pentecost 6
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring
Euch. Minister: Ruth Lindstedt
Lector: Angie Warner
Greeter/Usher: Sarah Balben
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee
Refreshments: Potluck

July 16

**Pentecost 7
Morning Prayer**

Worship Leader: John Parisee
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lay Minister: Nancy Parisee
Lector: Ruth Lindstedt
Greeter/Usher: Barb Rieb
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck

July 23

**Pentecost 8
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Beverly Charette
Euch. Minister: Sarah Balben
Lector: John Parisee
Greeter/Usher: Nancy Parisee
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee
Refreshments: Potluck

July 30

**Pentecost 9
Holy Eucharist**

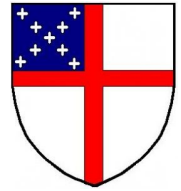
Celebrant: Canon Emily Van Hise
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring & Lauren Hoffman
Euch. Minister: Angie Warner
Lector: Nancy Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Alec McArthur
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck

We Need Volunteers!



Approved Vestry Minutes

June



Present: Jerry Groshart, Rod Gust, Angie Warner, John Parisee, Nancy Reed, Bishop Jos Tharakan, Elaine Moehring, Sarah Balben & Nancy Parisee as clerk.

The May vestry minutes were approved by the majority via email.

Financials – The Transaction Detail by Account was presented; Rod made a motion to accept the expenditures and Angie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Sr. Warden –

John welcomed the bishop to the vestry meeting. He expressed his gratitude to the bishop for his role within our diocese.

Treasurer Position – John announced that Lisa Wagener has resigned as the treasurer of St. Francis due to family obligations.

John opened the floor for discussion and asked for recommendations to fill the position. It was decided that we will announce the position to the congregation to see who may be interested.

Bylaws – A discussion took place regarding further changes and clarifications.

The bishop stated that, when in the absence of a priest, the Sr. Warden is the pastoral presence of the congregation.

The Sr. Warden oversees the worship committee and should be in charge of finding clergy for the Sunday services.

This task can also be delegated to a person or committee to plan.

A discussion took place regarding how many 3-year terms a member can consecutively run. Bishop Jos believed that according to our church canons we can run for two 3-year terms and then we will have to go off for a minimum of 1 year before volunteering for vestry again. The bishop will review the canons and get back to the vestry. Senior and Junior Wardens terms are for 1 year.

The committee asked to simplify the Endowment and Finance revised section of the current bylaws.

Core Values – John asked for ways we can improve the health of our congregation. Starting up Eat & Meet dinners again was mentioned as well as reaching out to younger generations and families. The bishop will send John some information on core values.

Outreach – John asked for ideas of how to draw people into the church; he stated that he would like to participate in another food drive so we could talk to people as we collected food. He also asked members to think of ways we could offer our building for rent to those in the community.

Piano – A new/used Schimmel piano was donated to the church by a member of our congregation. The piano will be delivered this week. The vestry decided to offer our old piano as a gift to anyone in the community who needed it. Nancy P. will call around to people involved in music within our community to see if they knew anyone who would be interested. Nancy will also look into whether or not we need a humidifier for the piano.

Jr. Warden – The Jr. Warden was not present at the meeting.

A general report of the progress of the front entry was given, it was mentioned that we would like to push to get the entry done before our rental season begins.

John would like to finish the shed.

We need to post a sign-up sheet for lawn mowing.

Committee Reports

There were no reports from Worship, Pastoral Care, Finance, or the Endowment Committees.

Outreach - Sarah spoke on behalf of the Outreach Committee, she stated that we will be hosting a potluck Father's Day picnic on June 18th, she would like it to be outside.

Building & Grounds - Rod spoke on behalf of the Building & Grounds Committee, he said the church cleanup went well. He thanked John for his work on the shed and front entry.

Other Business

Tin Cup - Sarah said that the Tin Cup is coming up on July 15th. Sarah will post a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Water bottles with our name have been ordered to be handed out at the event.

Recommendations From the Bishop

Bishop Jos asked that vestry members please let other members complete what they have to say and not interrupt, this will help us to be a healthier vestry.

The bishop stated that our Pastoral Care and Outreach committees were not being run correctly, Pastoral Care should only pertain to members of the congregation and Outreach should pertain to members outside of the parish.

Monies will need to be spent accordingly. We will need to look into restructuring our present committees.

Nancy Groshart should be in charge of Pastoral Care because she is a Deacon.

Our committee should not allow husbands and wives to be on the same committee, unless the committee is large enough where their votes together will not be a majority.

Respectfully Submitted






Nancy Parisee

VESTRY



July 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>Office Hours</u> Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - noon</p>						1
2 Pentecost 5 10am MP with Nancy Parisee AI-Anon 5pm	3 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	4 4th of July Office Closed NA 6:30pm 	5 Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	6 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7 NA 6:30pm	8
9 Pentecost 6 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Worship Committee AI-Anon 5pm 	10 NA 6:30pm	11 Office Closed Vestry 6:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	12 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	13 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	14 NA 6:30pm	15  Tin Cup @ Driggs City Park Rental - Memorial Service for Skip Dempsey 2 pm
16 Pentecost 7 10am MP with John Parisee AI-Anon 5pm	17 NA 6:30pm	18 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	19 Centering Prayer 11am Rental - Alta Community Picnic 3-6 pm	20 Office Closed Boy Scouts 7pm	21 NA 6:30pm	22 Bible Study 10am 
22 Pentecost 8 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure AI-Anon 5pm	24 NA 6:30pm	25 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	26 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	27 Office Closed Boy Scouts 7pm	28 NA 6:30pm	29 Rental - Wedding 4 pm
30 Pentecost 9 10am HE with Canon Emily Van Hise AI-Anon 5pm	31 NA 6:30pm					