

SAINT MARK'S EPISTLE

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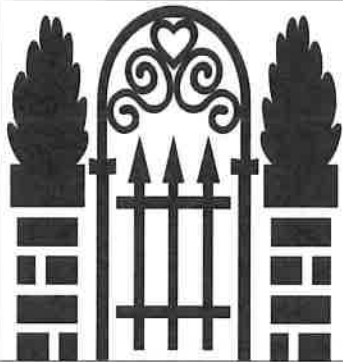
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Pastor's Ponderings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you this Easter season! I'd like to begin this season with a sincere, "So what?" That may sound crass or disrespectful to Jesus, but not asking the question is also a problem.

Every year, we wait for Easter with anticipation and excitement and then it is over and we go back to life as we knew it. In the words of the great Peggy Lee, "Is that all there is?" It was a beautiful song, but even as a young teen I remember how depressing and cynical the lyrics seemed. *"We were so very much in love. Then one day he went away and I thought I'd die, but I didn't. And when I didn't I said to myself, "Is that all there is to love?"*

Is that all there is to Easter? For the most part, none of us are so cynical that the thought crosses our minds. We think, "it was a nice day and the music was great. The kids were so cute and it was great seeing so many friends"- great things, for sure, but is that all there is? What difference does it make today?

We are blessed to know that Easter didn't end with the celebration of all celebrations, it didn't even begin there. It began with frightened and grieving disciples having trouble grasping what Easter meant. Yet, it wasn't the moment the angel announced, "He is not here, he has risen", that ultimately determined if that was all there was, it was the "go and tell the disciples that he will meet you..." that assured them and us that there is more to the story than one glorious moment.

Perhaps, we give up on Easter a little too quickly. Jesus' resurrection is about God's love for eternity. Maybe, we can take this Easter season to reflect on what Easter means the rest of the year, Because, I promise, there is so much more to be excited about. Now go where he will send you and he will be there waiting for you. Amen *Pr. Karen*

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ST. MARK'S
WORSHIP
SERVICES ARE
LIVE ON FACE-
BOOK AND AIRED
ON CHANNEL 98,
at 12:00 PM



2024 Synod Assembly June 1 & 2 Kearney, NE

If you would like to attend, please let Pastor know. (Two voting members needed) Highlighting Keynote Speaker: *Synod* Senior Director, CCL Operations

The Rev. Sara Cutter is the Senior Director for Operations in the Christian Community and Leadership Home Area of the ELCA's churchwide organization. In this role, she manages the operations of various ministries engaged with supporting and nurturing ELCA congregations and growing their leaders. She also a member of the Candidacy Leadership Development Working Group. Before serving the churchwide organization, she led three parishes of varying sizes and locations. In Pastor Sara's earlier professional days she worked as an engineer and during that time earned an MBA. She is married to another pastor, the Reverend Todd Cutter. Together they have a delightful daughter, Amelia, and two persnickety dogs, Belle and Josie. She is an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan. *Quoted from Neb. Synod website*



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Church Rededication

Plans will begin soon for the rededication of our newly refurbished church and educational unit. It will be a celebration to bring glory and honor to God for His goodness, and to thank all who helped make this possible.

If you would be willing to help with this, please let Pastor Karen, Jane Tonjes or a council member know.

CAMP CAROL JOY HOLLING

If any one is interested in attending one of the camps this summer, there is information available at the church office. Please contact Pastor Karen or Jane Tonjes.

Confirmation students will not be attending as a class this year.



WORDS OF THANKS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



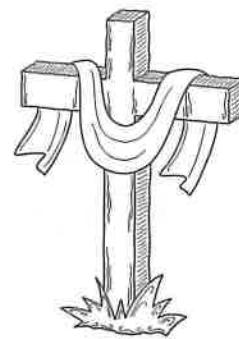
We welcome Jack Scott Darling to the St. Mark's family through his baptism on March 1st.

Thank you to our organists, choir, Dregalla Brass quartet, and Sunday School children for providing special music for our Lenten and Easter Services.



Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast.....
the guys who cooked and those who furnished rolls.
Special thanks to Michael's Foods for furnishing the eggs and to Carolyn VonSeggern for donating the juice.

Our sympathy to the family of Roger "Scott" Ross who was laid to rest on March 13th and to the family of Marlene Tonjes, laid to rest on March 27th. Prayers for the Families.



Confirmation students are returning to their classroom after two long years. We are looking for furniture, particularly beanbag chairs, papasan type chairs, cubbies for storage, etc. The students are in the 11-13 age range, so things that make them comfortable.



APRIL SERVICE TIME CHANGES

The two church councils have decided to discontinue the Saturday evening services. Beginning in April, we will worship together on Sunday mornings @ 10:00.

St. Peter's will host the last Sunday of each month. The remaining Sunday services will be at St. Mark's.

We look forward to sharing this time of worship and fellowship together.

Sunday, May 5th

**SENIOR
RECOGNITION**

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A letter will follow to remind this years Senior graduates of this date, but mark your calendars now.

**ACOLYTES/READERS**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>April 7</b>  | <b>Ryker Hansen</b>  |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>Laurel Felber</b> |
| <b>April 21</b> | <b>Grayson Rutar</b> |
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>Tayten Welsh</b>  |

## **Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2024**

### **GENERAL FUND**

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand 2/01/24   | \$ 359,106.17  |
| Income                    | \$ 15,062.75   |
| Expenses                  | \$ (17,131.30) |
| Balance on hand 2/29/2024 | \$ 357,037.62  |



# APRIL 2024



| Sun                                                                                  | Mon                    | Tue                           | Wed                                   | Thu                                          | Fri                       | Sat                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                        |                               |                                       |                                              |                           |                               |
|                                                                                      | 1<br>Pastor's Day Off  | 2<br>10 am Clergy Text Study  | 3<br>Bible Study<br>2:30 Confirmation | 4<br>4:30pm Food Pantry                      | 5                         | 6<br>CLEAN UP DAY<br>9am-12PM |
| 7<br>10am Worship @ St. Mark's<br>11 AM Worship/<br>Music Meeting<br>12pm Channel 98 | 8<br>Pastor's Day Off  | 9<br>10 am Clergy Text Study  | 10<br>Quilting<br>2:30 Confirmation   | 11                                           | 12                        | 13<br>Jr/Sr Prom              |
| 14<br>10am Worship @ St. Mark's<br>12PM Channel 98                                   | 15<br>Pastor's Day Off | 16<br>10 am Clergy Text Study | 17<br>2:30 Confirmation               | 18<br>10:30 PB Worship<br>1pm PB Bible Study | 19<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 20<br>10am Food Pantry        |
| 21<br>10am Worship @ St. Mark's<br>Doerneman Baptism<br>12PM Channel 98              | 22<br>Pastor's Day Off | 23<br>10 am Clergy Text Study | 24<br>Quilting<br>2:30 Confirmation   | 25                                           | 26                        | 27                            |
| 28<br>10:00—Worship @ St. Peter's<br>12pm Channel 98 /                               | 29                     | 30                            |                                       |                                              |                           |                               |

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Apr 1: Derek Glissman  
Apr 2: Jaima Geisert  
Apr 4: Steven Gathje  
Apr 6: Cody Siebrandt  
Apr 8: Lanny Schnier  
Kirkland Meyer  
Lennix Swanton  
Apr 9: Liberty Baker  
Chelsea Moore  
Todd & Dawn Kubik  
Apr 10: Penny Bruns



Apr 11: Curtis Buchholz  
Kelby Dickelman  
Apr 12: Bonnie Busch  
Teri Lamplot  
Apr 13: Kinsley O'Mara  
Linkin Baker  
Milon Fillipi  
Steve Schrieer  
Apr 14: Dillon Schmeckpeper  
Alan & Shawn Dohr  
Apr 15: Brandy Frederickson  
Apr 16: Leonard Janke  
Apr 17: Glen Gralheer  
Apr 18: Korbyn Nelson  
Trey Johnson  
Apr 19: Rich & Bonny Suhr  
Apr 20: Renee Lehmkuhl  
Randy & Callie Rink  
Apr 21 Brantley Cooper

Apr 22: Andrew Gatzemeyer  
Keith & Cindy Wills  
Apr 23: Michael Pedersen  
Nancy Zvacek  
Scott & Joanne Krusemark  
Apr 25: Jeff Dolezal  
Apr 27: Lisa Glissman  
Apr 28: Matt Felber  
Apr 29: Rhonda Heise  
Ellie Dohr  
Dave & Jill Anderson  
Apr 30: Sadie Lamplot

