

Footsteps of St. Christopher's November 2024

Our Vision: "To know Christ and to Show Christ"



Important Dates for November:

Sunday Service Rite II at 9:00 am

Men's Breakfast at Perkins, Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

Holy Eucharist, Thursdays, 11:30 am-noon

Bible Study, noon-1:00

- November 1, First Friday Coffee, 10:00 am
- November 2, St. Elizabeth's Guild, 9:00 am
- November 8, DOK, 1:00 pm
- November 11, Office Closed for Veterans Day
- November 13, Pizza & Prayer with a Priest & Concert, 5:30 pm
- November 18, Newsletter articles due
- November 20, Liturgics, 5:00 pm, Vestry, 6:00 pm
- November 23, St. Elizabeth's Guild Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm Christmas Tree Cutting with the youth, approx. time 8:00 am.
- November 25, Newsletter mailing & out to lunch, 10:30 am
- November 26, 27 & 28th, Trudy off for the holiday, office closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 30, St. Christopher's Christmas Party, <u>5:00 pm-7:00 pm</u>, (nativity set up at 3:00 pm). (Trudy is having hand surgery on November 13th so the office will be closed on the 13th & 14th). Please note the change to the Pizza and Prayer with a Priest, this month it's on November 13th.





Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd, St. Elizabeth's Guild's Annual Bazaar and Craft Show.

As in the past, this year's event will run from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The tables are "sold" to the crafters/vendors, so we need help from our church members in setting up the tables (they are new & much lighter!) the day before-Friday, the 22nd, between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. We ask for baked goods for the bake table, and pies and/or bars for the rest of the food we sell. The guild will also be selling tickets for

the <u>BIG</u> gift basket as well as a *beautiful jewelry box made & donated by Father Paul Crips*. Lunch is available for purchase and the menu will be posted. Come eat, buy special gifts, and take a chance on winning the gift basket and/or the beautiful jewelry box!"

Questions? Contact Lynda at 307.634.2953.

Prayer, Service, and Evangelism

THE ORDERDaughters of the King is an order of **OF THE**Episcopal women that was started in

DAUGHTERS Philadelphia in 1885 for the express purpose

OF THE KING of Evangelism and daily praying.

Our Chapter, Bishop Talbot Chapter, was founded in 1892. We meet monthly at St. Christopher's where we share and culminate with Eucharist. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 8th.

If interested in joining please contact the church office at 307.632.4488.



A message from your Admin. Assist:

I am in need of your input! Please assist me in adding articles & pictures to the monthly newsletter. Though I continually strive to improve its contents by providing information as well as enjoyment, it's a challenge to fill the pages. Articles can be emailed to me at stchrischeyenne@outlook.org and you may text your pictures to me cell at 801.866.2847.

If it's important to you, it's important to the congregation!

Thank you,

Trudy



Not a fan of either idea!

From Father Paul and Rev. Kristin Lee:
"Wishing you a very
Happy

Thanksgiving!
May God bless you with safe travels wherever you may be enjoying this

wonderful & festive holiday".



Dorothy Stevens enjoyed fun times with her BFF as they celebrated Como Boyle's 75th

Birthday on October 6th.



"I wonder why they put pictures of criminals up in the post office. What are we supposed to do, write them"? Why don't they just put their pictures on postage stamps so the mail deliverers can look for them when they deliver mail?"



LOVE. ALWAYS. wyoming

58th Diocesan Convention Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center Friday, Sept 27 - Saturday, Sept 28, 2024 | Casper, Wyoming



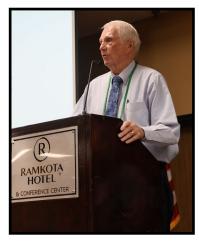














Pictures taken from the eSpirit include speakers Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Gary Hartman and Nancy Abraham, among many others who also spoke. Bishop Michael spoke about the power of love & how it can overcome hatred and division. The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori emphasized the importance of healing & rebuilding trust within the

Episcopal Church in Wyoming. There was also a tribute "honoring our elders: a tribute to years of service", wrapping each recipient with a blanket while offering prayers & blessings. The smiling face of John Sullivan can be seen dining with his sister Amy, Janet Osbourne & Bonnie Gonzalez.



The Origins of Veterans Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

Bible Study with Dolores Dionne

On Thursdays through December 19th, (excluding Thanksgiving) a dedicated group meets to study the Holy Scriptures which sustains the church and helps guide us in our daily lives. All participate in sharing interpretations and life's experiences. Some arrive at 11:30 to celebrate Holy Communion in the sanctuary and is administered by Father Paul. Study starts at noon and ends at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.





Ponderism: If lawyers are disbarred & passengers are deplaned, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, & dry cleaners depressed?

St. Christopher's Committees

LITURGICS The Rev. Kristin Lee, The Rev. Paul Crips

ALTAR MINISTRY Ruth Ferguson

DOK Karen Boehner & Judy Cuthbertson

BIBLE STUDY

ST. ELIZABETH'S

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

FINANCE/BUDGET/AUDIT

GARDEN

Dolores Dionne

Lynda Hardgrave

Ruth Ferguson

Alex Bowler

Gene Williams

BUILDING AND GROUNDS Gene Williams/Lynda Hardgrave



The Ministries

VESTRY

Gene Williams—Senior Warden Lynda Hardgrave —Junior Warden Marla Norman—Treasurer Mary Beth Crips—Clerk

Louisa Vigil John Sullivan Trapper Harris Alex Bowler Janet Osborn

Dorothy Stevens

The Rev. Paul Crips and The Rev. Kristin Lee

STAFF, CLERGY, AND CONTRACT WORKERS

Organist/Music Director—Alaina Neiman

Treasurer—Marla Norman

Administrative Assistant—Trudy Soland

Priests - The Rev. Kristin Lee & The Rev. Paul Crips

DIOCESAN DELEGATESALTERNATESBonnie GonzalesJanet OsbornRandy HardsocgAmy Sullivan

<u>Treasurer's Report for</u> <u>St. Christopher's Church</u> <u>September 2024</u>



Checking	\$ 4,103.12	
Savings	\$ 1,028.37	
Money Market	\$ 86,056.45	
SSGA	\$ 33,788.78	
Total	\$122,958.92	

Pizza, Prayer, Priest \$	5,106.51
Feral Dog Grant \$	1,571.17

Total St. Christopher's Fund \$118,299.04

November Birthdays and Anniversaries: May each Celebrant have a Blessed Day!



November 1 Martin Hardsocg, Jr.

November 5 Dick Cuthbertson

November 6 Barb Williams

November 9 Karen Boehner

November 15 Sherell Jones

November 18 Sara Jernigan

November 19 Luisa Vigil



November 12 Tom & Eryn Satterfield

Father Paul's Corner

Advent, A Time of Preparation



When we decorate this year we will have a real pine tree!

I am planning an excursion to the Snowy Range National Forest with our youth to harvest a Christmas tree which will then be adorned with decorations from our congregation. The date for *the tree cutting is November* 23rd, after the youth help set up the tables for the bazaar & craft show.

Decorating St. Christopher's for the upcoming Christmas season has been the topic of our vestry. Many traditional practices that occur in the Christian church will take place at our church on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November</u>

<u>30th at 3:00 pm.</u> On that day we will be setting up an outdoor Nativity Scene on the lawn next to Henderson Drive. All those driving by our church will then have a constant reminder of what the Christmas season is all about. In addition, <u>at 5:00 pm there will be a dinner provided</u> with hot chocolate and hot cider. Festive singing of Christmas carols will be enjoyed by all attending. The clergy and vestry are encouraging the congregation to invite family and friends to this event so that when we "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," we will showcase just how beautiful our church is.

The second verse of "Oh Holy Night," written by French Composer Adolphe Adam in 1844 sets the stage every year for our celebration of the birth of the Son of Man, our savior Jesus Christ.

Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love and His gospel is peace.

Chains He shall break. For the slave is our brother.

And in His Name. All oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy. In grateful chorus raise we.

Let all within us praise His holy Name. Let those words, "His law is love and His gospel is peace," be alive within our hearts and provide warmth and hope for the future of humanity.

Peace always, Father Paul



Embracing St. Christopher's Family with Janet Osborn

Pictured here are Janet Osborn and Bishop Curry at this year's annual convention.

Janet is very passionate about an organization called "Episcopal Relief and Development" and she describes their mission here:

"Since 1940, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working alongside church partners all across the world to facilitate transformative, lasting change. Explore all *Gifts for Life* categories, which are based on the four key priorities of community development proven to be most effective in our faith-based work: early childhood development, women and girls, climate resilience and disaster response".

"As you think about your holiday giving this year, consider making a gift that will benefit a family or even a whole community. You can give on your own or join with others, whether family, friends or a larger group".

Janet goes on to say, "I have placed on each table in the parish hall donation boxes where all may contribute. When donating checks, they need to be made out to St. Christopher's with ERD in the memo". "The Episcopal Diocese of WY will match all donations!".





When we combine *Gifts for Life* with your collective generosity and the strengths, resources and assets of each community we serve, the capacity for transformational change is limitless. Janet goes on to say, "There is so much that your donation can achieve for those that are in need as this organization provides: goats, beehives, flocks of chickens, mosquito nets and training, clean water, financial literacy groups, care for moms and newborns, disaster relief kits, fruit trees, bicycles, emergency food relief, family gardens, and

so much more! To learn more go to their website at <u>www.support.episcopalrelief.org</u>

Thank you so much, Janet Osborn

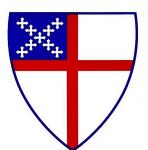


Pizza and Prayer with a Priest

Mark your calendars for

<u>Wednesday, November 13th,</u> for an hour of fellowship and singing of hymns! Father Paul invites everyone to join this lively group of youth, however all ages are welcome.

Come hungry and ready for fun!
We will meet at 5:30 in the parish hall and
we hope that you can join us!



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Footnote Articles are due by the 3rd Monday of the month. Please email them to: stchrischeyenne@outlook.com Check out our website at:

www.stchrischeyenne.org