

# Our Life Together

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 5, 2012

## Sharing the Work

In Galilee, Jesus begins his ministry, proclaiming the good news of God and healing the sick. His listeners are astounded by his power and by the authority with which he teaches, cures, and casts out demons. Word spreads, and soon his disciples tell him excitedly, "Everyone is searching for you." Everyone wants to be convinced of the coming kingdom of God and to be relieved of suffering.

Yet, interestingly, Jesus doesn't stay put until all these Galileans can witness his presence directly. He tells Simon, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." Jesus doesn't belong to one place or to one people only. Nor does he finish all that needs doing in any one community. Instead, he equips his followers to carry on his ministry and to complete what has been left undone. They are to be his extra hands, extra mouths, and additional compassionate hearts. He restores people to physical and mental health so they can again be productive. When Simon's mother-in-law rises from her sickbed, she doesn't get to luxuriate in her newly-regained health. She stands up and uses her skills to serve the disciples.

Similarly, while the people in Capernaum bring to him "all who were sick or possessed with demons," we are told that Jesus only cures "many," and casts out "many demons." Why not all? He intends for his disciples to work by his side. He wants them to get their hands dirty, to heal where they can and to comfort where they cannot. Jesus never intends to be just a spectacle. He offers his miracles as an invitation, revealing his power to empower us. We must be healers and teachers too. We also must seek out what needs fixing in our communities and put our hands to it.

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### Lessons

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
St. Mark 1:29-39

### Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Announcements & Events on the Church Calendar

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** All Saint Peter members are requested (and all Saint Peter friends are invited) to attend this year's Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. During this time together, we will reflect on the ministries that took place in 2011, approve a budget for the coming year, and elect a number of new members of our Leadership Teams.

Every confirmed member of Saint Peter (generally: ninth graders and older) is granted voice and vote at our Annual Meeting. An activity and snack will be provided for those who are younger. We hope to see many of you after the second service on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Forum:** Today we will visit with the Leadership Team about Ministry in 2012. Join us for Adult Forum at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The February 12<sup>th</sup> Adult Forum is to be determined.

**New Member Information Series – It's not too late!** This series of three Wednesday evening meetings (Feb. 1, 8 & 15) serves as an introduction to Saint Peter and the ELCA, as well as a chance to meet others who are interested in the life of our congregation. New members will be formally received into our congregation during morning worship on Sunday, February 19.

If you are interested in making Saint Peter your official church home or if you are simply interested in learning a bit more about Saint Peter and the Lutheran Church, we'd love to have you attend this series. Please give us a call in the church office and let us know you are interested.

**The Church Chicks:** The Saint Peter women's group – The Church Chicks – Third Thursday Book Club group will meet on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Covenant Hall. All women are invited to attend. If you have questions, please talk to Lori Williams or Kristen Raleigh.

On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Jennifer Imbody will teach us how to create a vision board. The cost is \$5, bring a pair of scissors and a magazine or two you won't mind being cut up. Please RSVP to Kristen Raleigh at 303 364-3738 or sign-up on the sheet provided on the door by the mailboxes.

**Habitat Builds for 2012:** The Saint Peter build dates are Friday, February 3; Saturday, February 25; Friday, March 2; and Saturday, March 24. There is a sign-up sheet on the door to the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Vicky Simpson at 720 318-7758.

**Selian Hospital 5K Run/Walk:** It's time to start planning the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Selian 5K Run/Walk! If you are interested in helping with the planning and organizing of this totally fun family event, please contact Carol Mayer at carolmayerco@aol.com or call 303 470-1205. We are looking for new ideas to make this event unforgettable and meaningful for everyone! Please consider helping in whatever way you can, every bit of help makes a difference in supporting the work of Selian Hospital.

**College Student Care Packages:** We are collecting goodies and gift cards to send to college students to let them know that the congregation of Saint Peter is thinking about them! According to the feedback we got from past recipients, the packages they received were very much appreciated. There is a collection box in the Narthex for items such as gift cards (Subway, Starbucks etc.), packets of coffee or hot chocolate, packets of mac and cheese, post-it note pads, pens, beef jerky, candy, etc. – anything that is flat and can go in a large envelope. Thank you for brightening the day of a hard-working college student!

**Like Pizza, Yummy Specialty Salads or Pasta?:** Then you'll love this chance to eat some good food and support Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp at the same time. All day on February 7<sup>th</sup>, CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN at most metro locations will be donating 20% of your check to the camp. You'll need to have a copy of a special flyer to give to your server – so if you think you might be interested, see Ken or Kay Gerhart.

**Faith Advocacy Day:** The 2012 Faith Advocacy Day will take place on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the new History Colorado Center, located at 1200 Broadway in Denver. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with two optional sessions following the main event. For more information, including way to register for the event, please check out the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado website.

**The Saint Peter Stitchers:** We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month – in February we'll meet on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship area. You can come to one or both of the meetings. All are welcome to join us – if you don't know how to knit or crochet or if you need a refresher course, we'd be happy to help you! Contact Kristen Raleigh at 303 364-3738 or Christina Von Stroh at cvonstroh@gmail.com for more information.

**Ministry Opportunities at Saint Peter:** There are many ministry opportunities for you to get involved in at Saint Peter – here are just a few: Altar Guild, Sunday Morning Host, Fellowship Hour Host, Sharing Our Suppers, Assisting Minister, Lector, Acolyte, Worship Coordinator, Counter, Sunday Church School, Catechism, Vacation Bible School, Property Team, Stewardship Team, Evangelism Team, The Saint Peter Stitchers, Holly Heights Ministry, Music Ministry, Stephen Ministry, or the Selian 5K. Contact the church office if you are interested in joining one of these groups and we'll help you get started.

**Simply Giving:** We encourage you to offer your support of Saint Peter through scheduled electronic funds transfers. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provides a program called "Simply Giving" to make that possible. Your bank may also offer this service free-of-charge. Many supporters have found that electronic funds transfers help them stay current on their giving plans even when they are out of town and unable to worship back home. If you need help setting up electronic funds transfers, please contact us at the church office.

## Prayer Concerns (\*new this week)

Praying For	Relationship	Prayers
*David Bennett	Good friend of the Behnke family	Receiving hospice care. Please pray for comfort & peace.
*Randy Ensler	Cousin of Jackie Skiles	Recurrence of lung cancer.
*Karen Bressler	Saint Peter Member	Having difficulties at work.
*Cathy Lingard	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from surgery.
*Dick Rusk	Saint Peter Member	Hospitalized & undergoing tests for heart problems.
*Patty Watkins	Sister-in-law of Dick Watkins	Hospitalized after having a seizure.
*Don Ness	Father of Kristen Raleigh	Nearing the end of life's journey.
*Rebecca Sendel	Friend of the Pequette family	Undergoing surgery for breast cancer on Feb. 1.
*Family & Friends of Emily Wilson	Young Niece of Janet & Alan Okerman	Completed her baptismal journey on January 26.
*Charlotte Yarbrough	Mother of Angie Kleberger	Hospitalized after suffering a stroke.
Daniel Moler	Husband of Pat Johnson	Sudden loss of sight; pray for healing & restoration of his sight.
Family & Friends of George Bassett	Brother-in-law of Verna Leighton	Completed his baptismal journey on Jan. 19.
Sharon Colucci	Niece of Judy Sickinger	Diagnosed with breast cancer; preparing for surgery.
Norm Smith	Friend of Jerry Paul	Health issues.
Xander Lim	Grandson of Dick & Liz Rusk	Health issues.
Family & Friends of Syndey Schmeling	Friends of Lee & Marilynn Diver	Lost her battle with cancer; she was 9 years old.
Margaret Hinchey	Friend of Steve Howie	Underwent shoulder surgery on Jan. 23.
Family & Friends of Mary Ellen Stegeman	Family friend of Karen Bressler	Completed her baptismal journey on Jan. 14. Prayers for comfort for her husband Paul.
Family & Friends of Lucille Thoren	Mother of Deb Roth	Completed her baptismal journey on Jan. 15.
Patricia McLaughlin	Cousin of Karen Bressler	Receiving chemo & radiation treatment for stage 4 cancer in lungs, hips & spine.
Stan Rice	Friend of Bruce & Sharon Stokes	Recovering from a serious auto accident in Europe.
Karen Shopmier	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to Crohn's disease.
John & Kathleen Sullivan	Friends of Jan & Dave McGaw	Pray for comfort & strength as they grieve the death of their son, Ryan.
Mildred Olson	Grandmother of Lori Williams	Receiving hospice care. Please pray for comfort & peace.
John Burman	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of thanksgiving, back surgery went well & should reduce some of the pain.
Jerie Torbeck	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyers	Struggling with ALS.
Justin Miller	Payton Waggoner's young friend	Pray for strength, comfort & healing as he continues to battle cancer.
Terry Reaume	Brother of Karen Shopmier	Cancer has spread, undergoing radiation & chemo; pray for comfort & healing.
Emrie Rose Renevier	2 yr. old Great-granddaughter of Larry & Darlene Renevier	Health issues related to seizures.
Gary Campbell	Friend of the Nakatani Family	Phantom pain from leg amputation; pray for comfort.
Larry Renevier	Saint Peter Member	Struggling with health issues & receiving in-patient care.
Jane & Family	Sister of Donna Burman	The family is going through a very difficult time.
Joel	Nephew of Andy & Nadine Nakatani	Prayers of support as he struggles with personal issues.
Jerry Grasmick	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to cancer.
Kyle Renevier	Grandson of Larry & Darlene Renevier	Receiving treatment for Hodgkin's-Lymphoma.
Holly Pederson	Shelly Hunter's sister	Health issues related to cancer.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.
Marlys Clair	Aunt of Ken Clair	Diagnosed with Alzheimer's & congestive heart failure.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### Feb. 5

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service (WC)
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service (WC)

### Feb. 7

- 6:30 p.m. Executive Team Meeting (Office)

### Feb. 8

- 6:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk (Courtyard)
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer & Fellowship (FH)
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (FH)
- 7:30 p.m. New Member Series (FH)
- 7:30 p.m. Jubilate Choir Rehearsal (WC)

### Feb. 9

- 8:00 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)

### Feb. 10

- 5:00 p.m. Catechism "Friday Night Blast (Facility)
- 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous (FH)

### Feb. 11

- 8:00 a.m. Community Blood Drive (Latter Day Saints)
- 11:00 a.m. DESIGN Team Meeting (Dehmlow Home)
- 11:30 a.m. AI-Anon Meeting (FH)

### Feb. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service (WC)
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service (WC)
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation (WC)
- 2:00 p.m. Catechism Servant Event (Excelsior Girl's Home)
- 5:00 p.m. Catechism Leader Huddle (Gerharts' Home)

## Worship Servants for February 5<sup>th</sup>

	Early Service	Late Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lee Dehmlow	Kristen Raleigh
<b>Lector</b>	Jo Kurowski	Susan Howell
<b>Acolytes</b>	Diane Marlowe & Jordan Dillard	Scott & Matt Bainbridge
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Susan Greene	Karen Dehmlow
<b>Leadership Team Rep</b>	Jody Hinsey	Bruce Stokes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Reimer	Tabitha Strezo
<b>Hosts</b>	E/K Waggoner & Paul	J/S Waggoner & Clair
<b>Counters</b>	Linda O'Bryan & Jan McGaw	Irwin Faaiu & Eric Herbert
<b>Flowers</b>	Open	Open
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Joyce Omohundro	Joyce Omohundro

## Worship Servants for February 12<sup>th</sup>

	Early Service	Late Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Andy Nakatani	Michael Omohundro
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Harris	Bruce Guthals
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gail & Madison Harris	Gabrielle Strauss & Chase Remme
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Lynn Sherpe	Karen Dehmlow
<b>Leadership Team Rep</b>	Alan Okerman	Karen Dehmlow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mike Sherpe	Peg Burnette
<b>Hosts</b>	Okerman & Mach	Hass & Vogel
<b>Counters</b>	Dick Reimer & Janet Weinz	Jo Natale & Eric Herbert
<b>Flowers</b>	Open	Open
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Open	Open

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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**

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service  
10:00 a.m. Indoor Communion Service

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## Our Mission Statement

**We Are Welcomed** into God's Love  
just as we are

**We Are Sent** into God's World  
to be a reflection of Christ's love

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...  
God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

[Romans 5:1, 8]

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. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

[St. Matthew 28:19-20]