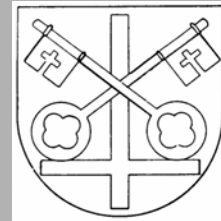


# Crossed Keys



May, 2007

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Dear Families and Friends of St. Peter's

It's time to have a talk...

### LIVING WILLS AND ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

At several junctions in our lives, we need to have significant conversations with our loved ones. If you wish, your church can be part of each of these conversations, to understand you and support you in your decisions.

In this article I would like to remind you of the very important decisions regarding the end of our earthly lives. These are conversations we might like to avoid, but they are absolutely necessary.

The documents which used to be called "Living Wills" are now called "Advanced Directives." These documents are best filed with your lawyer, in consultation with your doctor, your "Power of Attorney for Health Care," and your "Durable Power of Attorney." Your Power of Attorney for Health Care is a person you appoint to make medical decisions on your behalf, only and if you are not capable of making decisions on your own. Your Durable Power of Attorney is a person (it might be the same person, but does not need to be) to whom you appoint the authority of acting in all other matters on your behalf, specifically your financial and property decisions. Your Advanced Directive is a document which directs any restrictions you might place on the medical care provided to you in the case of emergency. For example, my mother decided, long before she died, that if she were to have a heart attack, stroke, or any other critical failure, that she would like not to have any 'heroic' or emergency measures taken (like CPR or Life Support) to sustain her life. In her opinion, she had arrived at the point in her life where every day was a gift, and if her body were to fail suddenly, she would interpret that as God's way of ending her life.

At 44 years old, I have taken a different approach, which is outlined in my Advanced Directive. If I were to have a major emergency medical failure, the chances are good that I could

be revived and received proper treatment to sustain my life for many years. My decision and directive to my loved ones and medical community is "Go for it!"

It should be clearly understood that the Advanced Directive is not sufficient to prevent emergency measures from taking place. For example, if you or I have a heart attack in a public place, and someone calls 9-11, the Emergency Medical Services team is required to do everything in their power to keep us alive and transport us to the hospital, including CPR and electrical stimulation. If your loved one is present and notifies the team that you have an Advanced Directive on file, this is not enough for them to stop CPR. The only thing that would stop an EMS team from resuscitating you is if you have a bracelet on your wrist or ankle, designed to say, "Do Not Resuscitate". These bracelets are available through your pharmacy, doctor, or Senior Center.

Lastly, it is very important that your wishes be expressed, in writing, for the care of your physical body (cremation or not, and burial place) and your funeral services. In these wishes, you should be as specific as possible, including special roles for friends and family, music, and liturgy.

Are you overwhelmed by this letter? You might be, if you do not have these things in place. But if you need help, your church is here to help you. Just call Fr. Kevin or me to set up time to visit about these matters. We are your church now, and through every transition in your life, and we will be your church forever!

God bless you,

David+

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### **KEVIN'S CORNER...**

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

We are rapidly approaching departure for our missions trip to Juarez, Mexico. For those of you who are less familiar with the trip and what all is involved, I thought I would devote this edition of the Crossed Keys to more details of the House Building project through Casas por Cristo. Here's what our trip will look like.

On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> a group of us will depart from St. Peter's parking lot at 5:00 a.m. (Burt St. John recently informed me that "There are 2 five o'clocks every day". News to me, but I'm willing to test out his theory.) We will drive the two white church vans down to Albuquerque, NM. I'm guessing we'll make it there by 7:15 or so that evening. (But it could be 7:20...) We'll stay that night at St. Mark's on the Mesa Episcopal Church, which is near the University of New Mexico, and right around the corner from the first house Chris and I rented when we were married. After attending St. Mark's early service at 8 Sunday morning, we'll gather our sleeping bags and head down to El Paso, TX, another 265 miles south.

In El Paso, we'll stay at a retreat center attached to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This is technically in La Union, NM, but is just a few miles from El Paso. We'll buy our groceries for the week Sunday afternoon and rest up from our long van ride that evening.

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet Doc, our team leader from Casas por Cristo, in the morning and cross over the border to Juarez. Our first stop will likely be at the Casas storage facility where we'll pick up tools we will be using later that day. After a visit to the church in Juarez where we'll be staying to drop off our belongings,

we'll head to the job site where we'll meet some members of the family and begin our build.

We'll pour the concrete slab foundation and cut the 2x4's for the frame Monday. If all goes well we will also build the frame for the house that day. Monday is my favorite day because we are so excited and teamwork rules the day. At the end of the day we'll head back to the church and have some dinner, study some scripture, and collapse into our beds.

Tuesday, we'll wake up sore. But that won't stop us from getting started around 8:00 back at the job site. We'll inspect our concrete, and set up the frame. Once this is done part of the team will begin nailing "black board" to the outside of the house. Another group will begin putting up the roof, while someone else drills holes for the electrical wiring. Later, chicken wire will go over the black board and the roof will go on. Tuesday is my favorite day, because when we show up in the morning there is just a concrete slab and by the time we leave at the end of the day, the house is standing. It's amazing. Back at the church, dinner, scripture and prayer, conversation, sleep- mostly in that order.

Wednesday, we'll wake up even sorer, but we'll be excited to finish the house. We'll stucco the outside, finish hanging dry wall on the inside, attach all of the electrical outlets and light fixtures and do any other extras that we decide to do. (For example, in the past we have purchased a swamp cooler for the family. We'd hang this on the last day.) There's a good chance we'll finish the house by the end of our day Wednesday. If we do,

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**Please pray daily for  
our Vestry and for  
their ministry to**

it as far as we feel we safely can, most likely to Denver or Ft. Collins. Friday, we'll finish the drive home. Hopefully, we'll be back in time for dinner. Neither Thursday nor Friday is my favorite day.

Well, that's what our schedule might look like. Now, this is missions work, and we are going to Mexico, so it's possible that reality will look much, much different than what I have just presented to you.

My hope is that, with this handy guide to our time away, you'll be inspired to pray for us while we are away. The truth is you *are* going with us. We'll feel the power of your prayers and your encouragement through the Spirit of Jesus who is leading us. Thanks for praying and thanks for coming along, whether in the flesh or in spirit.

By Grace,



Kevin Jones

## Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday of May, is a time to remember and appreciate people who have served or who are now serving in the military. Today, service members are volunteers who willingly leave their families and homes to serve as protectors, defenders and servants of our beloved country. Their roles often involve great danger, perilous missions and harm to their bodies, minds and spirits.



Let those in military service know that you appreciate their service and sacrifice on behalf of American. Pray for them, speak appreciatively to them and let them know of your support.



Congratulations to the following people who were baptized into our Lord's family during the Easter Vigil Service, 2007:

Jarrad Earl Fort  
Randy Earl Fort  
Carter Austin Pattison  
Christopher Earl Fort

Dana Lynn Fort  
Schiller Patrick Murphy  
Cory Robert Hansford

Maggie Marie Fort  
Chance Alan Pattison  
Bailee Marie Mentock



Two years ago Kim Ryan, Sarah and I took the youth group to the Sonshine music festival in Willmar, MN. Sonshine is a Christian music event that has five stages and over one hundred bands that play in three days. Every person can find almost any type of music that their heart desires. On our last trip the weather was hot; the temperature was over one hundred degrees with the humidity near ninety percent all three days. I had decided at that time if we were to come back, hotels would be the only way to go.

A while after the trip back I had a conversation with a student about his music collection. He had decided to trade out his secular hard rock music for a Christian music collection. This was a big decision since he had a large music collection and had spent a lot of money and time finding rare CD's. It was because of the Sonshine festival he was able to find many other bands that had positive messages to listen to.

This last month I decided that it was time to visit Sonshine once again. After calling eight hotels I realized that I was a year late on reservations and we would have to spend our time camping under the blazing sun. Of course this was more than fine with the students. Last night at youth group I handed out the trip information and sign up sheets. Within two hours ten students had signed up. It is electrifying to hear the stirring buzz and excitement from the teens anticipating this trip. These are the trips that build community and make lasting memories!

A big thank you goes out the Women of St. Peter's for their generous donation to the youth program. Because of their donation the cost of the trip will be more affordable to our students. Even though we have funds set aside to reduce the cost, many of the students are looking for work to help pay for their expenses. If you have any work and would be willing to help pay for part of their experience please give me a call.

Thank you,

AnDy

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

This is the house of God!  
Welcome in the name of Christ.  
We gather to worship our Creator  
who is our refuge and strength.  
Lift up your heart and offer praise  
to the God of glory.



To the families of Lloyd and Margie  
Long, who both passed away on Easter  
Day.

**Special Dates Ahead**

National Day of Prayer	5/3
Friendship Day	5/4
Christian Family Week	5/6-12
Mother's Day	5/13
Ascension of the Lord	5/17
Armed Forces Day	5/19
Victoria Day (Canada)	5/21
Pentecost	5/27
Memorial Day	5/28

**ST. PETER'S  
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**Interest free loans  
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**St. Peter's has a web site, thanks to Mary Paquet.** The address for this site is **www.stpeterssheridan.com**. The website is an active and changing medium for communication within our congregation and includes sermons, Crossed Keys, a monthly calendar, Vestry members, Clergy and various links pertaining to worship within the Episcopal tradition. Please take advantage of this website when you get a minute, to browse the pages. Any feedback or suggestions for additions are welcome and may be sent to Mary Paquet — **mydogsandy@fiberpipe.net**.

**Easter Morning, 2007**

*Twenty degrees, snow—  
Finches sing on the garage roof.  
One daffodil bud bends its head  
In the sun's insignificant warmth.*

*They surround us, these complexities  
and contradictions. One Life  
necessitates one Death, and yet,  
even now, in wind edged with ice,  
tulips push through dead leaves.*



Jane E. Wohl

*The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of  
which you will always find forgiveness.*

—Honore de Balzac

**Office Hours**  
**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
**1:00 p.m. —4:00 p.m.**

**VESTRY  
MEETINGS**  
**4th TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH**



**Sacred Thirst by M. Craig Barnes, pg. 142.**

After complaining a bit, Peter eventually said, "**Nevertheless**, if you say so, Jesus, I'll let down the nets again." The word **nevertheless** is such a wonderful word. It's another term for *faith*, which always makes room for our doubts but in the end chooses to do what Jesus asks. "Jesus, I have done all I can do, and I don't see how this could possibly work. There is no hope out there for me; **nevertheless**, if you say so, I will try again." It is all that Jesus asks, and it is all that he requires: "When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink." Incredible.


It would be easy to pass this off as just another fish story that got out of hand, but a net-breaking catch of fish is not the real miracle Luke wants to tell us about. Many biblical commentators knock themselves out trying to explain how it was possible for a school of fish to swim into the nets, and how these ancient boats weren't designed for such massive loads, and...and...and it all misses the point. The truly amazing part of this story is the claim that there is a Savior in your boat. If you believe that the Savior is in your boat, then anything is possible.

IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. 307-674-7655

Holy Eucharist- HE  
 Healing Service- H  
 Sunday School- SS  
 Youth Group- EYC  
 Daughters of the King- DOK  
 Morning Prayer- MP  
 Adult Education- AE



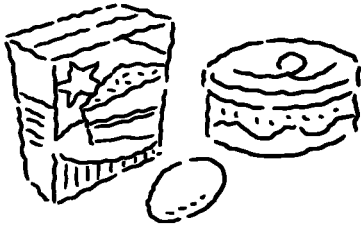
*Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday*

		<p>1</p> <p>7:00 am HE Sts Philip/James</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Women's Council</p> <p>9:00 am St. Nick</p> <p>7:00 pm Jr. EYC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10-3:00 RED DOOR</p> <p>7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Violet Show</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>House-building mission departs for Juarez, Mexico. Please pray for safety.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>7:30 am HE</p> <p>9:00 am SS/AE CHOIR</p> <p>10:00 am HE [Sheridan College Choir visits St. Peter's]</p> <p>7:00 pm Sr. EYC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 pm DOK</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am St. Nick</p> <p>7:00 pm Jr. EYC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00—3:00 pm RED DOOR</p> <p>7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Roses for Moms</i></p>
<p>13</p> <p>7:30 am HE</p> <p>9:00 am SS/AE CHOIR</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p> <p>7:00 pm SR. EYC</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am St. Nick</p> <p>7:00 pm Jr. EYC and St. Margaret's</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am HE Ascension Day</p> <p>10:00 - 3:00 pm RED DOOR</p> <p>7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b></p>	
<p>20</p> <p>7:30 am HE</p> <p>9:00 am SS/AE CHOIR</p> <p>10:00 am HE &amp; CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:00 pm Graduation Banquet</p> <p>7:00 pm Sr. EYC</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p> <p>5:00 pm VESTRY</p> <p><b>Lunch</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am St. Nick</p> <p>7:00 pm Jr. EYC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00—3:00 pm RED DOOR</p> <p>7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE</p> <p><b>Together</b></p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>PENTECOST</p> <p>7:30 am HE</p> <p>9:00 am SS/AE CHOIR</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p> <p>7:00 pm Sr. EYC</p>	<p>28</p> <p> MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 am HE</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am St. Nick</p> <p>7:00 pm Jr. EYC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 am HE Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> There will be no change in Sunday worship times for the summer.</p>	

## Cloud Cookies

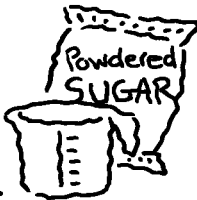
Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9, NRSV).

When you make these cloud cookies, remember what the angels said to his apostles: “This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (verse 11).



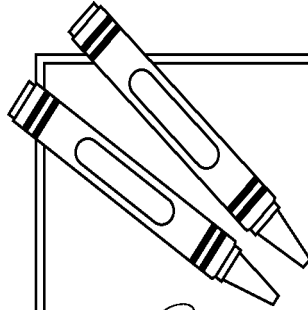
### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 container (6 oz.) of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups powdered sugar



### What you do:

1. Combine cake mix and egg.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto powdered sugar and coat well.
4. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until tops are firm.



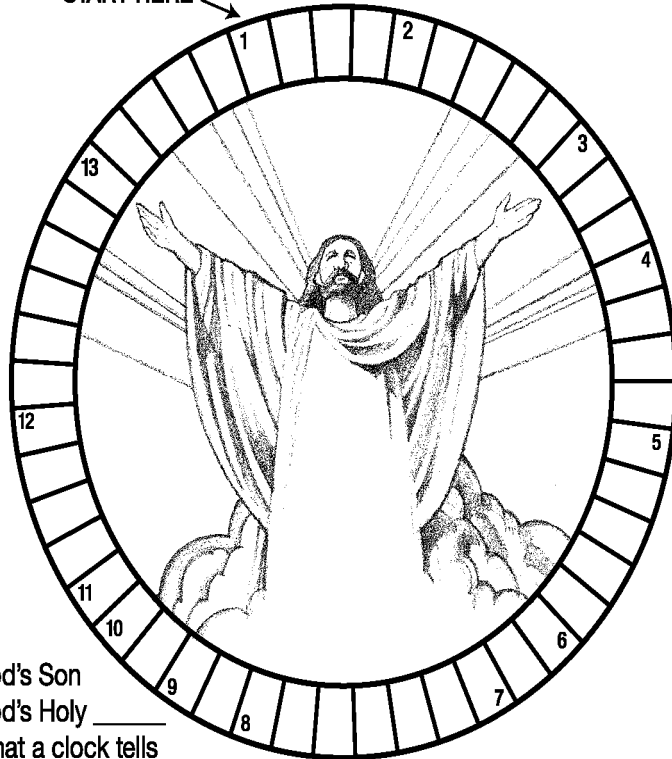
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## Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. God's Son                 | 9. Modern word for thee   |
| 2. God's Holy _____          | 10. Opposite of down      |
| 3. What a clock tells        | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet                | 12. Comes back            |
| 5. Where Jesus is now        | 13. Searches for          |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament |                           |
| 7. An onlooker               |                           |
| 8. Place to see clouds       |                           |

Answers:  
 1) Jesus; 2) Spirit; 3) time; 4) Earth; 5) heaven; 6) new; 7) witness; 8) sky;  
 9) you; 10) up; 11) power; 12) returns; 13) seeks

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To the Members of St. Peters:

As I write this, I can't help but think about our upcoming Casa por Christo house building mission to Juarez, Mexico, and realize how blessed I am, for so many reasons. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord with Reverend Jones, fellow vestry and St. Peter's members as we attempt to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. I am grateful that I have the support of my family and my employer to take time away from other responsibilities to embark on this mission. I am especially grateful to be a member of a congregation that places an emphasis on outreach through deeds.

As you read this, we will likely be on our way south. Please pray for our mission. Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Peters.

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt 5:16*

Mike Evers