

The Fisherman's Net

"Catch the Spirit"

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Pastor's Pen *Fr. David Couper*

As we enter another beautiful, breath-taking Wisconsin summer we also need to remember that we are in a new liturgical season as well. The solemnity of Lent and the joyful celebration of Easter and the six following Sundays of Easter are now followed by a season to celebrate the day (over 2,000 years ago) when God fulfilled the prophecy made in the Old Testament and outpoured his Holy Spirit on the entire world – The Day of Pentecost.

*"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters.
Your old men will dream,
your young men will see visions.
I'll even pour out my Spirit on the servants,
men and women both.
I'll set wonders in the sky above
and signs on the earth below." (Joel 2:28)*

While the idea of a God who mightily changes lives for His good may be a difficult stretch for some people, it is, nevertheless, a fundamental Truth of the Christian faith. Not only did Jesus say that his Spirit would come and gift and empower us, but he also said that we would be able to do *more* than what he did (*John 14:12*)! Wow!

Paul teaches us about God's Holy Spirit:
"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard -- things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Andy Marks and I went on a men's retreat last month where many men suddenly experienced a

Pentecost-like “outpouring” of God’s Spirit while they were assembled for morning prayer on Sunday. Understandably, this is very difficult for even the most knowledgeable Christian to accept (even though the Bible is filled with such “experiences”). It is something one has to experience in order to believe. And I urge you to be open to situations that can produce those experiences. But without the coming of the Spirit (as Jesus promised) Christianity would be merely an intellectual premise; a way to live a good and honorable life. But as I read the Bible, God wants *more* for us – not just a “good” life but an abundant, spirit-filled life; a life in which we can transform ourselves into being more Christ-like and seeing the Christ in other people (not just other Christians)!

On that 50th day after Jesus’ Resurrection, his followers were literally transformed into new people – what happened to his disciples was life-altering. Each one of his disciples who personally knew Jesus experienced this transformation. The Apostle Paul experienced it without ever meeting the earthly Jesus, and throughout the centuries those who closely followed Jesus, and tried to live their lives as he taught, experienced it.

Wisdom, knowledge, freedom, and power were given to those men and women who before Jesus gave them his Spirit were unwise, ignorant, in bondage, and without power.

On Pentecost Sunday last month, on a retreat with 50 other men, Andy and I truly experienced another Day of Pentecost! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Updating Your Job Description

It is good to be clear about what each of us does, to whom we report, and things like that. You need a good job description if you want to be able to effectively evaluate your work.

I have also been thinking about the job descriptions we mentally write for our vocation as Christians. Most of us could stand to be clearer about exactly what our various ministries are at the moment. I’ve been part of parishes that asked people to give an account of their ministries along with their financial pledge: “I serve as a member of the Outreach committee, teach Sunday school, and serve on the board of three local charities.” Sometimes the list gets too long — or out of balance. Maybe everything I do is at church—or everything is in the community. Maybe there’s just too much— or not enough! It is useful to actually write out the list.

There is a downside to job descriptions, however, They can limit our vision and make us deaf to God’s call—a call which, as many biblical examples remind us, can send us in surprising directions. Even Jesus, as his baptism and his call at the wedding in Cana describe, can be surprised and re-directed. It’s tempting to pigeon-hole ourselves, but it is not really a good idea to say, “I’m just a music person,” or “I just do outreach.” The next thing to which God is calling you will not only be God’s way of getting some Kingdom work done in the world, it may also be the way in which you are called to grow in faith.

So, write that job description, but don’t let it limit your vision. God is doing amazing things in our world, and each of us has a role to play, one we can never completely understand.

-The Rev. Dr. Andrew Macbeth, Calvary, Memphis, TN via [*Anglican Digest, Summer 2010*](#)

Calendar & Times

Scheduled Reader

June 3-5, Thurs-Sat.	8:00 am—7 pm Book Sale at St. Mary’s, Dousman	
June 6, Sunday	9:30 am Holy Eucharist	Pete Buerosse
June 13, Sunday	9:30 am Holy Eucharist	Charlie Brumder
June 20, Sunday	9:30 am Holy Eucharist - Father’s Day	Andy Marks
June 26, Saturday	Ladies trip to Madison Farmer’s Market/Spring Green	
June 27, Sunday	9:30 am Holy Eucharist	Debbie Marks
	Strawberry Fest at St. Mary’s, Dousman to benefit Haiti Project	

Lessons for June

	<u>1 Lesson</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 6	1Kings 17:8-16 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17	
June 13	1Kings 21:1-10 5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36—8:3	
June 20	1Kings 19:1-4, 8-15	42 & 43	Galatians 3:23-39	Luke 8:26-39
June 27	2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

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 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. Remember especially Umi and Costin.
- *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

June 5 Tyler Naze
June 12 Karley Brumder
June 19 Michael Hayes

Happy Anniversary

June 10 David & Cheryl Claude
June 13 John & Helen Ackley
June 22 Rick & Katy Luedke

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!

- *Welcome Home, Peg Leitgabel! Peg will be coming home to Oconomowoc June 4th! Peg will be moving into Shorehaven. She is excited to be back in the Lake Country area.
- *St. Mary’s, Dousman is holding a Book Sale, Thursday & Friday, June 3 & 4 from 8am to 7 pm and Saturday, June 5 from 8 am to 1 pm. For more info, call 262-965-4104.
- *St. Mary’s, Dousman Strawberry Fest is Sunday, June 27 to benefit the Haiti Project. For more information, call 262-965-3924 or www.stmarys-dousman.com
- *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.
- *Mark your calendar now for **St. Peter’s Annual Picnic, Sunday, August 22!**
- *North Lake will be celebrating its 150th anniversary during Harvest Fest, the weekend of September 18th. Mark your calendar to join in this celebration!

Mabel Gaskell

Mabel Gaskell, wife of the late Right Reverend Charles T. Gaskell, 9th Bishop of Diocese of Milwaukee (1974-1985), died on May 15, 2010 at the age of 88. She was a resident of St. Johns on the Lake. Interment is at Nashotah House Cemetery. Memorials in Mabel’s name appreciated to All Saint’s Cathedral or Nashotah House.

Girl's Day Out

On Saturday, June 26th, the women of St Peter's have put together a day outing. It begins at the Madison Farmer's Market, a poolside lunch, and an art fair at Spring Green. If you are interested in attending this grand event, mark your calendars now and sign up with Kathy Marks or Sabine Lobitz -- or get more information from them. They request that you leave your responsibilities at home for this day!

Go, Go, Go Joseph

A good time was enjoyed by all who attended the play at the Fireside on April 24th. Now, with at least a month's time past and without looking at the program you may have saved, can you name the twelve sons (tribes) of Israel? And how about those of you who didn't attend. Can you name them? Answers are on the last page. Don't peak!!!

A Few of Life's Lessons

- *Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- *Life is too short to waste time hating anyone...
- *Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- *What other people think of you is none of your business.
- *Believe in miracles.
- *God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- *If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- *Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- *The best is yet to come.

-The Anglican Digest, Summer 2010

Rummage Sale to Benefit Children's Hospital

Saturday, May 22 was a beautiful day to have a Rummage Sale to benefit Children's Hospital Playroom of Hope. People were waiting outside the doors before our published opening hour of 9:00 AM. Thanks to **everyone** who helped! Special thanks to Rick Luedke for arranging delivery of the Salvation Army truck so we could load the remaining unsold items at the end of the Rummage Sale. Thanks to ALL those who brought treasures. If not for them the rummage sale would not have been such a success!!! St. Peter's will be donating \$1135.75 to the Playroom of Hope at Children's Hospital!

The Rummage Sale would not be complete without special stories. While working one afternoon sorting rummage, there was a knock on the back door. Helen was there to receive the special treasures from a woman who attends the Presbyterian Church. Her church was no longer having rummage sales, so she brought her items to St. Peter's! Thanks!

Fred Syburg carved the cross hanging above the altar and made the plat of the cemetery which is on the wall in the back hall many, many years ago. Two days before the rummage sale his granddaughter brought her friend to St. Peter's to share the wonder and warmth of the building and surrounds and the memories of worshipping with her grandfather at St. Peter's when she was a child. Fortunately they could get into the building because rummage sale preparation was under way.

And of course there were those who came to see the inside of this beautiful, old church!

Rhubarb Oat Bars

A morning treat for those working the recent rummage sale was a big hit! Here is the recipe:

1 1/2 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb	1 cup old-fashioned oats
1 cup packed brown sugar, <i>divided</i>	3/4 cup all-purpose flour
4 T. water, <i>divided</i>	1/2 cup flaked coconut
1 tsp. lemon juice	1/2 tsp. salt
4 tsp. cornstarch	1/3 cup butter, melted

- 1) In large saucepan, combine rhubarb, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 3 T. water and lemon juice. Bring to a boil Reduce heat to medium; cook and stir for 4-5 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.
- 2) Combine the cornstarch and remaining 1 T. water until smooth; gradually stir into rhubarb mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; set aside.
- 3) In a large bowl, combine the oats, flour, coconut, salt and remaining 1/2 cup brown sugar. Stir in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press half of the mixture into a greased 8 x 8-inch baking dish. Spread with rhubarb mixture. Sprinkle with remaining oat mixture and press down lightly.
- 4) Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Yield: 16 bars

*If using frozen rhubarb, measure rhubarb while still frozen, then thaw completely. Drain in a colander, but do not press liquid out.

Senior Warden's Reflection by Andy Marks

Swaying

In the game of golf, rhythm is key and timing is essential. The perfect swing involves a weight shift from your left foot to your right and back again (if you're right handed). If you shift your weight too far on your backswing then you are probably swaying. And if you sway during your swing, it is extremely unlikely you'll hit a good shot. The bad part for most golfers is that they are unaware it is happening. They just hit an errant shot and have no idea what they did wrong. For me, I usually have to ask a fellow golfer if he noticed a sway during my swing. In order to grow in golf, you have to stay focused and practice the proper swing.

The "sway" in golf is analogous to something that seems to be contagious in our everyday world, and I believe little progress can be made in spiritual growth as a result of it. The sway is simply looking at and discussing other people's apparent faults and character flaws. This, of course, is more commonly known as gossip. It's a favorite American pastime and a sure killer of spiritual growth. It strips away that inner focus required for growth. Embarrassingly, I've enjoyed the game for most of my life. It seems everyone does, or do they? Not being one of the most observant creatures on the planet, recently I observed a non-player. When the game was on, he chose not to participate. In fact he turned the conversation from negative to positive. It was kind of amazing. It was amazing that I never noticed it before, but equally amazing that there are probably a great many that don't participate. I know that in my personal spiritual journey, I won't get very far unless I can find a way to see the good that is part of all of us. Sometimes it is so easy to get caught up in the game and, like the sway, not even know you're doing it!

Trust

Recently, I attended the "One Year to Live" men's retreat in Poynette. All year, Fr. David was trying to persuade me to go. I knew he would be there, but I was still hesitant. I'd been to a retreat before and felt once was enough. Besides I wanted to be part of the rummage sale that was to occur the same weekend. Fr. David told me this one would be different and maybe even life-changing. I was still hesitant. Then he said something I had no response for. He said "Trust Me". So I went, and I guess I wasn't surprised that it was everything he said it would be and more!

What We Sing: # 432 "O praise ye the Lord!"

On June 13 we will learn this song written by Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877). Henry Williams Baker was the driving force behind *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. The eldest son of a Vice-Admiral, he was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1844. Seven years later he became vicar of Monkland on the English-Welsh border. The light duties of the small country parish enabled him to devote most of his time to hymnody and particularly to the preparation of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. Baker was present at the meeting held at the clergy house of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, in 1858 which resolved to produce a new hymnal. He effectively became editor-in-chief of the whole project,

which extended over the next seventeen years. It involved choosing hymns and commissioning translations, new verses and tunes. Baker was keen to restore to the devotion of the Church of England the treasures of early Latin Hymnody. He also supervised the preparation of an appendix, published in 1868, and a revised edition of the hymnal which came out in 1875 contained thirty-three of his own hymns and translations.

St. Peter & St. Paul Feast Day—June 29

This is the dedication document for St. Peter's Church, North Lake:

In the Name of GOD, Amen.

WHEREAS, *the Reverend Luke Paul Holmes, Priest; Mrs. Harriett McClure Bell, and Joseph McClellan Bell, Junior, donors; and Abbott Thorndike, Warden*, in the Diocese of Milwaukee, have, by an instrument this day presented to us, appropriated, and devoted a house of Prayer, to the Worship and Service of Almighty GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its Ministry, Doctrines, Liturgy, Rights, and Usages; and for the congregation in communion with the said Church, and in union with the Council thereof in the Diocese of Milwaukee:

And Whereas, the said parties above named: have, by the same Instrument, requested us to take this said House of Worship under our spiritual jurisdiction as Bishop of Milwaukee, and that of our successors in office, and to consecrate it by the names of

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and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mention;

Now Therefore, Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Isaac Lea Nicholson, DD: by Divine Permission Bishop of Milwaukee, under the protection of Almighty GOD, and in His Faith and Fear, have, on this twenty-ninth day of June; being Saint Peter's Day; in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, taken the above-mentioned House of Worship under our spiritual jurisdiction and authority as Bishop of Milwaukee, and that of our successors in office; and in presence of divers of the Clergy and of a public congregation therein assembled, and according to the godly usage of the Catholic church of Christ, and after the Form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church of these United States of America, have this day consecrated the same by the name of *Saint Peter's Church: North Lake: Wis:* and we do hereby pronounce and declare, that the said *Saint Peter's Church*; is consecrated accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and Service of Almighty GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His Holy Word, for celebrating his Holy Sacraments, for offering to His Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of Prayer and Thanksgiving, for blessing his People in His Name, and for the performance of all other Holy Offices, according to the usages of his Holy Catholic And Apostolic church, and the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its Ministry, Doctrines, Liturgy, Rites, and Usages.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto affixed our Episcopal Seal and Signature,

In the Day and Year above written, and in the tenth: Year of our Consecration

*Isaac Lea Nicholson,
Bishop of Milwaukee*

And the Cemetery

Attached thereto:

Attest:

Luke Paul Holmes

*Rector of St. Alban's Sussex, and
Priest in Charge of St. Peter's, North Lake*

Sand and Stone

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE." THEY KEPT ON WALKING UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS, WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" the other friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 -Author Unknown

The Names are.....

Joseph, Benjamin, Reuben, Zebulun, Asher, Gad, Dan, Issachar, Judah, Levi, Simeon, and Naphtali