



The Fisherman's Net "Catch the Spirit"

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HAPPY EASTER !

Pastor's Pen Fr. Jim Kaestner, Vicar

TRANSITIONING

A transition is a passage from one state, stage, subject or place to another state, subject, stage or place. Transitions are used in music and in poetry and when well done are smooth and barely noticeable. I intend to transition from weekly celebrations of the Eucharist and preaching to a life that allows me to be less obliged to a single parish. I intend to do some intentional vacationing and to be able to spend some time on a few projects that have simply been languishing in the valleys of a very old and wrinkled brain.

When I transition out of the defined place of ministry at St. Peter's, Fr. David Couper will transition into this defined place ministry. I am ready for this to occur. I cannot speak for him, but I believe he is equally ready for this to occur.

Fr. Couper had been serving St. Peter's until a family illness required that he leave. Now he is ready to return and the parish is ready to welcome him back.

A pre-K teacher wrote in a little note that when her children moved from one activity to another, she played music to make the transition a very pleasant one. When the transition was completed and the children in their place she continued the music for a few more minutes to allow the music to put the children at ease.

Easter is a Sunday of celebration music wherever we might be. It will be the beginning of a season of celebratory music when Fr. Couper arrives. The Sunday after Easter is often called "Low Sunday" because the attendance is usually low, but now that can change with the music and singing that accompanies transition.

Rev. David Couper Returning to St. Peter's

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Who'd a thunk it? Two years ago, many of you will remember me having to say "uncle" and leave St. Peter's in order to care for Sabine and fight this cancer. Since that time, many of you remained dear friends and part of our extended "prayer and support group." It was so difficult for both of us to leave.... And now, two years later, so sweet to return.

Health-wise, Sabine's stem cell transplant a year ago seems to have been successful and will buy us more time together. I have agreed to this "supply priest" arrangement given that we don't know what the future will hold for us (but as far as that goes, who does, right?) and Father Jim has thankfully told me that he is available to provide help if I need it.

So, we are excited about returning to the church where we left pieces of our hearts in 2008. Sabine's illness has made us appreciate each day we have together and I have strongly (and sometimes

overwhelmingly) felt the closeness of Gods' presence during this time. We both knew your love and prayers were with us and, at the same time, we knew that God was right there next to us all the time! It is times like these that we can deeply appreciate the power and "sure and certain hope" of God.

Love and blessings! We will see you on April 11 as we joyfully celebrate the continuing celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the Dead and the resurrection many of us personally know from loss and grief and darkness in our lives. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! *Fr. David Couper*

Senior Warden's Reflection by Andy Marks

Advantage St. Peter's

When I think of all the churches I've worshiped at during my lifetime, I sometimes find it hard not to compare some of them with St. Peter's. For over twenty years St. Peter's has been our family church. While many people seem to wander from church to church in search of something, Kathy and I found that St. Peter's seemed to fill all of our spiritual needs. There are many qualities that make it a special place. Some might find that an average attendance of 25-30

parishioners on a given Sunday to be lacking, but if put in the perspective of the number of family members that attend a typical Thanksgiving celebration, 25-30 is a pretty large gathering. And most members at St. Peter's, I believe, would see us more like a family than a congregation.

Being such a small parish affords many advantages over large churches, but there are some apparent disadvantages. One might think that the biggest disadvantage would be attracting a priest. This has been, and for the size of the parish will always be, an on-going issue. Not being able to afford a full-time priest puts St. Peter's in a category that most parishes would find very unsettling. I believe this is precisely why St. Peter's is special. We have been very fortunate and blessed. Not only have we been able to find priests to take the lead at St. Peter's, we have had some of the best! For the past 18 months Fr. Jim and his wife Judy have made this their parish home. Prior to Fr. Jim accepting the position, we were in a state of flux. For nearly a year, Sunday worship was lead by Fr. Seay twice a month. Having a prior commitment for the other Sundays, we filled the void with other supply priests, and when none were available, we found that Morning Prayer was not a bad alternative. Through this time period St. Peter's held solid. We were very fortunate to have Fr. Seay as his wisdom and sense of humor helped us keep our vision. When Fr. Jim decided to delay his retirement, St. Peter's became a church that was once again complete. His gentle guiding hand and inspiring sermons imparted a wisdom that comes from his over fifty years of service.

Easter Sunday will be Fr. Jim's last mass with us as our "Vicar". I am very happy that Fr. Jim and Judy decided to help us out! Along with Fr. Jim's leadership, we were extremely impressed with Judy's presentation on the art of creating icons. Last Sunday, Sheila displayed the icon that she "wrote" under Judy's supervision. Spirituality comes in all forms, and it was apparent that the Spirit was at work here. On behalf of St. Peter's I would like express our deepest sense of gratitude to both of you and "may God keep you as the apple of His eye and hide you under the shadow of His wing".

What's Next?

Several months ago, when Fr. Jim indicated his plans of finally taking some time off and officially retiring, I tried to envision our next step. Who would be willing to lead us on the next leg of St. Peter's journey? Our last "priest in charge" prior to Fr. Jim was Fr. David Couper. Under Fr. David's leadership St. Peter's also experienced a time of growth both spiritually and physically. Every Sunday since his departure, Fr. David's wife Sabine, who is battling Multiple Myeloma, has been at the top of our prayer list. Amazingly, Sabine has battled this disease into remission and both have agreed to give us a helping hand. There are no guarantees in life, but they will be making the first of their weekly St. Peter's pilgrimages on the first Sunday after Easter. From my vantage point God, in some way, seems to be looking out for St. Peter's. In my opinion Fr. Jim and Fr. David are two of the finest spiritual leaders that I've had the privilege of knowing. There is a certain wisdom that comes from experience, and both have their own unique way of sharing it.

The Power of Prayer

In Mount Vernon, Texas, Drummond's Bar began construction on a new building to increase their business. The local Baptist church started a campaign to block the bar from opening, with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up till the week before opening, when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground. The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means. The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise in its reply to the court. As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork.

At the hearing he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but as it appears from this documentation, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that does not."

Calendar & Times

				Scheduled Reader
April 1, Thursday	7:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY		Volunteer
April 2, Friday	7:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY		Volunteer
April 4, Sunday	9:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY		Andy Marks
April 11, Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist	2 Easter	Debbie Marks
April 18, Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist	3 Easter	Katie Luedke
April 24, Saturday	9:25 am	Leave from Hwy 83 Park & Ride for Fireside		
April 25, Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist	4 Easter	Susan Medd

Lessons for April

	<u>1 Lesson</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	
Apr. 1	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14	116:1, 10-17	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31-35	
Apr. 2	Isaiah 52:13—53:12	22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1—19:42	
Apr. 4	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18	
Apr. 11	Acts 5:27-32	118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31	
Apr. 18	Acts 9:1-6	30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19	
Apr. 25	Acts 9:36-43	23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30	

Remember in Your Prayers

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1John 5:14-15)

- *Pray for the people of Haiti, the caregivers and the doctors and those who are helping to rebuild the structures damaged by the earthquake. Pray for the people of Chile also.
- *Pray for the hungry, the jobless, the homeless and those who see no hope in their lives.
- *Pray that our leaders, both national and local, make good decisions for our country and cities.
- *Pray for peace in the world, especially in Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran. Pray for our soldiers.
- *Pray for the Millennium Goals, especially to eradicate hunger and poverty.
- *Pray for St. Peter's and its family, for the present and the future, that we may grow in Christ and be his light to the world.

Let's Celebrate! Happy Birthday

April 5 Fr. David Couper
Sabine Lobitz
April 7 Sheila Campbell
April 8 Dan Naze
April 12 Charlotte Lobitz
April 25 Mary Buerosse

Happy Anniversary

April 11 Paul & Shirley Citerony
April 17 Pete & Mary Buerosse
April 30 Charlie & Kate Brumder

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary or listed it incorrectly, **please let us know so we may celebrate with you!** Submissions or corrections to the editor please.

The Spirit at Work!

- *Sheila Campbell had her icon of St. Michael blessed on March 21 by Fr. Jim. Sheila began to write her icon under the tutelage of Judy Kaestner last October. Her icon will be in church for several weeks.
- *Please speak to Mary Buerosse concerning donations of **Easter lilies** for "The Day of the Resurrection". Please know that your own purchases are as welcome as monetary contributions for lilies, but we need to know ahead of time. You may also give Mary names in memory of or in thanksgiving to be included in the Easter service bulletin.
- *Fr. Jim Kaestner will celebrate his last Sunday at St. Peter's as its Vicar Easter Sunday. There will be a reception for him in the undercroft following the service. Please join us to thank him for his loving service for the past year.
- *Daylight Savings went into effect on Sunday, March 14. **SOMEONE**, however, forgot to set his clocks ahead and therefore arrived to church at the end of the service! We'll have to remind him in the fall to set his clocks back or he might be in church alone for an hour!
- *Thanks to Pete Buerosse who installed new sinks, vanities, and mirrors in the men's and women's bathrooms at St. Peter's. What a wonderful change!
- *It's not too early to start collecting items for St. Peter's 3rd Annual Rummage Sale set for Saturday, May 22 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Spring cleaning is right around the corner! Watch for more information on work days/nights in the May newsletter.
- **Don't forget to put your food items in the basket in the Narthex for the North Lake Food Pantry, housed next door at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

"Go, Go, Go Joseph" - Sheila Campbell

Thirty parishioners, family and friends will be enjoying our trip to the **Fireside Theater** in Fort Atkinson. We will be meeting at the Naga-Waukee Ice Rink parking lot (NW corner of Hwy 83 and I-94 interchange) on Saturday, April 24 at 9:25 AM. Please be on time! We must all arrive at 10:30 AM and enter together as a group as there are no paper tickets. Car-pooling should be arranged in advance of our arrival at the parking lot. Driving directions will be provided. Drivers are asked to provide cell phone numbers to Sheila so we can communicate on the road if necessary. If there are any questions, please direct them to Sheila, 262-691-4857.

Rummage Sale to Benefit Children's Hospital

We are getting closer to our 3rd Annual Rummage sale. If you are saving items for the sale, now would be a good time to separate them into specific categories to aid in the sorting of items at the church. Clothing should be separated in men's, women's, children's and infants. If you have specific items of value, you might want to keep them separate so we can handle them appropriately. Other categories to include house wares, seasonal (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc.), toys, electronics, books and linens. If you have any questions, please direct them to Helen Ackley (262-691-9489) or Mary Buerosse (262-691-3549)

****Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!****

Sunday School by Trish Hayes

We are having so much fun downstairs while you are upstairs being serious! We have been talking about the season of Lent, of course, through a variety of different means. Fr. Kaestner has given us an "advent calendar" of sorts for the weeks of Lent. Each week we have opened a door on our calendar and prayed, read the Bible verse, and thought about the season of Lent. Have we sacrificed? Have we done good deeds? How can we help others? These kids are truly amazing with their thoughts and fellowship with their friends, classmates, families and each other! We have also been playing bible bingo (with sugary prizes) as well as baking homemade pretzels as a reminder to pray (the knots in pretzels were meant to look like arms bent in prayer). Our fun (and thoughtful time together) never stops! The kids will partake in the Palm Sunday service, so we will sit with our families. Easter and the week that follows we will not be meeting for Sunday School. The Hayes' will be worshipping the Lord and hopefully the sun in Florida!

Kidz Korner—The Hayes

Michael just finished his wrestling season at Nature Hill Intermediate School in Oconomowoc. His first year was a success! He loved it. Andy Marks' encouragement as well as showing him wrestling moves at the altar didn't hurt either! Michael will be starting his second season on a club lacrosse team at the end of March. Lacrosse is a fast paced game full of excitement and checking (this year). He loves it and is excited for the season to get under way. In his spare time he spends some time at school in 7th grade!

Anna just participated in the production of *Beauty and the Beast* at Nature Hill School. She was part of the stage crew and delivered scene changes to the stage. It was an amazing production performed at the new Oconomowoc Arts Center and fun for Anna. Anna continues on her year round soccer team and is excited for her coach to return. He spent the winter in rehabilitation for his knee in his home country of Brazil. Anna will start her outdoor season next week. Anna is currently trying to out read ever 5th grader at Nature Hill as her class is undertaking a "battle of the books" competition!

Willy is following in his older brother's foot steps and has joined the Lake Country Lacrosse 3/4 grade team this spring. He is used to the checking from his brother when they play in our yard. We only hope he remembers his level can't check during games! He will also play soccer as his lacrosse schedule permits as well as build huge Lego cities in his room and around the house! Will is in 2nd grade and almost won the limbo contest at the last school dance!

Henry almost had the sneaky leprechaun trapped on St. Patty's day with his home made "trap", but to no avail. The little guy got away...but not before he dropped some gold coin chocolates! Henry is also excited for spring when the sand box can be opened and he can ride his bike without training wheels!

Henry is on a soccer team "The Yellow Lions" starting after spring break! Henry will graduate from 4K at his day care and move to Greenland with Will in the fall!

What We Sing: # 208 The strife is o'er, the battle done

This Easter hymn is a translation by Francis Pott (1832-1909) of a Latin original. Dr. J.R. Neale, who included it in his *Hymni Ecclesiae* of 1851, reckoned that the original Latin verses dated from the twelfth century, but the earliest source in which they have been found is a book published in Cologne in 1695. Francis Pott was educated at Brasnose College, Oxford, and ordained in 1856. He became rector of Northill, Bedfordshire, in 1866. In 1891 deafness forced him to retire. He was a keen student of hymnology and was on the original committee which produced *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. "The Strife is o'er" first appeared in his *Hymns fitted to the Order of Common Prayer* in 1861. This Easter hymn portrays Christ's death as the victorious end to a battle with the principalities and powers of darkness. The imagery is of battle and the Word of God is seen as having come down from heaven in the person of Christ to do battle with the Devil and slay him. The original words of the hymn differ greatly from what we sing, but the theme is unchanged.

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

On the third morn he rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee:

The strife is o'er the battle done
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed"
let shout of holy joy outburst:

The three sad days are quickly sped
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!

Lord! By the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Contribution or Sacrifice?

A chicken and a pig were walking down a country lane. They stopped outside a little white church and read a notice about a bazaar in support of the church's programs. At the bottom of the sign they read: "Ham and eggs will be served."

The chicken said, "See! Even you and I can help the work of the church." The pig replied, "But yours is a contribution. Mine is a *sacrifice*."

When I first read this story, my conscience was pricked. Now as I do my small part for God in this world, I'm inclined to pause and ask myself, *Is it ham or is it eggs?* —Sue Monk Kidd

**Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime. —Martin Luther

**Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knows the way out of the grave. —G. K. Chesterton

The Colors of the Bible – Bible Trivia

See if you can guess (or know!) the "colorful" answers to the following questions.

1. What was the first color mentioned in the Bible?
2. What color was the hideous seven-headed dragon in Revelation?
3. What doting father gave his favorite son a coat of many colors?
4. According to Isaiah, what color are sins?
5. What color was the sun in Revelation when it became like sackcloth?
6. Where was Jesus when his clothes became radiantly white?
7. Who raised the question about whether there was flavor in the white of an egg?
8. What color was the cloth over the altar in the tabernacle?

Via St. Francis Canticle, St. Francis, Menomonee Falls, WI

Easter Wisdom from a Five-year-old

It's hard to single out a favorite moment in such a spiritually eventful week. But one I won't forget is the conversation I had with a very sweet, very smart five-year-old girl in the minutes leading up to the Good Friday children's service. Looking up at the rugged cross we place at the chancel steps, she wanted to tell me that she knew all about the death of Jesus. She didn't flinch in telling me about the people who betrayed him, or about the angry crowds. But she knew, too, about Easter, about how "he wasn't dead anymore." Then she asked if I knew why the Easter bunny is so special. "Because," she said confidently, "it was the first one to see Jesus alive."

-The Rev. William McD. Tully, St. Bartholomew's New York
Via *The Anglican Digest*, Easter 2008

Answers to Bible Trivia

1. Green (Genesis 1:30 “green herb”)
2. Red (Revelation 12:3)
3. Jacob (Genesis 37:3)
4. Scarlet (Isaiah 1:18)
5. Black (Revelation 6:12)
6. The Mount of Transfiguration (Matt.17:2)
7. Job (Job 6:6)
8. Blue (Numbers 4:11)

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