

# The Fisherman's Line

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## *Pastor's Ponderings*

### *Jesus, we need you!*

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Few of us would argue with that statement. We need Jesus! In fact, the last weeks have all been spent reflecting on why we need a savior, and not just any savior - why we need Jesus. This month, as we pass from Lent and pondering the "why" of the cross, we enter in to the "what now" of Christ's resurrection.

#### **HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

"Indeed!" Easter is the rush of adrenaline after our brush with the grave Good Friday, because of Christ. "Jesus has arisen and we shall arise. Give God the Glory, Alleluia!" \* Then we go home from the trumpets and song to have a nice meal and go back to work on Monday. As Peggy Lee famously wondered? "Is that all there is?" For those of you who remember the song, it concluded that it was. Was Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, all there was for us or is there something that continues to answer our yearning for rescue from fear, pain, and death. We hear the story and experience the joy of the moment, but does it really impact our lives today?

The short answer is, "Yes, indeed!" From John 20, we know, "Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

To those who thought that Jesus life and mission ended then and to those who act as if it ended with his ascension, Jesus gives the time to let the reality of his resurrection sink in. As the adrenaline of Sunday gives way to the worries of Monday, Jesus offers the peace and assurance of his presence in our lives and lets us absorb that his mission is far from over. Friday wasn't the end and neither was Sunday. It was the beginning of a Spirit fuel purpose to take the good news to a world cradled on the edge of the grave.

During this Easter season, let that sink in. Jesus is here with us calling us to more than what the world would have us believe. Pentecost is coming, and INDEED!, it is already here. Lord Jesus, thank you for being here with us, now and forever, Jesus! Amen Your sister in Christ, *Pr. Karen* \*Rev. Herbert F. Brokering -Beatrice, NE

### Sound System

Thank you for your patience with our sound system. Council is trying to find out what the delay is with the new equipment.

We are hoping to have it in by Easter, but cannot be sure.



(See John 20:1-18)

04-09-2012

WELL PLAYED

## April SERVANTS

Council: Dee Moeller  
Connie Wichman

Ushers: Dan Westerhold  
Leon Bruns

Altar Committee: Nancy Wichman, Chair, Jennifer Thomsen, Mandy Moeller

Readers: Palm Sunday—Deb Suhr

Good Friday—Dan Wichman

Easter—Dee Moeller

April 16—Dave Westerhold

April 23—Connie Wichman

April 30—Bruce Wichman



Council approved Robb Roeber as the new Sunday School Treasurer. Thank you, Robb!

Mary Bruns will be hosting St. Peter's Helping Hands at her home on Wednesday, April 5th, at 12 noon.

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Amazing  
Grace



*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

[1 Peter 4:10]



St. Peter's new email and website will be ready for use April 1st.

In addition to our church phone number, (402)385-2455, Facebook, and the REMIND app, we now have a church website and direct email to connect. Watch next month to explore features available on the website.

Digital photos needed for website church photo album- submit to:  
stpeterspender@hotmail.com

*Submission of photos is considered permission to publish online*

## *Birthdays*

*and*

## *Anniversaries*

- 1` Kurt Kaser
- 6 Margaret Westerhold
- 10 Jana Wichman
- 11 Robb Roeber  
Janet Schopke
- 13 Julie Wageman
- 16 Cash Reppert
- 22 Edine Vogt
- 30 Joel Bruns



- 16 Eric and Jennifer Thomsen
- 25 Larry and Susanne Sunderman
- 27 Ken and Colleen Essmann

ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 FEBRUARY 2023 TREASURERS REPORT  
 DAVE WESTERHOLD TREASURER

EXPENSES

DATE	ITEM		AMOUNT
5-Feb	ST MARKS PASTOR SALARY PAYMENT	8657	\$ 2,451.05
5-Feb	CCRWD	8658	\$ 56.40
5-Feb	CENTURY LINK	8659	\$ 69.86
5-Feb	SMITH FARM SERVICE	8660	\$ 1,863.20
9-Feb	WASTE CONNECTIONS	8661	\$ 55.28
9-Feb	WEISE ELECTRIC	8662	\$ 1,240.00
14-Feb	BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL W/C	8663	\$ 367.00
14-Feb	BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL P/C	8664	\$ 434.42
14-Feb	NEBRASKA SYNOD	8665	\$ 800.00
17-Feb	OLSENS PEST CONTROL	8665	\$ 89.00
21-Feb	CCPPD	AUTOPAY	\$ 245.21
23-Feb	HEWLETT PACKARD	CARD	\$ 262.14
28-Feb	FREEDOM BROADBAND	CARD	\$ 49.99
TOTAL EXPENSE FEBRUARY			\$ 7,983.55

INCOME

PLATE AND ENVELOPE

5-Feb		\$ 1,759.00
12-Feb		\$ 1,230.00
19-Feb		\$ 420.00
26-Feb		\$ 715.00

TOTAL PLATE AND ENVELOPE INCOME \$ 4,124.00

MISC INCOME

22-Feb	DONATION	\$ 500.00
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TOTAL MISC INCOME \$ 500.00

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FEBRUARY 1, 2023 BALANCE	\$ 33,769.69
PLUS FEBRUARY INCOME	\$ 4,624.00
MINUS FEBRUARY EXPENSES	\$ 7,983.55
FEBRUARY 28, 2023 BALANCE	\$ 30,410.14

CHURCH MOWING FUND:

FEBRUARY 1, 2023 BALANCE	\$ 57.76
FEBRUARY 28, 2023 BALANCE	\$ 57.76

**Pender Community Cares** is in need of multiple items for the food pantry. If you can donate any of the following items, bring them to the church through Easter.

Canned fruit, peanut butter, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, or toilet paper.

# APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 9am Worship St. Marks Online Worship <b>10am final Sunday School before next school year</b> 10:30am Worship St. Peters 12pm CH 98</p>	<p>3 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>4 10am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>5 2pm Bible Study <b>No Confirmation</b> 6:30 Joint Council SP 7pm Council SP</p>	<p>6 <b>Mundy Thursday</b> 5:30-6pm seating for Dinner 6pm Film "Babette's Feast" with dinner followed by Communion &amp; Stripping Altar SM</p>	<p>7 <b>Good Friday</b> 5:30pm St. Peters 7pm St. Marks</p>	<p>8 <b>Holy Saturday</b> 6am church open for prayer <b>Basement reserved</b></p>
<p>9 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7am Sunrise Service @St. Peters <b>Breakfast at each church*</b> 10am Worship St. Marks Online Worship 12pm CH 98</p>	<p>10 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>11 10am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>12 Quilting 2:30 Confirmation 7pm Council SM</p>	<p>13 10:30am Prairie Breeze Service 1pm Prairie Breeze Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Cluster gathering</p>	<p>15 10am-12pm Food Pantry @ United</p>
<p>16 <b>Easter 2</b> 9am Worship St. Marks Online Worship 10:30am Worship St. Peters 12pm CH 98</p>	<p>17 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>18 10am Clergy Text Study Tax Day</p>	<p>19 2:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>20 10:30am Prairie Breeze Service 1pm Prairie Breeze Bible Study</p>	<p>21 Cluster gathering</p>	<p>22 10am-12pm Food Pantry @ United</p>
<p>23 <b>Easter 3</b> 9am Worship St. Marks Online Worship 10:30am Worship St. Peters 12pm CH 98</p>	<p>24 Pastor's Day Off <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>25 10am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>26 Quilting 2:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>27 10:30am Prairie Breeze Service 1pm Prairie Breeze Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Cluster gathering</p>	<p>29 10am-12pm Food Pantry @ United</p>
<p>30 <b>Easter 4</b> 9am Worship St. Marks Online Worship 10:30am Worship St. Peters 12pm CH 98</p>	<p>* Easter Breakfast at St. Peter's after service</p>	<p>* Easter Breakfast at St. Mark's 8:45</p>				

He is Risen!

Alleluia!

MANY VOICES, ONE SONG