



The Fisherman's Net

"Catch the Spirit"

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The God who Changes Us

This is the season of the Epiphany. It is the time in which we celebrate the outpouring of God's Light to the world. Everyone. Jesus announced a new spiritual age. J. B. Phillips reminds us in *Plain Christianity* that "every time we say, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit,' we mean that we believe there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it." You can change. I can change. That's the real mystery of God.

Now you may not feel that there is a living God out there who is willing to enter your personality and change it. You may even sense that God is absent from your life. But I just want to ask one question, "What changes are needed in us so that we would be able to live a better life?" Now maybe we are okay just the way we are. But maybe not. And if not, what are some of the things we could do to make our okay-life better? Is it quitting smoking? How about regular exercise? Or getting control of our eating habits, our anger, and our spending patterns? How about being a more peaceful and calm person? Or repairing a lost relationship?

I bet we all have a lot we can work on. If we can identify those things within us that need work, then we can form a plan to make those changes. While self-improvement books are extremely popular in America, there appears to be more reading going on than changing. We love to read about self-improvement. The problem is that there is a big step between reading about self-improvement and doing it.

Jesus came to give us the opportunity to change our lives for the better (even our personalities). He promised that he would send us someone to help us—the Holy Spirit. And from what I see today, the Holy Spirit is the one ingredient that seems to be left out of most self-improvement programs.

When we realize our need for change, we sometimes find our inside is so damaged, so hurt, that we are unable to move forward. And that's where God's Spirit comes in. It is the nature of God to heal. It is God's character to restore us. We must NOT forget these important facts about God.

We who say we follow Jesus are supposed to be "new creations;" all that is old and sinful self (personality) is to be cast away and that includes things that are preventing us from being that new

creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). If we do not cast away our old, broken, and sinful selves, we make a mockery of Jesus and we remain the hypocrites he so strongly castigated.

Becoming a new creation is not easy. Becoming a new creation is accepting God’s love and letting God heal our brokenness. Becoming a new creation is opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit (Romans 9:12) - it is truly becoming a new person. Becoming a new creation is boldly claiming the promises of God—that we are God’s beloved sons and daughters and that we are forgiven, but, at the same time, we must forgive one another.

During the past few months we have been talking about healing prayer and the fact that we all need it. In the Letter of James we are reminded that those who are sick “should call for the elders of the church to pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed” (James 5:14-16). This is powerful stuff. Confessing sins and prayers for healing seems to be a major activity of the early church. So what happened? Why don’t we do this every Sunday?

One of the reasons is that this is not our current practice, our habit. And to change it is not impossible, it just takes about 6-8 weeks to do it. The call of Jesus is a call to change — to transformation — to be new and improving creatures. And the Good News is that when we seek self-improvement we are not on our own, we are not alone, God’s Spirit is there to help us. Yes, my friends, there is a living God out there who is able and willing to enter into us, even our personality, and change it. Go for it!

Let’s Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

Feb. 5 Eily Brumder
 Feb. 5 Katie Brumder
 Feb. 6 Diane Olson
 Feb. 26 Darcy Chester
 Feb. 27 Cheryl Claude
 Mar. 3 Stephanie Naze

Happy Anniversary

March 3 John & Sheila Campbell

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 may be sent to the editor: Mbread@att.net

Calendar & Times

		<u>Scheduled Reader</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
Feb. 6, Sunday	9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Andy Marks	
Feb. 13, Sunday	9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Debbie Marks	Dave Abbott
Feb. 20, Sunday	9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Katie Luedke	Dave Abbott
	10:30 AM St. Peter’s Annual Mtg. / brunch		
Feb. 27, Sunday	9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Susan Medd	S. Naze
Mar. 6, Sunday	9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Rick Luedke	Steve Marks
Mar. 9, Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY		

Lessons for February

	<u>1 Lesson</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb. 6	Isaiah 58:1-9	112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 13	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 20	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
Feb. 27	Isaiah 49:8-16	131	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34
Mar. 6	Exodus 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

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 individuals killed at the Safeway Store in Tucson, Arizona, especially a 9-year-old girl. Pray for those seriously injured, especially Congresswoman Giffords. Pray for the assailant.
- *Pray for the areas of the world where there has been unseasonable weather, especially in the northeast where there are destructive snow storms, Australia with devastating floods and Brazil and Sri Lanka with flooding and mud slides.
- *Pray for peace in the world, for North and South Korea. Pray for peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran where many American soldiers are serving.
- *Pray especially for Yumi’s safety in Afghanistan and Costin who is also in the service.
- *Pray for the hungry, the jobless, the homeless and those who see no hope in their lives.
- *Pray for our leaders, both national and local, to make good decisions.
- *Pray for the Millennium Goals, especially to eradicate hunger and poverty by 2015.
- *Pray for St. Peter’s and its families, for the present and the future, that we may grow in Christ and be his light to the world.

The Spirit at Work!

- *Thank you all for remembering our winter parking rules: to park your car several feet away from St. Peter’s side-yard to allow individuals to walk in front of vehicles so they won’t have to walk in water, slush or on ice.
- *Would you like to help with St. Peter’s Breakfast? The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Do breakfast with a friend! It’s easy:
 - *Make a pot of decaf coffee and a pot of regular coffee
 - *Provide a snack such as bagels, coffeecake, cheese, crackers, fruit. Keep it simple!
 - *Clean up coffee pots and please unplug them. Clean up kitchen work area.

Vestry Meeting & Annual Meeting Schedule

St. Peter’s Annual Meeting will be held after service on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Please mark your calendar now and plan to stay for this important meeting to discuss St. Peter’s future. A brunch will be served. Look in the Narthex for the sign-up sheet and plan to attend.

Do You Have a Prayer Request?

St. Peter’s Prayer Circle is an active group of people constantly praying for your needs. If you have a prayer request, all you need do is contact Mary Buerosse, 262-691-3549 or by email at Mbread@att.net. Prayer requests are generally forwarded by email to the Circle members. In dire or emergency situations, Mary will call the first person on the Prayer Circle who will call the next person and so on. Fr. David is also alerted to the Prayer Requests when they are made. If you feel called to this ministry, joining is simple. Call Mary and she will place you in the Prayer Circle list and advise you who to call in “Prayer” situations.

Looking for Apprentices & Persons in Training

St. Peter’s Cemetery Administrator, Dan Naze, is looking for an apprentice(s). Dan would like to train someone to assist him in the Cemetery duties. If you are interested in learning about what Dan does, please contact him at 262-628-0478 or dnaze0478@charter.net.

Are you interested in what St. Peter’s Vestry Members do? Here is another opportunity for an apprentice, to learn how the Vestry governs St. Peter’s. Be a “Person in Training” to discern whether actually being voted onto the Vestry is a ministry for you. Contact Andy Marks for more information, 262-538-1472 or

akmarks@aol.com As always, any member of the parish is welcome and encouraged to sit in on a Vestry meeting. Vestry meetings are scheduled at 8:00AM, the first Sunday of the odd-numbered months, i.e. Jan (1), March (3), etc.

New Updated Pictorial Directory in the Making

David Abbott is working on an updated Pictorial Directory. If you would like an updated picture for the new 2011 directory (perhaps a “younger” picture!), please let Dave know. He may be contacting you if you were not in the previous directory. You may also send him a digital picture via email: sailmc1983@yahoo.com. Please check your “statistics” in the current directory and advise of any necessary corrections. Many thanks.

St. Peter’s Outreach to North Lake Food Pantry

We are beginning a new outreach program for the North Lake Food Pantry. While food items for the North Lake Food Pantry will still be accepted, we will be offering an opportunity for your monetary donations the last Sunday of every month. The “Food Pantry Jug” will be placed in the baptismal font for your donations. You may make out a check to the “North Lake Food Pantry” if you wish to make a tax deductible donation. The Food Pantry can utilize the money at Second Harvest and therefore increase the amount of food available for their clients. Thank you for helping those in need.

Pick ‘n Save “WE CARE” Program

Pick ‘n Save is no longer offering the WE CARE program. Your Pick ‘n Save card will still provide you with the store discounts, but no extra Rebate monies will be realized by St. Peter’s. The Delafield Sentry store is still offering the “Food for Friends” program: 1% of your total receipt. No stamp on your receipt is needed. Just place your receipt in the basket on the windowsill in the Narthex. Rebate money is given to the North Lake Food Pantry. It all adds up!

Thank You! ~ To St. Peter’s Congregation

Thank you for approximately 100 pieces of cleaning and laundry supplies, paper products and toiletries donated to the north lake Food Pantry. You always seem to know exactly what we need and what flies off the shelves the fastest. Your kindness and generosity are most appreciated. God bless. Mary Clark, Corresponding Secretary, North Lake Food Pantry.

A Letter to Saint Peter’s Church—December 2010

Diane and I both were very moved, hearing about your December 5th service during which many of you recalled what St. Peter’s has meant to you.

What we weren’t—was surprised, as we too have drunk the Kool Aid.

Shortly after our move to Wisconsin, it was fate that we happened across a quaint Church in North Lake on a drive through the countryside. We stopped the car and walked around the property, both feeling that it was one of those places we HAD to experience.

We came, you gave, we stayed.

From the first Sunday, you all made us feel like family, and that “St. Peter’s thing” is what we both miss so much. We both know now it wasn’t the quaint church building in North Lake, WI. That drew us in, it was the family within its walls that welcomed us **and** in ways we may never know how completely, has changed our lives.

Thank you all so much for allowing us to share in the spirit of the St. Peter’s family. In peace and love this holiday season and always, Rusty and Diane Olson, Florida

Episcopal News Monthly

The Episcopal News Monthly “newspaper” is being discontinued as an actual “newspaper”. “A Bittersweet Farewell to Ink” article in the last newspaper described the budget cuts by The Episcopal Church Center. That doesn’t mean that the news goes away! You may still read the news

online. Go online to www.episcopalchurch.org/ens to read the stories and view photos. Check it out!

Senior Warden's Reflection by Andy Marks

Open to Grace

Recently, I finished reading a book entitled *Unbroken*. The book written by Laura Hillenbrand tells the true story of Louis Zamperini. As a boy, Louis Zamperini was out of control. He broke into houses, got into fights, and was well known by the local police in his home town of Torrance, California. As a teenager, Louis channeled his defiance into running. His talent in track grew rapidly through high school and college, setting many records along the way. Some thought that Louis would be the first to break the four-minute mile. At age nineteen he qualified for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Although he ran a great race he was outmatched by the older more experienced runners. Overflowing with potential, Louis never got another chance to compete in the Olympics. The war had come and the athlete became an airman. The story of Louis Zamperini is one of survival and grace. Early in the war, Louis's B-24 crashed into the Pacific Ocean. Spending 47 days drifting on a life raft with provisions for only one day, was just the beginning of Louis's journey. For the next two and a half years, embraced by the love of his mom and dad, his older brother and two sisters, Louis endured unimaginable torture and suffering in Japanese prison camps. Presumed dead, it was not until the end of the war that he became reunited with his family. Louis's homecoming was filled with an overwhelming joy that seemed to extinguish his horrible memories of the war. His unflinching determination to live, however, is only part of the story. Louis's adjustment to civilian life seemed to go well for a time, but after several investment setbacks, and a struggling marriage, the war returned with a vengeance. Reoccurring nightmares started to become more and more violent, and Louis descended into a state of darkness so powerful that love of family was powerless. As the world returned to normality, Louis's life spun out of control. Unable to control his circumstances, Louis turned to a faith he hardly recognized.

As I read through the pages of *Unbroken*, I was reminded of the lowest point in my own life. Although my experience pales to what Louis Zamperini had to endure, it was, nevertheless, an extremely challenging time for me. With a lot of prayer and grace I was renewed. Each day I am reminded of all those who are presently enduring their own personal tragedies. One needs to not look too far to see the pain and suffering. I pray God will guide them through their time of trial and fill them with His Grace.

What We Sing: # 525 "The Church's one foundation"

This great hymn was a product of one of those bitter controversies which periodically disturb the generally calm world of the Anglican Church and drive its members into fiercely opposed sides. In 1863 John Colenso, Bishop of Natal, was deposed by his metropolitan, Bishop Robert Gray of Cape Town, because of his rejection of the doctrine of eternal punishment and his questioning of the traditional authorship of the Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua. Bishop Gray went on to attempt to excommunicate Colenso, but Colenso's appeal to the Privy Council succeeded and he remained in his see. The Colenso affair reopened long-standing divisions between liberals and conservatives within the Church of England. Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) was very offended by Bishop of Natal's heretical views. In 1866, Stone, a 27 year-old curate at Windsor, wrote this hymn in defense of the orthodox Anglican position. He later said he was moved to write it by admiration for Archbishop Gray's noble stand in defense of the traditional catholic faith. The hymn is based on the ninth article of the Apostles' Creed: 'I believe in the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints'. 'The Church's one foundation' was first published in Stone's *Lyra Fidelium* in 1866. It was given the title 'The Holy Catholic Church: The Communion of Saints "He is the Head of the Body, the Church"'. In 1868 the editors of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* shortened the hymn to five verses by omitting the original **third** verse, and the **second halves of the sixth and seventh** verses to give a new composite last verse. (This is what we sing

today) The third verse, not often sung today, is the only one to give a hint of the schisms and heresies which caused its writing.

3rd verse

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
Where, in sweet vales, the Bride

Eliminated second half of 6th verse

With all her sons and daughters,
Who by the master's hand
Led through the deathly waters,
Repose in Eden's land.

Eliminated second half of 7th verse

There past the border mountains
She ever shall prevail.
With thee, by living fountain
For ever shall abide.

In 1885 the following three extra verses were inserted between the original fifth and sixth verses to make a processional hymn for use in Salisbury Cathedral:

So, Lord, she stands before thee, For evermore thine own; No merit is her glory, Her boasting this alone; That she who did not choose thee Cam, chosen at they call, Never to leave or lose thee Or from thy favour fall.	For thy true word remaineth; No creature far or nigh No fiend of ill who reigneth In hell or haunted sky; No doubting world's derision That holds her in despite, Shall hide her from thy vision Shall lure her from thy light.	Thine, thine! In bliss or sorrow As well in shade in shine; Of old, today, tomorrow, To all the ages, thine! Thine in her great commission, Baptized into thy name, And in her last fruition Of all her hope and aim.
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The TV Interview—Cute & Clean

The TV news interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new 4th husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

'Interesting,' the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married
one for the money,
two for the show,
three to get ready, and
four to go."

*A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

*When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, HE has faith in your abilities.

*Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large and the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

*Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

*When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.