

# The Saint Peter Leader

A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church  
Greenwood Village, Colorado

**September**  
**2007**

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**First "Brown Bag  
Bible Study" of  
the Year**

11:30 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

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**New Beginnings  
Sunday**

9:40 a.m. at  
Saint Peter

**13**

**First "Crossways"  
Bible Study of  
the Year**

6:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

**23**

**Catechism  
Orientation**

6:00 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

**28-30**

**ESCAPE  
Congregational  
Retreat**

Winter Park, CO

## ESCAPE To The Mountains

**September 28-30**

The entire congregation is encouraged to join us for an escape to the mountains – an "all ages" congregational retreat, in Winter Park, Colorado. We'll be staying in the picturesque Woodspur Lodge, just a brief walk from downtown. Each day will begin and end with time spent in God's word – in between, there will be plenty of time for fellowship, meditation, conversation, hiking, bicycling, shopping... Our goal is to deepen the relationships we have with God and with one another, and to return home refreshed, renewed and ready to serve as God's faithful people.

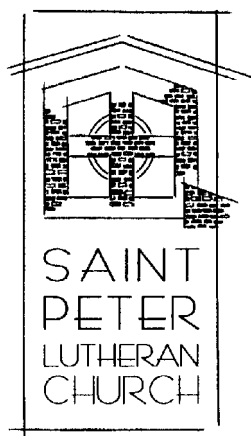
In a busy world, and in a congregation where we are spread out all over the south-metro Denver area, these opportunities to gather together and spend extended time with one another are rare. We encourage you to make the commitment to join us for this weekend – and we promise that you won't be disappointed!

Registration materials are available every Sunday morning in the Narthex. Space is limited. Stop by the registration table this Sunday, or stop by the office to register yourself and your family. ESCAPE with us to the mountains for a weekend of worship, fellowship, rest and renewal.

## New Beginnings Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us on September 9<sup>th</sup> for "New Beginnings Sunday" – as our Sunday School season begins again, and as we welcome another group of New Members to Saint Peter. From September 9<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> our schedule will be:

**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**  
**9:40 a.m. Sunday Church School**  
**10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service**



## Project Glean

Join us in gathering farm produce for local food banks.

Saturday,  
October 13<sup>th</sup>

Meet at Saint Peter at  
7:00 a.m. to carpool to  
COMPA

Or meet at COMPA at  
7:30 a.m.

4120 Brighton Blvd.,  
Unit B-13, Denver.

From there we will go  
to the farm.



## Saint Peter Fall Retreat

Join us at Woodspur  
Lodge in Winter Park  
the weekend of  
September 28<sup>th</sup>. For  
more information,  
contact Karyl Meyer.



## Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed

For more information  
or to sign-up, contact  
Sandra Pequette at  
303 773-9332



## ESCAPE to the Mountains A Retreat for All Ages

We hope you can join us at this retreat for all ages on September 28-30<sup>th</sup> at Woodspur Lodge in Winter Park. By now you should have received a flyer describing the retreat and a registration form. A table will be set up in the Narthex to answer questions and take registrations every Sunday prior to the retreat. After you register, you'll get a map, driving directions and further details.



The retreat begins Friday – you can check in any time after 4:00 p.m. Dinner on Friday is not included because so many of our people work and will arrive later in the evening. Beverages and light snacks are available at all times, and a full breakfast both Saturday and Sunday as well as dinner on Saturday are included. The Saturday mid-day meal is not included – many people spend this time in the town or at one of the recreational areas in Winter Park.

Bring your swimming suit – the lodge has two large outdoor hot tubs and a sauna. A game room, small library and various board games are also available for our use. The lodge also has a number of family rooms which can sleep up to six people.

Inclusive prices for two nights at Woodspur Lodge, plus three meals, round the clock beverages and gratuities are as follows (each price is for one person):

- Single room: \$213
- Double room: \$144 per person
- 3-6 people (age 12 & over) in a room: \$132 per person
- Children in the same room as parents, age 5-11: \$92 each child
- Children in the same room as parents, age 3-4: \$80 each child
- Children in the same room as parents, under 3 years: no charge

Reservations must be made by Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. So make your reservation soon – space is limited.



## Coffee, Refreshments and Good Conversation!

It's time to start thinking about Fall Fellowship Hour. Please look over your 2007/2008 calendar and sign-up early. You can sign-up individually, as a family or with a friend. Its fun and easy. . . just provide snacks for everyone to enjoy with lemonade and coffee during the Sunday School Hour. Please call Sandra Pequette at 303 773-9332 if you'd like to reserve a date. Thanks for your help!



From the Pastor

## Ambassadors for Christ

In my American Heritage Dictionary, an ambassador is described as “any authorized messenger or representative.”

Do you consider yourself to be an ambassador for Christ, or for the Christian faith, or for Saint Peter Lutheran Church? We are – each one of us – authorized messengers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (We believe that in St. Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus was speaking not just to the disciples, but to all who would trust and believe in him.) As messengers with a word of good news, and as representatives of Christ on earth, we are called to share with others the word that can transform their lives: that God loves them, has died for them, and invites them to be recipients of transforming grace.

Perhaps you have seen the ads. Each picture of a cross connects us with an important story about how God is making a difference in the lives of neighbors through the ELCA and its members — either here in the Denver area, across the country, or around the world. The ads are scheduled to appear throughout Denver during the month of September. They are here because our city has been chosen as a

pilot city for the “ELCA Branding Campaign” – an effort to raise public awareness of the Lutheran Church and its ministries. (If effective, this program will be expanded to other cities.)

The creators of this project acknowledge that many of us have a meaningful relationship with God, actively participate in worship services, and may even have found a way to be involved as a volunteer in our home congregation. They now encourage us to become proud ambassadors of our church. To do that, each of us needs to take three steps:

1. Learn what our church and denomination are accomplishing. (A good place to start would be on the web, at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and [www.StPLC.org](http://www.StPLC.org).)
2. Reflect on how these ministries are most meaningful to us.
3. Talk to others about your connection with our church and its mission:
  - o Spread the word about the many lives affected positively by the ELCA and its churches.
  - o Invite a friend to worship with you at Saint Peter next Sunday.
  - o Tell that friend about Saint Peter, the ELCA, and how God works through our ministries to bring meaning and purpose to your life.

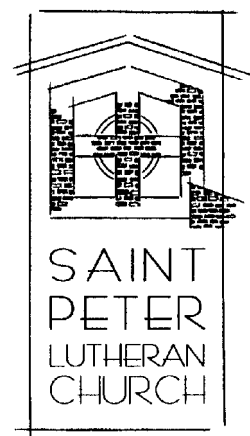
I'm excited about this project, and interested to see what kind of an impact it has. I wonder how many people will consider stopping by a Lutheran church because of this advertising campaign. And I wonder how many Lutherans will be stirred to play a more active role in promoting their faith and their church. Perhaps you will be one of them.

Thanks for all the work you do as Ambassadors of Jesus Christ in this world.

God's peace to you all,  
David J. Risendal, Pastor

September, 2007

Inviting, Growing, Serving



### Weekly Internet Devotions

Pastor Dave sends out a devotional message every Wednesday, which is usually based on the Gospel Lesson appointed for the coming Sunday, and is intended to help readers prepare themselves for Sunday worship.

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If you are interested in receiving these weekly devotional messages, please send him a note to that effect at [drisendal@StPLC.org](mailto:drisendal@StPLC.org) or check them out at [www.StPLC.org](http://www.StPLC.org).

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