



Peter's Breakfast with Jesus

By Max Lucado

See the fellow in the shadows? That's Peter. Peter the Apostle. Peter the Impetuous. Peter the passionate. He once walked on water. Stepped right out of the boat into the lake. He'll soon preach to thousands. Fearless before friends & foes alike. But tonight the one who stepped on water has hurried into hiding. The one who will speak with power is weeping in pain.

Not sniffing or whimpering, but weeping. Bawling. Bearded face buried in thick hands. His howl echoing in the Jerusalem night. What hurts more? The fact that he did it? Or the fact that he swore he never would?

"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison & even to die with you!" he pledged only hours earlier. "But Jesus said, 'Peter, before the rooster crows this day, you will say three times that you don't know me'"

Denying Christ on the night of his betrayal was bad enough, but did he have to boast that he wouldn't? And one denial was pitiful, but three? Three denials were horrific, but did he have to curse? "Peter began to place a curse on himself & swear, 'I don't know the man'"

And now, awash in a whirlpool of sorrow, Peter is hiding. Peter is weeping. And soon Peter will be fishing.

We wonder why he goes fishing. We know why he goes to Galilee. He had been told that the risen Christ would meet the disciples there. The arranged meeting place is not the sea, however, but a mountain (Matthew 28:16). If the followers were to meet Jesus on a mountain, what are they doing in a boat? No one told them to fish, but that's what they did. "Simon Peter said, 'I am going out to fish.' The others said, 'We will go with you'" (John 21:3). Besides, didn't Peter quit fishing? Two years earlier, when Jesus called him to fish for men, didn't he drop his net & follow? We haven't seen him fish since. We never see him fish again. Why is he fishing now?

Especially now! Jesus has risen from the dead. Peter has seen the empty tomb. Who could fish at a time like this?

Were they hungry? Perhaps that's the sum of it. Maybe the expedition as born out of growling stomachs.

Or then again, maybe it was born out of a broken heart.

You see, Peter could not deny his denial. The empty tomb did not erase the crowing rooster. Christ had returned, but Peter wondered, he must have wondered, "After what I did, would he return for someone like me?"

We've wondered the same. Is Peter the only person to do the very thing he swore he'd never do?

Infidelity is behind me!"

"From now on, I'm going to bridle my tongue."

No more shady deals. I've learned my lesson."

"Oh the volume of our boasting. and, oh, the heartbreak of our shame.

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Of course, the breakfast was one special moment among several that morning. There was the great catch of fish & the recognition of Jesus. The plunge of Peter & the paddling of the disciples. And there was the moment they reached the shore & found Jesus next to a fire of coals. The fish were sizzling & the bread was waiting, & the defeater of hell & the ruler of heaven invited his friends to sit down & have a bite to eat.

No one could have been more grateful than Peter.

This is an excerpt from the book, "His Name is Jesus" by Max Lucado & is available in our library which is cared for by June Ehlke. Please stop by & pick up a book.

Minister of Visitation

Rev. Ralph Schultz

Several random thoughts are on my mind . . .

Random thought #1: As Minister of Visitation, I attempt to visit our hospitalized, nursing home & homebound members & friends, as time allows. The weeks fly by & I'm constantly realizing that I haven't visited so & so in the last month or two. Please know that you are welcome to call the church office (262-547-2424) & leave a message with the church secretary, Brigitte, or on my line (#3) that you, or someone you're aware of, would like a visit. We will do our best to fulfill all requests. Many times I'm not aware of a specific situation, where a visit would be helpful. That is where you come in.

The number of our members & friends in nursing homes increases from time to time, as people are discharged from the hospital for additional therapy at Linden Grove, Virginia Health Care, The Rehab Hospital of WI, Manor Care or similar places.

The Andrew Club would welcome additional visitors. Some, already visiting, prefer a small number of persons to visit, with more frequent visits. Such visits are made especially in cases where there is little or no family. Other visitors are comfortable with a larger list of persons & do so as time allows. Speak with Jim Harris, JoAn or Jitts Lawrence, Barb Golding, Joanne Otto, Pastor Jim or Reverend Ralph, if you'd like more information, or would like to go along on a typical day's visit. Remember Jesus' words, 'As you did it (a visit, phone call or card) for one of the least of these, you did it for me!' (Matthew 25 loosely adapted).

Random thought #2: Some food for thought as we move into the summer months!! It is so easy to think, now that another winter is over, we can lighten up on our charitable giving, for people need less clothing, the nights are warmer, food, through local gardens, is more plentiful.

Reports from the Food Pantry, Hope Center, Women's Center, Hebron House & the like agencies, indicate that *the need has increased dramatically over the last year or two*. People are still out of work, needing a place to sleep, clothing & food.

Some powerful words from Basil the Great, the 4th century Bishop of Caesarea, remind us of our continuing role as people of faith. Basil writes,

'When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked & does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat hanging unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor.'

As we are able, let us be responsive to those around us, both near & far, who have these & other needs. Our weekly church offerings continue to minister to people, as do our special UCC offerings: Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing & the Christmas Fund. Gifts to agencies like the Hope Center, the Women's Center, Waukesha Food Pantry, Interfaith Senior Programs & others can make a huge difference in people's lives.

Perhaps one less meal out per month means a gift to our church or other people-serving organization. Two random thoughts . . . What do you think?



Hospital Visits

To make sure you receive a visit in the hospital, please list your church as Evangelical & Reformed (E & R) UCC, when filling out forms in admitting. That information is then transferred to a book that clergy can view in the lobby of the hospital.

New Christian Education Director

We have chosen **Jill Dierberg** as our new Director of Christian Education & she will begin working July 21st after she & her fiancé return from a trip to South Africa. Jill is a graduate from the PhD program at Denver/Illiff school of theology & she will be working with us as she completes her PhD dissertation over the next several years.

Heartfelt thanks go out to **Toni Perez** for her dedication & commitment to this position over the last several months! You are greatly appreciated!

Women's Guild

Sue Manzke

The Women's Guild is having its June 7th meeting at the Chancery in Waukesha. We will be meeting at 12:00 at the Chancery for lunch & a business meeting which will include election of officers. Remember all ladies of the church are members . . . why not come & join us. Please call **June Ehlke at 262-542-3524** to reserve your spot!!

Sarah Circle

Janet Perkins, Secretary

Seven members of the Sarah Circle recently enjoyed lunch & conversation at Culver's on Sunset.

Their next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 9th at 9:30 am** at church. Come with lots of ideas as this will be our planning meeting for programs beginning in September. We will order out sub sandwiches to have with chips, a fruit salad & dessert. Guests are welcome!

Circle of Friends Quilt Group

Recording Secretary, Heidi Pagel

The Circle of Friends Quilt Group met both on Monday, May 3rd & Monday, May 17th. We welcomed back our snowbird, Jan Biersock to the group today & are very happy

to have her join us once again. The group was able to attach padding onto our expanded ironing board. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Mark Maile who lent his staple gun for the job. ☺

We also now have a design board for use in planning quilt patterns. Devotions

were given by Heidi during lunch from the Upper Room Devotional book. The group cut & sewed borders on three more quilts for the Women's Center & layered & tied one. The group is very proud to have delivered four finished quilts to the Women's Center which encompassed our winter month's work & we are working on 5 more. We have baby quilts, an afghan, a wall hanging, cards & potholders for sale in the church library for anyone looking for a special gift or item for themselves. Once again we welcome anyone who wishes to join us for fellowship & mission work. We welcome anyone with sewing skills or without . . . There is always work for all hands to do! Thank you.



Elder's Meeting / Hospitality Committee

Heidi Pagel

The Hospitality Committee wishes to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to all of the E & R members that came forward to volunteer for our new Hospitality Committee Usher/Greeter/Host assignments. It truly was touching to see so many of you willing to help out with this effort. We had such a wonderful response that we are looking at possibly setting up 8 to 11 teams. WOW!!!! That means that all of you who volunteered will only have to serve possibly 4 times a year. This is where that saying "Many Hands Make Light Work" holds true. I am asking all of you to watch for you schedules in the mail. Mike Suchecki & I are working very diligently to get them setup & out to you as soon as possible. We may not get them out to you before June, but please be patient – they will come. I am also informing everyone that we will have sign-up sheets in the Ushers room for individuals to volunteer for special Sunday services like Christmas, Lenten Services & Easter. Please keep us in mind for helping on those weekends if you can. The next Elder's Hospitality Committee Meeting will be on **June 6, 2010 after the church service at 10:30 am**. That also will be the first Sunday our first Hospitality Committee Usher/Greeter/Host Team will be volunteering. If you should have any questions or wish to join us, please contact **Heidi Pagel at (262) 894-9007**.



From the Presidents Pew

Brian Van Buren, Council President

Just a reminder to attend the last of the Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation on June 7th at 7 p.m. The subject will be "Extravagant Generosity" or the Stewardship of the Church!!



Our Ministry Strong

Summer is upon us . . . & our regular offerings to support the ongoing ministries of our church need to continue being our first priority in giving. We kindly ask everyone to please keep their regular (**current**) giving strong especially during the summer months when many families are away on vacation!

- Budgeted Income: thru April - **\$83950.04**
- Actual Income: thru April - **\$73492.00**

Youth News . . . We're on a Mission

The High School Age Youth Group will soon be leaving for their YouthWorks Mission



Trip to Minneapolis on June 13th. They have a total of 18 students & chaperones going, including 4 chaperones (**in bold**) . . .

Pastor Gorman

Toni Perez

Natalie Schaeffer

Alex Tran

Allison Pierson

Carissa Wortman

Bethany Price

Tania Mutchie

Sammi Jo Donovan

Kathy Price

Rachel Schaeffer

Johnathan Armstrong

Brad Bessler

Melissa Pierson

Becca Price

Julia Mutchie

Shelby Perez

Brittany Mestre

They will be commissioned on Sunday the 13th & then pack up to go to Minneapolis. They will work Monday–Thursday, will adventure to Noah’s Ark on Friday & should arrive home by 10pm Friday night.

The Mission site is in North East Minneapolis at the Elim Baptist Church. Most of the work is with the homeless, with children, a wholesale outlet like Salvation Army (cleaning & sorting clothes), a nursing home & the like.

Please keep the group in your prayers for safety & an incredible bonding/faith growing experience.

Scholarships

Last call . . . Scholarship applications are available for pick up in the church office & are due back to the office this coming **FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010** by 12:30 pm!

Keep Recycling

Don't forget to bring in your used ink jet cartridges . . .

We are continuing to recycle them to raise money for the Youth Group account. Please put them in the green box on the coat rack shelf near the south entrance. Thanks to all those that have been helping us in this area thus far . . . every little bit counts!



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Senior Health & Wellness Fair

Avalon Square (located at 222 Park Pl. in downtown Waukesha) would like to invite all seniors to a Health & Wellness Fair to be held on **Wednesday, June 2nd from 10am – 2pm**. It is promoting vitality & healthy senior lifestyles. Senior adults are invited to explore wellness through a variety of demonstrations, informative exhibits, health screenings & more. Featured presentations include: “Laughter Fitness: Laughing for the Health of It!” by Diane Kane, Certified Laughter Leader & CEO of the Milwaukee Laughter Club at 10:30 am & a Drums Alive fitness demo at 1:15 pm.

A healthful gourmet lunch will be available for purchase at the Café from 11:30-1pm. **Event admission is free.** For more info or to pre-register, call (262) 446-9310.

Upcoming Rotating Coffee Hour Hosts

- July 4: Trustees
- July 11: Gathering Grounds
- July 18: Woman’s Gathering
- July 25: **Open****



**Anyone interested in doing an “Open” Coffee hour should kindly let the church office know . . .

Flowers for Sunday Services . . .

Fresh flowers are a beautiful addition to our Sunday services . . . If you are interested in signing up to supply flowers for an upcoming Sunday service please see the Flower Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the fellowship hall or contact the office by phone or email. Also, if you are interested in saving a few dollars on your arrangement, we have accumulated a generous stock of vases, both large & small, so please feel free to pick up an empty vase anytime during office hours: **8:30am – 12:30pm • Monday - Friday.**

SPECIAL NOTE ~Trumpet Mailing

If you or a loved one are receiving this Trumpet by mail & would like to STOP receiving it –OR– if you would be willing to switch your method of mailing to EMAIL to \$ave the church a few pennies . . . please let the Church Office know by calling **262-547-2424** or emailing Brigette at **EandRoffice@att.net** at your earliest convenience.

Keeping in Touch

Jean Morris recently moved away to be closer to her family . . . she is doing well & making the adjustment to her new home! If you are interested in keeping in touch by phone or mail, her new contact information is below:

**15 Main St. #913
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
843-342-4488**

Other Churches visited . . .

Lee & Nancy Jones attended the Appleton First Congregational United Church of Christ while visiting their daughter Linda & her family.

In Loving memory of . . .

Reverend Roger J Petersen, age 79 passed away on March 7, 2010. He was retired clergy for the United Church of Christ which included churches in Holland, Bretzville, Mt. Vernon, Francesville & Medaryville, IN & Ackerville, Slinger & Jackson, WI & a member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ.



Thank You's

We received a thank you card from **Mary Soat** to the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry . . . "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful prayer shawl that was delivered to me by Shirley Maile. The shawl is absolutely beautiful & I love the colors! It will give me warmth & a feeling of love & comfort each time I use the shawl. Thank you so much for thinking of me & sending this gift of love. I'm very blessed to have you in my life!"

We received a thank you card from **Nate Leuzinger** . . .

*It was so nice of you . . .
so generous of you . . .
so thoughtful of you . . .
so typical of you.*



"Thank you Pastor Gorman & Reverend Schultz for all the visits while I was in the Hospital & the Rehab Hospital. Thanks also to everyone for all the cards, phone calls & prayers." God bless, Nate.

Hope Center



Diane Backler

It was our turn again to serve & help at the HOPE Center on Wednesday, April 28th. Since this was my first time since becoming the Coordinator of this event, I found that it was a rewarding experiencing to get a smile & a thank you from most everyone for just being there . . . especially from the children. I would like to thank everyone that donated money towards milk, their baking skills in making a cake, or simply their time to help, it was all greatly appreciated! Those that generously helped at this event were Ruth Aschmann, Sue Sterner , Harry & Sue Manzke, Rosemary Riemer, Viola Stevens, Jim Harris & Harold & Lois Lewis. Our next scheduled time is **Wednesday, September 8th, 2010**. If you are willing to assist or have any questions please feel free to contact me (*Diane Backler*) at **(262) 544-5397** or talk to me after church. Thank you!

Salvation Army Needs

If anyone is looking for a need to fill . . . The Salvation Army Men's Lodge is in desperate need of **NEW** towels & washcloths. We are considering allowing those who are not in a shelter or residence, the chance to shower here, but towels are in short supply.



They can always use coffee as well.

You may be thinking what else can we do?? We need to replace the 13 year old mattresses & are awaiting a price. Maybe if each church could "**Sponsor a Bed**" & supply a mattress or even two . . . this feat would become reality in a short time! Funds for this would allow those that are tax exempt &/or able to buy in bulk to help us possibly save even more. **We are looking for 30 mattresses.** They must also be protected so we can sanitize them. Thank you for any consideration & always for your prayer support.

2009-2010 Memory Work Awards

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education & the Congregation of E & R UCC, the following children have successfully completed the required memory work & are recognized for their accomplishments . . .

Pre-School & Kindergarten Dept.

*Lora Tran Caitlin Proffitt Lindsay Juno Erin Davis
Kate Olson Jordan Beaster Aiden Brey*

First Grade (John 3:16 & Genesis 1:1)

Mariann Maile Lora Witt

Second Grade (The Lord's Prayer)

Jaida Armstrong Shannon Coryell Sydney Demerath Gabrielle Proffitt

Third Grade (The Ten Commandments)

Alex Dowling Alicia Davis Emma Witt Riley Brey

Fourth Grade (The Apostles' Creed)

Charlie Farkas Cailin Demerath Darren Juno

Fifth Grade (Psalm 23)

Grace Proffitt

Sixth Grade (The Books of the New Testament)

Jack Sterner Sara Witt

Appreciation Recital

Seth King Gengler, a recent graduate of Waukesha North High School will be performing a *free* Piano Recital here at E & R Church on **Friday, July 23rd, 2010 at 7pm** in the sanctuary.

Seth wishes to show his appreciation & thanks for the support he has received from friends & community. This fall he will be attending the University of Michigan.

The past two July's Seth has participated in a piano program in Pilsen, Czech Republic & on May 2nd, he played with the Wisconsin Philharmonic Orchestra at Carroll's Shattuck Auditorium.



Council Meeting – April 12, 2010

Recording Secretary – Shirley Maile

Present: Brian Van Buren, Shirley Maile, Glenn Koehn, Carol Austin, Shirley Ehlke, Rosemary Riemer, Toni Perez, Joe Inzeo, Mike Suchecki, Sue Kuhtz, Jim Gorman, Scott Donovan, Gordy Heilert

Excused: Arlen Meidenbauer Dick Anderson, Rick Sasse, Ruth Ann Krause, Shelby Perez

Guests: Mark Maile, Sue Kuhtz, Erik Olson

Opening Prayer: Brian Van Buren

New Council Secretary:

Minutes of March 8, 2010

Shirley will review Pastor's Gorman's minutes & then sign them as corrected by her.

Treasurer's Report

- Income about \$8,000 short of budget.
- End of quarter so SECA for minister was paid & one quarter of OCWM. We need to check to see at end of year how much came in against

the \$6,000 in our budget & then ask what to do about it.

- Gas & electric is down to \$3058
- Janitor supplies down significantly.
- Bill for \$332 for mulch around the church. How to handle the payment? Not really budgeted. Do we need to do this again next year.? We may be able to finish up next year with what we already have. Could fall into Maintenance & Repair this year, but we should budget for it next year.
- Moved & seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- Building project – full spectrum bill of \$15,213 should be our final payment. We have to have it up & running by September in order to get the rebate (year from beginning of the contract). Total cost of the project is \$101,000 with a possible \$75,000 rebate from several sources.

Pastor's Report available for review in the office.

Elders

Rosemary notes that there is no report, but Heidi has called a meeting for this coming Sunday & the next on the Hospitality issue as raised by the Five Practices working group.

Trustees

- Personnel: A Chart on Chain of Command for staff was presented by Glenn. Pastor should get copy,
- Sue asks about the secretary "banking" hours against needed time off. Personnel said we should NOT bank the hours. We're afraid that too many hours would add up & then we would have to get coverage to replace her.
- Joe Inzeo moves to approve the Chain Command. Toni Perez seconds. Approved.
- Reserved signs for pews. Approved 4 more signs. Should come out of Trustees' account that was created with money left over from the building. Glenn Moves to pay for the reserve signs out of the \$1,000 left to the Trustees Shirley seconds. Approved
- Lawn fertilizer. Janitor's supplies account. Glenn got some from an estate sale & purchased.
- Meeting next Wednesday with Becky Behrens from Church Mutual.

Deacons

No report

Youth

- Mission Trip
- Not enough interest on the Work Weekend at Pilgrim Center

Old Business

1. La Vina rent update. The Wisconsin Conference has agreed to pay the \$150 per month rent for La Viña for the year Feb 1, 2010 to Jan 31, 2011.
2. Trustees
 - a. Personnel update on DCE – our candidate turned us down. Her reason: not enough salary or financial support for the Education program. Still looking at several more candidates whom we will interview 4th of May 6:30.
3. Elders – Hospitality Community
 - a. Heidi is chairing & will meet as noted above.
4. Deacons—Schedule a Saturday for red cross training AED
 - a. Brian will contact Deacons for training on the Automatic Electronic Defribilator
5. Bring a Friend Day—May ?
 - a. visitors, folks who attended & are not any longer.
 - b. Coupon for a free ice cream & such along with map & information for members to invite.
 - c. Should be advertized several weeks out.

New Business:

1. Five practices update – Erik Olson was here to explain the basecamp process & website. As each meeting takes place, we add a "to do" list to the practice we discussed that night. It helps us keep track of what we are doing & who is responsible.
2. Thanks from Rueck on gifts received on the occasion of his 20th anniversary with us.
3. Should we have a rummage sale? A lot of work. Did one several years ago. Ice Cream Social? Hot Dogs? During July 4th parade? Tabled.
4. Committee list & chairs passed around.
5. Opening prayer for May meeting – Toni Perez

Adjourn

