

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Lenten Concert Series Ends

At a meeting following service on Sept. 13, the congregation discussed and decided to bring to a close St. John's Lenten Music Series. This decision will allow the church to direct its energy and resources to developing new projects, such as the ESL Program, that will continue to reach the greater Powell community. The Series has been an immensely positive event at St. John's for 7 years. Nearly \$22,000 was distributed over that time to organizations that serve Powell's communities in need. Hundreds of guests were welcomed into the church each Lenten Season to hear music provided by professional musicians giving their time and talent to the cause. It

demanded a rigorous discipline in the season of Lent for all of us, and brought us together as a worshiping community. The church reaped additional benefits as well. The piano was purchased to accommodate the musicians and the elevator installed in response to the desire to have all guests join us in the Undercroft. Thanks again to Dolores Woods for her leadership and many thanks to everyone who set tables, washed dishes, made soup, donated money and provisions, and who supported the series with their presence and prayers. A Gala concert in January is being planned to bring the Lenten Music Series to a grand culmination.

Wyoming Diocesan Convention, presided by The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, takes place Thursday, October 1 to Sunday, October 4. Sue Woods is attending as the delegate from St. John's and Carra Wetzal as alternate. Also attending is Megan Nickles and Ed Wetzal. In addition, Robert Rumbolz will perform with John Rapson and Ronnie Bedford & Friends, reprising the Jazz Eucharist performed last spring at St. John's Lenten Music Series.

St. John's Thrift Shop continues to be a successful and thriving enterprise. In addition to its Mon.-Wed.-Fri. hours from 1-3:30 pm, the Shop will also be open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. In September, the Thrift Shop workers donated \$500 to each of the following organizations: Powell Valley Hospice, Lifeline, Northwest Wyoming Family Planning in Powell, and the Powell Boys and Girls Club.

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