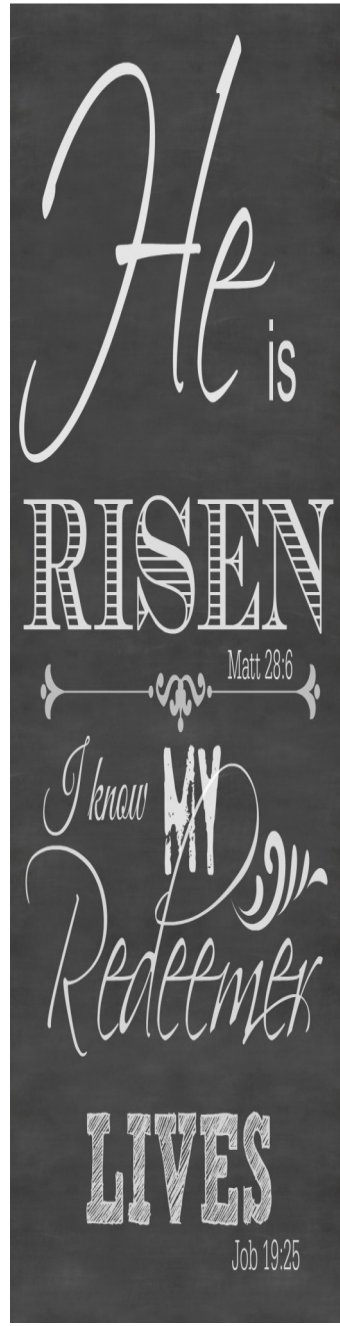


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			1 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for family members Talk to someone on the phone	2 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for friends Talk to someone on the phone	3 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for people on your street Talk to someone on the phone	4 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for people over 60 Talk to someone on the phone
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>We are the church</i> Pray for people with pre-existing conditions Talk to someone on the phone	6 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for doctors Talk to someone on the phone	7 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for nurses Talk to someone on the phone	8 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for hospital custodial crews Talk to someone on the phone	8 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>We are the church</i> Pray for city sanitation crews Talk to someone on the phone	10 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>We are the church</i> Pray for hourly workers Talk to someone on the phone	11 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for grocery store workers Talk to someone on the phone
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>We are the church</i> Pray for those who are panicked Talk to someone on the phone	13 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for the lonely Talk to someone on the phone	14 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for the grieving Talk to someone on the phone	15 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for students Talk to someone on the phone	16 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for teachers Talk to someone on the phone	17 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for small businesses Talk to someone on the phone	18 <i>We are the church</i> Pray for large businesses Talk to someone on the phone
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St. Peter's Posts
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“To welcome all people into the kingdom of God by fostering relationships”

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

This newsletter is not going to be a normal newsletter. The majority of the announcements inside have been removed. We have no greeters, or readers for Sunday, and the calendar on the back is vastly different because we will have been closed for our formal gatherings for a few weeks by the time you read this. For all I know, even more changes may have occurred from the time of this writing to when you receive it.

I am sad that we will not be all together for the celebrations of Holy Week and especially for the singing on Easter morning. However, though we are not together for these events, the power of what took place has not lessened. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. He was handed over to the chief priests and to Pilate. Jesus was led out of the city and crucified, though he was loving and faithful. God was pleased with his Son's work and so he raised him from the dead. The women went to the tomb and found it empty. They heard an angelic announcement from the tomb. “He is not here. He has risen, just as he told you.” Jesus appeared to his followers at various times and places. This happened on the same earth that we live on today. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul made it clear that death will be destroyed fully when Jesus returns. After detailing this incredible promise, Paul concludes, “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” A scholar by the name of NT Wright translates the end of the verse, “your labor is not wasted.”

The resurrection of Jesus shapes our work today. The return of Jesus and the resurrection of the body is not just about people's bodies being restored out of the dust of death, but it is also about what we do with our bodies today. Again, Paul says that the work we do today in Jesus will not be wasted. Somehow, beyond our imagination, our labor in the Lord today is going to be part of the resurrection and restored creation.

Assuming we are all staying home as much as possible (which you should all be doing), we may find ourselves quickly feeling like “we are wasting our time.” We may not be able to be productive like we want to. We may not be able to interact with people we love in the way we want to, or that we cannot really go about doing the “real” work of the Lord. Paul's words encourage us to trust that that is not true. Staying home (and it is hard work for the sake of the vulnerable) is a labor in the Lord that will not be wasted. Our work of calling one another and checking upon one another

via e-mail or phone because we live in the Spirit together will not be wasted. These things that seem insignificant will somehow by the Holy Spirit be revealed as part of God's eternal reign when Christ returns.

This newsletter has been reshaped to help us at this time to live in trust that our Labor in the Lord is not wasted. Though we have no greeters or readers “serving” this month, every one of you still serves by the Spirit. Every moment of our life is an act of worship. There is a format for a daily remembrance and prayer inside to help us engage the love we have for God and his people. The calendar has been formatted with reminders of who we are as the church, no matter where we are, and with suggestions for prayers. No matter how great or small our work may seem in the Lord, the promise of the resurrected Jesus is that it will not be wasted. Instead, it will be revealed by the Spirit for the beautiful and lasting work it is. A blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all as we continue to work in the Lord.

Pastor Weber

Godspeed: We thank God this past month for Bonnie Renner, our secretary and for all the work she has done for this congregation the last few years. Bonnie has accepted a new job. Her last day at St. Peter's is Friday, March 27. We will miss you and your kind, warm greetings and conversation. We appreciate all the hard work you have put in for our congregation week in and week out. While we will miss you, we also wish you God's blessings in your new endeavors. May God continue to bless you through this transition and in the months ahead.

Loving One another during the pandemic:

- Wash your hands often (20 seconds)
- Use a tissue when you sneeze, cough, or wipe your nose. Throw the tissue away.
- Stay home if you are able.
- Stay home if you are sick at all, except to get medical care.
- Wear a face mask only if you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces everyday.

Serving this Month:

Every one of us in Christ

Daily Devotion Option: Below is a simple outline for a daily devotion. You can try it all at once or spread it out throughout the day. If you have something else you currently do, there is no need to switch to this. Feel free to change and adapt it in whatever way is helpful. (For instance, my wife and I put three petitions of the creed on three index cards. We read one a day with the kids.) Please note, the last step in the outline is an act of love, like calling someone. This is an important part of our life in the Spirit as we devote ourselves to Jesus. Doing a structured time of prayer or scripture each day is not necessary, but is one option to engage and express the love we have for God, his mercy, his people and his scriptures. Give it a try.

Love one another as Christ has loved you.

For example;

Call someone on the phone

Look at yourself in the mirror and say, "I am a baptized child of God."

Speak the creed out loud:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus, Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture (Example: Read Psalm 121 everyday for a week or read a different chapter of a book each day)

Pray (Use the calendar prayer prompts on the back)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer List

Roxanne Knudsen; Helen Cleary; Jackie Nowaczewski; Mike McGinn; Renee Kreitz; Midge Bendix; Milton Deilke; Robert Sigler; Inez Mohr; Marie Gonsoski; Mia (Becki Hamilton's granddaughter); Kario (Mia's son and great-grandson of Becki Hamilton); Julie Jones, sister of William Crittenden, who is on hospice; Gary (Linda Bataglia's brother); Dan Nelson (Shirley Nelson's nephew); Sharon Kelly (Friend of Rachelle Bilek); Bev Hamilton; Tim Hubeck (friend of Gerry Morse); Cheryl Mikle Murray; Mark Murray; Willis Woldt; Tammy Collins; Deb Richardson; Adam McDonald; Anna Jeters

Birthdays

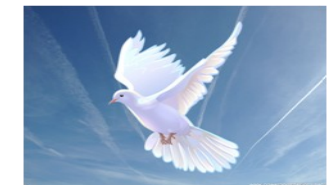
- 2 Rosalie Peterson
- 3 Leona (Liz) Tonn
- 4 Rodney Kaufer
- 11 Scott Morrison
- 29 Helen Mikle

Anniversaries

- 8 Joe & Gail Stemig
- 9 Tim & Elizabeth Boger
- 24 Al and Patricia Malcolm
- 27 Brad and Kathy Hanson

Baptism Birthdays

- 8 Tim Boger
- 10 Patricia Malcolm
- 14 Kenneth Fischer



February Financial Summary

	General	Koins 4 Kids	Savings Account	Total
Week 1	\$2,395.00	\$4.09	\$1.00	\$2,400.09
Week 2	\$1,632.00	\$3.66	\$50.00	\$1,685.66
Week 3	\$2,136.00	\$2.61	\$0.00	\$2,138.61
Week 4				
Total	\$6,163.00	\$10.36	\$51.00	\$6,224.36

Financials for last week of February 2020: \$2,029.68