

The Fisherman's Line

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Pastor's Ponderings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is often seen as a time of giving - giving up, more specifically. People who don't even know what Lent is, whether because their tradition does not observe it, or they are not familiar with traditional Christian faith practices, will often say of a bad or fictional habit, "I'm giving it up for Lent."

I am the last person to criticize the practice of "giving something up" for Lent. I regularly choose to set aside or give up something temporarily or permanently as part of my Lenten journey. Unfortunately, this practice has become disconnected from its purpose for many people. Just as the prophet Micah in Old Testament times noted,

"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

This was not a criticism of religious rites and practices so much, as getting back to the reason for them. Lent is time to reconnect with God and God's purposes. If we remove something that is bad for us, that is good, but how does it help us to focus on God's purpose in our lives and in our church? If we walk an extra mile, how does our walk connect us to the path Jesus calls us to.

In this time of personal reflection, how can we deepen our relationship with the savior who gave up everything for us? Your sister in Christ, **Pr. Karen**

COUNCIL NOTES

Engelharts will be replacing our microphone/sound system in was not able to get all the components for the sound system in February, but we expect them soon. Thank you for your patience.

We still have Thrivent T Shirts available in all sizes in the coat room. Help yourself!



Lent began on **Ash Wednesday** in February. We began our worship series, “Amazing Grace,” honoring the 250 anniversary of the famous hymn and biblical remembrances of God’s mercy experienced throughout our holy history.

Lenten Wednesdays, we will gather in the basement for soup and a light dessert beginning at 5:30pm to 6:30pm, based on the story, “Stone Soup.” It will be followed by Pastor Karen sharing biblical themes built on the text. It is a wonderful opportunity to build community between and within our two “Saint”ly communities.

March Readers

March 5 th	Bruce Wichman
March 12 th	Connie Wichman
Moeller	Janet Schopke
March 26 th	Dave Westerhold

Altar Guild

Kelsi McWilliams, Chair
Edine Vogt March 19th Dee

March Ushers

Keith Moeller, Rob Roeber

During Lent our worship series “Amazing Grace” has a dialogue as its sermon. Readers are asked to take this second part with Pastor Karen. She can do the regular readings. If you are scheduled to read, but are not comfortable doing the dialogue, let Pr. Karen know so she can switch you till after Easter. (402) 385-8825

March Representatives

Bruce Wichman, Robert McWilliams



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I AM RUNNING A CHRISTIAN OPERATING SYSTEM CALLED "STAINED GLASS WINDOWS '98" ... IT'S PRETTY COOL BECAUSE WHEN YOU MAKE AN ERROR THE COMPUTER SAYS "FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"

Don't Forget!

In case you were planning to attend St. Mark's on the 26th, St. Mark's will meet for regular service on Saturday evening, March 25th, at 5:30 pm instead of Sunday morning the 26th.

St. Peter's will meet at our normal time Sunday.



Sunday, March 12th


Spiritual Disciplines for Lent

Often we hear about people giving up something for Lent. Many times, it is something like chocolate, cake, or soda, with the really ambitious going for cigarettes or swearing. People generally give up things that are bad for them or things that don't fit in comfortably with the way they see themselves. First, those are not bad things to choose for several reasons such as, God wants us to care about our health and God wants us to be more thoughtful about our behavior, not to mention it recognizes that this time is set aside for self-reflection. We remember at this time all that Jesus gave up for us. So while these are good practices, I would suggest that whatever spiritual discipline we choose, it will be more rounded if our activities contain something that refocuses our priorities for the sake of something else.

Spiritual disciplines – repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, works of love – are intended, Rev. Dr. Thomas Weitzel explains, as an invitation “to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor”. God sacrificed his son for our sake, we respond by intentionally giving our time, talent or pleasure to grow in our own faith journey and grow closer to God and our neighbor.

If you would like to consider a discipline for Lent and would like some direction, please feel free to talk to me, Pr. Karen at (402-385-8825.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	Tom Reppert	17	Larry Sunderman
5	Steve Vogt	22	Audrey Kaser
	Emily Dunn	23	Leon Bruns
13	David Westerhold	26	Larry Krusemark
	Ryan Moeller	29	Jake and Cassie Herral
15	Norman Moeller		



For Sale

Two wing-backed chairs in good condition

Contact a Pr. Karen if you are interested.

Baptism

We are delighted to welcome a new baby sister to our faith family here at St. Peter's.

Surrounded by generations of family, including her parents, Mark and Emily Dunn, **Elise Dunn** was baptized in the name of the triune God on February 18, 2023.

How can I help?




Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

- [Middle East Crisis](#)
- [Hurricane Response](#)
- [U.S. Flooding](#)
- [Horn of Africa Drought](#)
- [U.S. Tornadoes](#)
- [Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)
- [U.S. Wildfires](#)
- [U.S. Severe Storms](#)
- [South Sudan Relief](#)
- [Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis](#)
- [AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 am Worship @ St. Marks Choir & Online Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ St. Peter's 12pm Channel 98</p>	<p>6 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>7 10 am Clergy Text Study 6:30 St. Peter's Council</p>	<p>1 2pm Bible Study 2:30 Confirmation Begins 5:30 to 6 Lent 1 Soup supper at St. Mark's</p>	<p>2 4:30pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 Online Worship 9am Worship @ St. Marks 10am Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ St. Peter's 12pm Channel 98</p> 	<p>13 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>14 10 am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>15 2:30 Confirmation Begins 5:30/6 Lent 3 Soup supper at St. Mark's</p>	<p>16 10:30 PB Worship 1pm PB Bible Study</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18 10am Food Pantry</p>
<p>19 Online Worship 9am Worship @ St. Marks 10am Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ St. Peter's 12pm Channel 98</p>	<p>20 Pastor's Day Off NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 10 am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>22 Quilters 2:30 Confirmation Begins 5:30/6 Lent 4 Soup supper at St.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>25 5:30pm Worship @ St. Marks</p>
<p>26 No service at St. Mark 10am Sunday School @ St. Peter's 10:30 Worship @ St. Peter's - Choir Online Worship 12pm Channel 98</p>	<p>27 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>28 10 am Clergy Text Study</p>	<p>29 3pm Confirmation Zoom Begins 5:30/6pm Lent 5 Soup supper at St. Mark's</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Cluster gathering for Pr. Karen </p>	

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