

# The Saint Peter Weekly

## A God We Can See

Has anyone ever asked you to draw a picture of God? It sounds like the perfect Sunday school project, doesn't it? Imagine being given a blank piece of paper, lots of crayons, a dose of childlike creativity, and then being asked to show someone else what God is like by drawing a picture.

But could crayons and paper even *do* the job? Maybe you would want something much fancier like glitter or shiny stickers. Maybe one piece of paper wouldn't even do the job, and you'd need some tape to put several different pictures together. Maybe the task would seem so impossible that you would just stare at your piece of paper in wonder and amazement.

God can be portrayed in so many different ways that no two drawings would probably look the same. But as John reminds us today, "no one has ever seen God" (1:18). In the end, there is no picture we could draw that would be able to capture all the beauty and mystery and goodness that is God.

But we have far more than a picture; we have a *person!* It is Jesus, "the only Son," who has revealed God's heart to us. In his care for the poor, his acceptance of outcasts, and his compassion toward sinners, Jesus shows us what no one has ever seen: the face of God. That's why we call him the "Word made flesh." Jesus translates the mystery of God into something we can see and touch: hands to hold us, ears to listen to us, feet to walk beside us throughout our whole lives—even to the cross. He lives among us today in the life of our neighbor, and wherever two or three are gathered to share his meal. Our God is truly with us, and like a person with a box of crayons and infinite creativity, never tires of drawing us into the mystery.

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## ***VisionQuest* Seminar** **January 9-10, 2009**

All members and friends of Saint Peter Lutheran Church are requested to join us for a *VisionQuest* seminar to be held at Saint Peter on January 9-10, 2009. Junior high youth through adults are invited to take part in this event. It will take place on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and continue on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate and lunch will be provided on Saturday.

### ***THE SECOND SUNDAY*** ***OF CHRISTMAS*** **JANUARY 4, 2009**

FIRST LESSON  
**JEREMIAH 31:7-14**

PSALM  
**PSALM 147:12-20**

SECOND LESSON  
**EPHESIANS 1:3-14**

GOSPEL LESSON  
**SAINT JOHN 1: [1-9] 10-18**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
**ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE  
FILLED ALL THE EARTH WITH  
THE LIGHT OF YOUR  
INCARNATE WORD. BY YOUR  
GRACE EMPOWER US TO  
REFLECT YOUR LIGHT IN ALL  
THAT WE DO, THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND  
LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS  
WITH YOU AND THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND  
FOREVER. AMEN.**

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**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US:** Thank you for joining us today at Saint Peter. We hope you felt welcomed among us, and will consider joining us again soon. If you are a new guest with us, we would like to "mug you" -- we'd like to give you one of our Saint Peter coffee mugs, along with a brochure that tells you a bit about our church and its ministries. If you are comfortable doing so, please identify yourself at the end of worship when the Pastor invites you to do so. Otherwise, feel free to stop by the Welcome Center in the entry area, and pick up your mug there.

If you are interested in Saint Peter, you'll find a good deal of information about Saint Peter located on our web site at [www.StPLC.org](http://www.StPLC.org). And please feel free to give us a call in the church office at 303 770-9300 if there is anything else you'd like to know. Thanks again for worshipping with us this morning.

**"WEEKLY TALENTS" INSERT:** Since there are so many different Talents activities going on, we will be adding an advertisement insert to the WEEKLY (No advertisements will go into the monthly newsletter). Simply e-mail a short note about your project to Pastor Dave and he will put together a "WEEKLY Talents" advertisement that will be inserted into the Weekly that is handed out each Sunday morning in December and on January 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a table set up each Sunday in the Narthex for participants to "sell" their wares.

**"SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS" AT EPIPHANY WORSHIP, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>:** StPLC announces that a "Settling of Accounts" is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. All who received \$50 bills or \$20 bills on November 16<sup>th</sup> are requested to be present, and to return the resources entrusted to you.

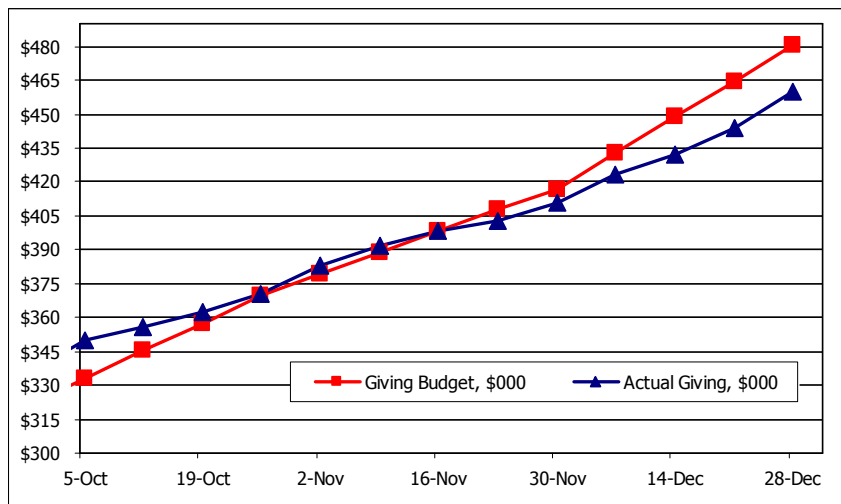
**CANDIDATES FOR STPLC ELECTED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:** We are currently soliciting candidates for some elected leadership positions that will open in 2009. If you are interested, or if you want to nominate someone, please contact Pastor Dave or Andy Nakatani.

**WORSHIP COORDINATORS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVICE:** We are still in need of Worship Coordinators for 1<sup>st</sup> service. We are asking for a once per month commitment and training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Sherpe.

**24 HOUR CHRISTMAS MUSIC CHANNEL:** The StPLC 24 hour Christmas music channel is up and running. Go to [StPLC.org](http://StPLC.org) and click on the Christmas tree.

**FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR 2009:** The Flowers sign-up chart for 2009 is up in the Narthex. So, find a special occasion and sign up to provide flowers to help celebrate! Thank you.

**STPLC 2008 CUMULATIVE WEEKLY GIVING:**



**Pledge Comparisons as of 11/24/08**

54 are behind	53.5%
41 are ahead	40.6%
6 are even	5.9%

34 Giving Units are 10% or greater behind in pledge

**PRAYER CONCERNS (\*New this week)**

<b>Praying for:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>	<b>Prayer Concern:</b>
*Holly McDonald	Mother of Vicky Mangan	Prayers to cope with recent blindness in one eye & for Jan. 14 surgery & treatments to protect vision in other eye.
*Betty Risendal	Aunt of Pastor Dave Risendal	Has been hospitalized after suffering a stroke.
*JoAnn	Daughter of Hank & Judy Sickinger	In Chicago with her birth-mother, who is in hospice care.
Ralph Vehorn & Family	Father of Gail Harris	Suffered a massive stroke on Dec. 23.
Dean Miller	Husband of Angie Kleberger's co-worker	Injured in a car accident on Dec. 21 & is now home recovering.
Family & Friends of Jarod Faulk	Son of Joe & Kathy Faulk, co-workers of Lori Williams	Killed in a motorcycle accident on Dec. 19, he was 22 years old.
Family & Friends of John Baker	Saint Peter Member	Completed his baptismal journey on December 17.
Mark Dixon	Friend of Jenn Marshall	Had spinal cord surgery on Dec. 13.
Sue Bergen	Neighbor of Ann Walter	Hit by car while walking her dog on Dec. 11 and is in a coma. Pray for healing.
Amanda, Jason & Olivia Bremer	Jason, godson of Donna Burman	Olivia Grace, born premature at 26 weeks, will be hospitalized until February.
Russell Troy Bennett	Brother of Suzanna, a friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Beginning treatment for nasal pharyngeal cancer.
Lucille Motz	Mother of Laura Guthals	Health issues related to colon cancer.
Jerry Grasmick	Saint Peter Member	Continuing treatment for melanoma.
Brian Mohrhaus	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of support as he struggles with personal issues.
Olivia	5 year old student of Mary Pratt's	Health issues related to Leukemia.
Mason	5 year old student of Mary Pratt's	Health issues related to Leukemia.
Beth Hanchar	Aunt of Lori Williams	Health issues related to reoccurrence of cancer.
Johnny Sherpe	Father of Mike Sherpe	Health issues related to bladder cancer.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.
Bernard Mohrhaus	Father of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to cancer.
Helen McGaw	Mother of Dave McGaw	Dealing with health issues.
George Bassett	Brother-in-law of Verna Leighton	Health issues related to cancer.
Karen Shopmier	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to Crohn's disease.
Holly Pederson	Shelly Hunter's sister	Health issues related to cancer.
Carol Kaufman	Sister of Dave Koenig	Health issues related to reoccurrence of lung cancer.
Justin Miller & Family	Payton Waggoner's 5 year old friend	Health issues related to reoccurrence of brain cancer.
Cindy Ritter	Nurse friend of Linda Rejvani	Health issues related to cancer.
Karen Andrews	Friend of Carol Hallstrom	Health issues related to cancer.

## CALENDAR

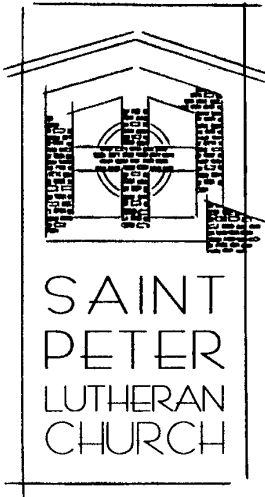
<p><b>January 4</b>              8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service              10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service              12:00 p.m. Take Down Decorations              1:00 p.m. Denver GoodNews Church Worship (CH)</p> <p><b>January 5</b>              11:30 a.m. Discipleship Co-chair Meeting              6:30 p.m. Pray &amp; Crochet (FH)</p> <p><b>January 6</b>              11:00 a.m. Evangelism Co-Chair Meeting (FH)              7:00 p.m. For Pete's Sake Players (FH)              7:00 p.m. Epiphany Worship (WC)</p> <p><b>January 7</b>              6:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (FH)              11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study (FH)              7:30 p.m. Jubilate Choir (WC)</p> <p><b>January 8</b>              6:30 p.m. Crossways (FH)              6:30 p.m. Alleluia Bells (WC)              8:00 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p><b>January 9-10</b> <i><b>VisionQuest Seminar</b></i>              6:00 p.m. Friday evening in the Fellowship Hall              8:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b>January 10</b>              11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p> <p><b>January 9-11</b> <b>RLTC Catechism Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>January 11</b>              8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service              9:40 a.m. Youth &amp; Adult Education              10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service              1:00 p.m. Denver GoodNews Church Worship (CH)              6:00 p.m. Catechism Class of 2009 (FH)              6:00 p.m. Catechism Workshop (Leader Home)</p> <p><b>January 12</b>              12:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Co-Leader Meeting (FH)              7:30 p.m. Selian Hospital Interest Group (FH)</p> <p><b>January 13</b>              6:30 p.m. All Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p><b>January 14</b>              11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study (FH)              7:30 p.m. Jubilate Choir (WC)</p> <p><b>January 15</b> <b>February Newsletter Deadline</b>              6:30 a.m. Men's ChristCare Group (Panera Bread)              6:00 p.m. CC Vista Park &amp; Rec. Board Mtg (CH)              6:30 p.m. Crossways (FH)              6:30 p.m. Alleluia Bells (WC)              8:00 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p><b>January 16</b>              7:00 p.m. Reel to Real</p> <p><b>January 16-18</b> <b>RMS Middle School Event (Colorado Springs)</b></p> <p><b>January 17</b>              11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>
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### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS (JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>)

	<b>First Service (8:30 a.m.)</b>	<b>Second Service (10:45 a.m.)</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Lee Dehmlow	Kristen Raleigh
<b>Lector:</b>	Jo Kurowski	Susan Howell
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Bayley & Olivia Fuller	Mike Hardey & Conner Kleberger
<b>Worship Coordinator:</b>	Stephanie Keller	Karen Dehmlow
<b>Leadership Team Rep.:</b>	Alan Greene	Ed Hardey
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Stephanie Keller	Ann Remme
<b>Hosts:</b>	Fuller & Kurowski	Clair & Rubano
<b>Counters:</b>	Linda O'Bryan & Jo Kurowski	Irwin Faaiu & Rhonda Sinnema
<b>Flowers:</b>	O'Bryan	O'Bryan
<b>Fellowship Host:</b>	Open	Open

### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS (JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>)

	<b>First Service (8:30 a.m.)</b>	<b>Second Service (10:45 a.m.)</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Andy Nakatani	Michael Omohundro
<b>Lector:</b>	Janet Okerman	Mary Pratt
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Matthew Okerman & Annalise Pequette	Ryan Patton & Brady Risendal
<b>Worship Coordinator:</b>	Stephanie Keller	Karen Dehmlow
<b>Leadership Team Rep.:</b>	Diane Reimer	Andy Nakatani
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Linda Rejvani
<b>Hosts:</b>	Pequette & Roth	Herhold & Dickerson
<b>Counters:</b>	Dick Reimer & Janet Weinz	Donna Bateman & Cathy Bunch
<b>Flowers:</b>	Leighton	Leighton
<b>Fellowship Host:</b>	Acree & Wiesjahn	Acree & Wiesjahn



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### **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

#### **September – May**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Youth & Adult Education

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

#### **June – August**

8:30 a.m. Outdoors Communion Service

10:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

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### **Our Mission**

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." [St. Matthew 28:19-20]

### **We Are the Body of Christ**

**Inviting ...** all people to share our faith

**Growing ...** in faith and understanding

**Serving ...** with Christ-like love and compassion

### **Saint Peter Lutheran Church**

Biblically Grounded; Mission Driven; Prayer Centered; Gifts Based; Permission Giving