

The Saint Peter Weekly

Joining the Party

"No fair!" Parents the world over hear this every day. Somewhere, some child is getting to do something some other child is not allowed to do. The unfairness of it all is only magnified when it is an "undeserving" sibling who gets the privilege. It is not fair when you have played by the rules, you have done what you were supposed to do, and then along comes that no-good so-and-so who gets it all.

That is, of course, assuming that you really have always played by all the rules. That is assuming you do not stand in need of a little grace and mercy and compassion in your life, too. It is so tempting for church people to stand in judgment of those outside the church. It is so easy to feel superior by virtue of church attendance or some assumption of our own merit to place ourselves above those others. In the church we call that attitude sin.

We *all* stand in need of grace. We all need the Father's loving arms wrapped around us, welcoming us back, restoring us to the community and resurrecting our lives. Grace means we do not get what we deserve. Jesus did not get what he deserved, either. He chose to take on our sin, to become our sin, so that we might become like him: holy and righteous before God.

Being holy does not mean being perfect. Being holy means being set aside for God's purposes. That is the life you are called to. Sometimes this almost seems easy. Other days this means giving one more chance to that wayward younger brother and celebrating with everyone else, because the one who was lost has been found. Remember that some days it is *your* return they celebrate.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

MID-WEEK SOUP SUPPER & LENT WORSHIP: Wednesday evenings during Lent (February 24 – March 24), join us for Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (if you would like to bring a pot of soup to share, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex) and then at 7:00 p.m. we will be holding Lent worship services that come from the Community of Taizé near Cluny, France.

ADULT FORUM: Today, Karyl Meyer will lead the first of a two-part class: "God's Secretaries – Translating the Bible." On March 28th Lee Dehmlow & Rhonda Sinnema will give us a tour of the Landscape Extreme Makeover that will start soon. Join us each Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in the Narthex.

"PARENTS' NIGHT OUT" – NIGHT CAMP: The next "Parents' Night Out" aka "Night Camp" will be Friday, March 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your kids to the Fellowship Hall and members of our CAUTION Youth Group will entertain them while you enjoy a worry free evening out. Free-will offering. Speak with Karen Dehmlow if you have questions.

ANNUAL STPLC EASTER EGG HUNT: Invite your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome to join in the fun at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt right after second service on Sunday, March 28th.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT
MARCH 14, 2010**

FIRST LESSON
JOSHUA 5:9-12

PSALM
32

SECOND LESSON
2 CORINTHIANS 5:15-21

GOSPEL LESSON
St. LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

PRAYER OF THE DAY
**GOD OF COMPASSION, YOU
WELCOME THE WAYWARD, AND
YOU EMBRACE US ALL WITH
YOUR MERCY. BY OUR BAPTISM
CLOTHE US WITH GARMENTS OF
YOUR GRACE, AND FEED US AT
THE TABLE OF YOUR LOVE,
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. 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.

CAUTION YOUTH OF THE DAY are Quincey Kippley and Jenny Ware.

PRAYER VIGIL – GOOD FRIDAY THROUGH EASTER MORNING: If you have not participated in the Prayer Vigil before you will find, as do those who come back each year, the altar stripped with the cross remaining as our center. Our senses are heightened in the flickering light of the candles in the stillness and silence. It's a time we can set aside to kneel, to pray, interceding for the world around us, for our church, and for ourselves.

A sign-up sheet is located on the back wall of the Narthex for one hour increments following evening worship on Good Friday through Easter morning. If you have questions or need more information, speak with Verna Leighton.

4TH ANNUAL CAUTION EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Again this year our very own CAUTION Youth Group will serve up **The Best Pancakes in Town!** The festivities will start at 7:00 a.m. and will go until 10:30 a.m. on Easter morning. There will be a free-will offering to raise funds for the summer mission trips.

THE PRESCHOOL AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, IN LITTLETON, is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. This accredited preschool program offers the highest quality early childhood education, rooted in a Lutheran understanding of the Gospel. Visit us at www.holytrinitylutheranpreschool.org for more information or call our Director of Preschool Ministry, Christie Baroody, to schedule a tour 303 798-1356 x 18.

EASTER LILIES: The giving of Easter Lilies is a way to remember someone and beautify Saint Peter during the Easter season. Please check the pew pockets for envelopes to purchase an Easter Lily to be placed around the altar. You may designate it for the honor or memory of someone or to the glory of God. Fill out the information on the outside of the envelope, include your \$10 donation, and place it in the offering plate.

THE 2ND ANNUAL SELIAN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL 5K RUN/WALK, JUNE 5TH AT 9:00 A.M.: We have many wonderful volunteers and have a great variety of activities already lined up. We could use some additional volunteers to help with water stations, activities and registration on the day of the race. This event could be an advertising opportunity for a small company or corporation. If you happen to know of a company that would be interested in making a donation and becoming a sponsor, or if you are interested in helping, call Carol Mayer at 303 470-1205 or e-mail her at carolmayerco@aol.com.

"ONE YEAR TO LIVE" MEN'S RETREAT: Men... do you ever feel like something is missing in your life? Do you sometimes feel isolated and alone? Are you searching for a higher purpose? Are you aware of certain patterns in your life that don't seem to be working? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, plan to attend the upcoming "One Year to Live" men's retreat - an opportunity for you to seriously look at your life, to make significant decisions and work with other men to hold each other accountable for those decisions.

This retreat is a new approach to men's ministry. Developed by Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) and piloted in Denver, the retreat is now rolling out to the Saint Peter Lutheran congregation. Our weekend retreat is being held April 16-18, 2010 in Grant, CO. You will have the chance to create a "Band of Brothers" through outdoor adventure, fellowship, and a deeper walk with Christ. You may not remember your last retreat, but you will never forget this one!

Please contact Jerry Paul for registration information (jpaul@essentialinvestment.com or 303 956-7821) or sign-up at the registration table in the Narthex.

"THE RESURRECTION DANCE THEATRE OF HAITI": A Haitian boys group known as "The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti" (RDTH) is coming to Colorado and will perform three shows in our community aimed at raising funds for the rebuilding of "St. Joseph's Home for Boys" and "Wings of Hope" a home for the orphaned children with special needs – both collapsed during the recent earthquake. The shows will be: Thursday, March 18th and Friday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at West Bowles Community Church in Littleton and Saturday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Rock Canyon High School in Highlands Ranch. Tickets for these events are \$15 per person and can be purchased online by going to: www.htflive.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

Praying for:	Relationship:	Prayer Concern:
*Kendra DePinto	Friend of Saint Peter	Had back surgery on 3/12.
*Helen Mayfield	Mother of Karen Dehmlow	Hospitalized & recovering from surgery.
*Madison DeBolt	Daughter of Brian DeBolt	Prayers that her broken arm might heal quickly.
*Don Lees	Close friend of John Burman	Hospitalized & recovering from surgery in Mexico.
*Tonia & Rachael Benedict	Daughters of Fraedie Benedict	Dealing with life struggles.
*Family & Friends of John "Bradley" Pott	Friend of Fraedie Benedict	Died from a heart attack on 2/6, he was 47 years old.
*Rebecca Benedict	Saint Peter Member	Injured her back from a car accident on 2/4.
*Faye Jarrett	Aunt of Lori Williams	Had back surgery on 3/5.
Dez Rubano	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from surgery for colon cancer on 3/4.
Griffin Bohan	5 year old friend of the Herbert Family	Inoperable brain tumor; has been taken off steroids & is having headaches & difficulty walking; pray for strength & comfort for his parents, sister & twin brother.
Paige Koenig	Saint Peter Member	Had surgery on 3/12 to repair her broken finger; prayers for peace & healing.
Family & Friends of Curt Brydum	Father of Rick Brydum	Completed his baptismal journey on 3/2.
Ed Gard	Father of Jen, a friend of Steve Howie	Diagnosed with multiple myeloma.
Earthquake Victims in Chile	Friends of Saint Peter	Our prayers go out to the people of Chile; grant courage, hope & healing to all.
Family & Friends Norma MacDowell	Grandmother of Steve Howie	Completed her baptismal journey on 2/26.
Stu	Friend of Jerry Paul	Awaiting a heart transplant.
Jennifer & Family	Friend of Judy Sickinger	Had surgery to remove a tumor, but it was unsuccessful; prayers for comfort for her and her family.
Lisa Weise	Mother of a Friend of Caroline Haigh	Diagnosed with breast cancer & receiving treatment.
Chuck Kaelber	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Had successful open heart surgery on 2/26.
Caroline Brodin	Niece of Dawn Brodin & Steve Howie	Prayers of joy & thanksgiving for the birth of Caroline on 2/17.
Family & Friends of Brianna	Friend of the Von Stroh Family	Died suddenly from a pulmonary embolism.
Rick Manning	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Health issues & treatment for a brain tumor; he is 24 years old.
Brian Dougherty	Friend of Tom & Karen Shopmier	Continued prayers for his journey in the US Navy.
Frank Arsenault & Family	Friend of Jackie Skiles	Receiving chemotherapy treatment for Leukemia.
Randy Engler	Cousin of Jackie Skiles	Receiving chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer.
Dave Williams	Saint Peter Member	Had surgery to remove a mass in his chest/neck/shoulder area on 3/10.
Emily Wilson	11 year old niece of Janet & Alan Okerman	Completed radiation & chemo treatments; will have scans of skull every 3 months; we are grateful that the first scan was clear & she is home getting to enjoy being 11 again!
Bret Maassen	Brother of Rhonda Sinnema	Hospitalized with a collapsed lung.
Emrie Rose Renevier	Infant Great-granddaughter of Larry & Darlene Renevier	Having small seizures & is undergoing tests to find cause.
Larry Renevier	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to diabetes.
Michele Littell	Sister-in-law of Rich & Jessica Littell	Health issues related to skin cancer.
Jerry Grasmick	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to cancer & receiving treatment.
Kyle Renevier	Grandson of Larry & Darlene Renevier	Undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's-Lymphoma.
Brooks Lily	Father of a friend of Susan Hinchey-Strauss	Health issues related to lung cancer.
Justin Miller & Family	Payton Waggoner's young friend	Health issues related to cancer.
Russell Troy Bennett & Family	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Health issues related to recurrence of cancer.
Jack Meehan	Friend of Susan Hinchey-Strauss	Health issues related to a brain tumor.
Bud Ploetz	Uncle of Karyl Meyer	Health issues related to a brain tumor.

Brian Mohrhaus	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of support as he struggles with personal issues.
Olivia & Mason	Young Students of Mary Pratt's	Health issues related to Leukemia.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.
Helen McGaw	Mother of Dave McGaw	Health issues.
Karen Shopmier	Saint Peter Member	Health issues related to Crohn's disease.
Holly Pederson	Shelly Hunter's sister	Health issues related to cancer.

CALENDAR

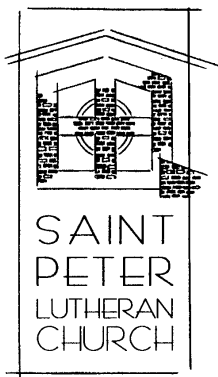
<p>March 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service 9:40 a.m. Youth & Adult Education 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service 6:00 p.m. Catechism Huddle (William's Home)</p> <p>March 15 April Newsletter Deadline 7:30 p.m. New Member Class (FH)</p> <p>March 16 6:30 p.m. Administrative Team Meeting (FH) 7:00 p.m. For Pete's Sake Players (WC)</p> <p>March 17 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study (FH) 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (FH) 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lent Worship (WC) 7:45 p.m. Jubilate Choir Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p>March 18 6:30 a.m. Men's ChristCare Group (Panera Bread) 6:40 p.m. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal (WC) 8:00 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p>March 19 1:00 p.m. Deanne French Memorial Service (WC)</p> <p>March 19-21 Urban Plunge – Catechism (Downtown Denver)</p> <p>March 20 9:00 a.m. Next Opportunity Group (FH) 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>March 21 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service 9:30 a.m. Holly Heights Ministry (Holly Heights Nursing Center) 9:40 a.m. Youth & Adult Education 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service 1:00 p.m. Piano Recital (Betty Sue Hugo) 6:00 p.m. Catechism Workshop (FH)</p> <p>March 23 6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting (FH)</p> <p>March 24 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study (FH) 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (FH) 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lent Worship (WC) 7:45 p.m. Jubilate Choir Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p>March 25 6:40 p.m. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal (WC) 8:00 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)</p> <p>March 26 6:00 p.m. "Parents' Night Out" – Night Camp (FH)</p> <p>March 27 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (FH)</p>
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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS (MARCH 14TH)

<p>Assisting Minister: Andy Nakatani Lector: Karyl Meyer Acolytes: Caley Dallman & Open Worship Coordinator: Deb Roth Leadership Team Rep.: Andy Nakatani Altar Guild: Mike Sherpe Hosts: Budinger & Dallman Counters: Dick Reimer & Steve Flessner Flowers: -- Fellowship Host: Betsy Risendal</p>	<p>First Service (8:30 a.m.) Allison Summerton Mary Pratt Brady Risendal & Morgan Ammon Karen Dehmlow Andy Nakatani Pam Haigh Ammon & Behnke Janet Weinz & Cathy Bunch -- Betsy Risendal</p>	<p>Second Service (10:45 a.m.) Allison Summerton Mary Pratt Brady Risendal & Morgan Ammon Karen Dehmlow Andy Nakatani Pam Haigh Ammon & Behnke Janet Weinz & Cathy Bunch -- Betsy Risendal</p>
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NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS (MARCH 21ST)

<p>Assisting Minister: Terri Mohrhaus Lector: Janet Okerman Acolytes: Matthew Okerman & Open Worship Coordinator: Lynn Sherpe Leadership Team Rep.: Alan Okerman Altar Guild: Diane Reimer Hosts: Roth & Hinsey Counters: Alan Okerman & Paul Engel Flowers: -- Fellowship Host: Open</p>	<p>First Service (8:30 a.m.) Michael Omohundro Kristen Raleigh Ryan Patton & Mackenzie Ammon Karen Dehmlow Steve Haigh Linda Rejvani Keller & Hass Kay Metzger & Mike DiLisa -- Open</p>	<p>Second Service (10:45 a.m.) Michael Omohundro Kristen Raleigh Ryan Patton & Mackenzie Ammon Karen Dehmlow Steve Haigh Linda Rejvani Keller & Hass Kay Metzger & Mike DiLisa -- Open</p>
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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. Indoors 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]