

Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

GROUNDED,
GRACIOUS
AND GENEROUS
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2018

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STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS - FINAL REPORT

Thanks to all of you who have participated in this year's stewardship appeal, and thank you for your generosity in making a financial commitment to support our congregation's ministries in 2018. We are so grateful for your support, and look forward to what it will make possible as our ministries grow this year.

2017 "Grounded, Gracious and Generous" Appeal for 2018 First Report (November 12, 2017)

73 Pledges (69 Adults, 4 Youth) \$370,966

Final Report (January 10, 2018)

115 Statements of Intent (108 Adults, 1 Visitor, 6 Youth)\$551,016

- Included in the \$551,016 total are 27 new statements for \$61,958.
- Contributing households that completed a Statement of Intent both in 2017 and 2018:
 - 45 raised their intentions for 2018 by a total of \$40,864.
 - 31 intend to contribute the same in 2017 and 2018.
 - 12 lowered their intentions for 2018 by a total of \$10,474
- At Saint Peter there are currently 155 active households.
 - We have received a 2018 Statement of Intent from 101 households for a total of \$551,016.
 - There are 54 active households that have not turned in their Statement of Intent for 2018.
 - 19 did in 2017 for a total of \$21,710.
 - 35 did not in 2017 or 2018. Their annual giving pattern is \$18,765.

2016 "5 + 2 Elevating our Giving" Appeal for 2017

First Report (November 13, 2016)

53 Pledges (49 Adults, 1 Visitor, 3 Youth)\$295,339

Final Report (January 16, 2017)

99 Statements of Intent (93 Adults, 3 Visitors, 3 Youth)\$480,730

LESSONS

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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FEBRUARY 11TH

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018 AT NOON
IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

Each year the members of Saint Peter gather to reflect on the ministry we've accomplished in the previous year, affirm plans made for the coming year, and elect a slate of leaders to guide our life together. All members are requested to join us on February 11th at noon in the Worship Center for the opportunity to do just that. Friends and Guests: you are welcome too – come and see what plans have been laid out for 2018, and join with us as we celebrate what God is accomplishing among us.

Childcare, activities and a snack will be provided for the kids!



BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8 AM - NOON, In the Fellowship Hall

Making an appointment to save lives is simple!

Call Bonfils at 303-363-2300 or visit donors.bonfils.org and use site code E026.

LFS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foster Parents

Each year in Colorado, thousands of kids are unable to live with their biological parents because of abuse or neglect. We need families who can provide temporary care until children reunify with their parent as well as families willing to adopt children and teens in foster care if they can't return to their families. An informal Q & A session for foster care will be held on January 10 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the LFS Denver Metro office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226). Please register with Anne at anne.hamilton@lfsrm.org or 303-217-5869. One-on-one meetings can also be arranged to work around your busy schedule.

Legal Documents

Did you know that 75% of Americans do not have their medical care wishes in writing? Are you one of them? The OACS program, in partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation, is offering free, individual Advance Care Planning consults to provide hands-on assistance in the creation of Advance Directives, such as Medical

Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will, at no charge. Our goal is to ensure that everyone completes these important documents, and understands why they are necessary. To set up an appointment at our Lakewood office, call 303-217-5864.

Refugees

The refugee program is a charity partner with the Colfax Marathon in 2018! The race will happen Saturday and Sunday, May 19 - 20, 2018. Interested in running or donating in support of other runners to raise awareness of refugees in our city? Join the LFS staff as we #Run4Refugees in the 5k, 10k, half marathon, full marathon, and 5 person marathon relay! For more information or to register visit <http://www.runcolfax.org/charity-partners/lutheran-family-services/> or contact Refugee Programs Volunteer & Community Relations Coordinator Kate Strebe at kate.strebe@lfsrm.org or 303-225-0199.

CHURCH CHICKS LUNCHEON

WHEN: Saturday, January 20, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

WHAT: Potluck Brunch and Secret Prayer Sister Reveal

WHO: All Women of Saint Peter!

WHERE: Saint Peter Fellowship Hall

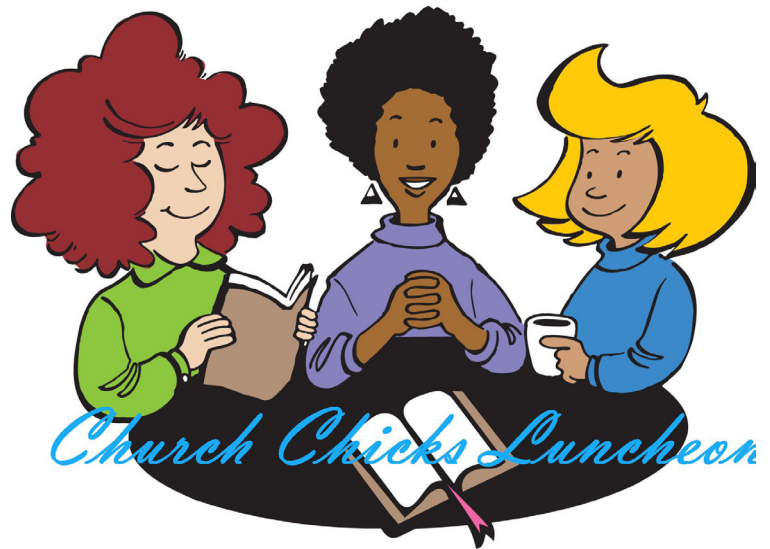
The Church Chicks want to invite all women of Saint Peter to our annual Potluck Brunch and Secret Prayer Sister Reveal. Bring a breakfast or lunch dish and a printed copy of the recipe to share. We will provide coffee and water. If you wish to honor your Prayer Sister with a gift, please do so but remember it is not a "requirement". We will draw for new Prayer Sisters at this time.

We would love to see some new faces at the luncheon! If you have not participated in any Church Chicks related events, consider this annual gathering as a fun way to spend some time with fellow women of Saint Peter.

Let us know if you plan on attending. Call, text or email Shelly Hunter at 303-809-2102 or shelly@huntergeist.com or Susan Greene at 303-902-8278 or asmjgreene@aol.com.

If you don't have time to bring a food item, that is okay. You are still invited to join us. We always have plenty of food.

P.S. Don't forget to bring the recipe if you bring a food item. We will take all of the recipes, convert them to a digital file, and provide them to all sisters in printed or emailed format. We will have our own Women's of Saint Peter Recipe File.



DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

January 15, 22 & 29

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future.

We will be offering Financial Peace University in the Fellowship Hall on January 15, 22 and 29, 2018 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

For more information and/or to register for this class go to <https://fpu.com/1048667>

This life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and coordinated by Jody Hinsey at Saint Peter Lutheran Church. ***Childcare will be provided.***

Jody Hinsey, your instructor, has almost 20 years of experience helping families manage their finances. She is a Certified Wealth Strategist and a Certified Retirement Counselor.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!



**BY ELIZABETH
A. EATON,**
Presiding Bishop
of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
America

A colleague at the Lutheran Center related this story. An unchurched friend of hers was visiting and noticed her Advent calendar. “What is Advent?” she asked. A simple question. But my colleague soon discovered it wasn’t that easy to explain Advent to someone who had never heard of it, but who also had no frame of reference for it.

My colleague talked about a season of hope, longing and preparation, about the coming of the Christ child. Noticing her friend’s puzzled look, she stopped short of talking about the eschatological and hermeneutical possibilities presented by the season.

It’s not that my colleague lacks an understanding of Advent or isn’t herself a faithful person. Nor are her communication skills deficient—she is wicked bright and funny, and relates well to people. No. She had come face-to-face with the reality that a growing segment of our population has had little or no connection with the church or any other religious tradition. They don’t speak our language. They don’t know our stories. They don’t measure time the way we do—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost. They literally don’t know what we are talking about.

You might have had a similar experience—not just an encounter with someone from another religious tradition, but with someone with no religious tradition. How do we talk to them? How do we tell them about the intimate, abiding, deep love that God has shown to us in

Jesus? How do we even tell them about Jesus? How do we explain Jesus and the incarnation, the crucifixion and the resurrection?

We know what we are talking about, but we can’t assume that others do. Many people don’t even know that they need to know Jesus—or that the Jesus they think they know isn’t the Jesus they need to know.

I once asked a group of our pastors and deacons to explain the gospel in a tweet without using the words sin, grace or gospel. A tweet then was 140 characters—it’s now 280 characters, but I don’t think that would make the assignment any easier.

Those of us (myself included) who have spent our lives in the church live in a kind of bubble. We do speak the same language—church speak. We know what we mean, we understand key phrases and metaphors. We know what makes sense to us. But for those who have either no experience with the church or a painful one, we speak an unintelligible language.

So where do we start? I believe we should start from the conviction that Jesus has the words of eternal life, that he is the way to truth and hope and life. Can we even explain that to ourselves? Do we have the words that speak to our own hearts? Can we explain the Christian tradition to ourselves, and do we believe it? When we are able to confess, live and breathe that we live, move and have our being in God, we then need to find the language that speaks to those outside of the church bubble.

We can’t cede the public space to the popular culture or to a distortion of the Christian message. It’s hard to take that both Harry Potter and the Marine Corps (I’m a huge fan of both) have a more compelling exposition of the gospel (“It’s all about love, Harry”) or of *koinonia* (“Serving something greater than themselves”). We are missionaries again. Without diluting the gospel or in any way pandering for popularity, it falls to us to commend the faith within us clearly and genuinely.

I know we stake our lives on the truth of Jesus’ death and resurrection. This brings freedom and life to us so we can invite others into God’s freedom and life.

*Article by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton
“Church Speak.” Living Lutheran. January 2018: page 50.*

PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

Praying for	Relationship	Prayer
Family & friends of Peter Naffah	Friend of Guthals' family	Young man with Downs Syndrome who died unexpectedly on Dec. 20.
Family & friends of Pete Alequin	Husband of Mary Johnson-Alequin, Pam Haigh's mother	Completed life's journey on Dec 25. Prayers of comfort and support for Pete's family.
Steve Howie	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of healing as he recovers from Dec 29 back surgery.
Bill Lippert	Father of Susan Greene	Recovering from surgery and a stroke. Prayers for healing, comfort and support.
Family & Friends of Donald Hulander	Uncle of Bill Hunter	Completed his life journey on Dec. 18. Prayers of comfort for Donald's family.
Family & friends of Carol Zagnoli	Sister-in-law of Gayle Romceovich	Completed her baptismal journey on Dec. 17. Prayers of comfort and peace for Carol's family.
Jeanette Orlino	Grandmother of Paul Orlino	Suffered a stroke. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Joel Marking	Childhood friend of Mike & Lynn Sherpe	Health issues related to cancer. Prayers of hope, healing and support.
Jim Wollack	Son-in-law of Darlene Renevier	Prayers of healing as he recovers from Dec 6 heart surgery.
Rinow Family	Friends of Eric & Kate Waggoner	Jen (38 yr old) suffering from frontal lobe dementia. Prayers of comfort for Jen, her husband Jeff and their 3 young children, Ryder, Grace & Mila.
Judy Hoyer	Mother of Lori Williams	Prayers for comfort and strength during treatment of lymphoma found in bone marrow, several abdominal nodes and spleen.
Ted Eickhoff	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers of healing, comfort and support.
Barb Hinchey	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing, comfort & support.
William Galvin	Son of Bill & Diane, friends of Deb & Jerry Paul	Seriously injured when he was hit by a car while riding his bike during a triathlon. Prayers of healing.
Declan Fish	2 year old son of Erin & David, friends of Brittany & Adam Hass	Recovering from several brain surgeries and chemo treatments. Prayers of strength, hope and healing.
Carol Butherus	Mother of Pam Prichard	Health issues. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Michael Pratt	Brother of Mary Pratt	Health issues due to seizures. Prayers of healing, support and guidance.
Aaron	Classmate of Payton Waggoner	Recovering from a severe football injury that resulted in major artery tear in his leg. Prayers for healing.
Rachel Cerra	Daughter of Marvin & Candace McNabb	Health concerns due to difficult pregnancy. Prayers of support.
Tom	Brother of Kay Gerhart	Life issues. Prayers of support and hope.
Vera Schum	Mother of Janet Okerman	Health and pain issues from back injury. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Jean Kalish	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of thanksgiving for positive treatment results.
Kevin	Cousin of Mary Pratt	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Martha McCartney	Sister of Pastor Dave	Health issues related to breast cancer. Prayers of healing.
Rob Reiber	Husband of Allegra Reiber	Prayers for healing and comfort as he recovers from a double foot amputation.
Connie Banks	Co-worker & friend of Cathy Bunch	Health issues related to pancreatic cancer. Prayers for hope and healing.
Scott Johnson	Brother of Pam Haigh	Health issues related to colon cancer. Prayers for healing.
Ross Raleigh	Son of Rob & Kristen Raleigh	Prayers of support for challenges of the disease of addiction.
Dick Rusk	Saint Peter Member	Health issues, prayers for strength, comfort & healing.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.

OUR UPCOMING WEEK

JANUARY 14 - SUNDAY

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

JANUARY 15 - MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University (FH)

JANUARY 16 - TUESDAY

noon Staff Meeting (FH)
 5:30 p.m. Men's Group
 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (FH)

JANUARY 17 - WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. WINGS Women's Support (HSY room)
 11:30 a.m. Prayers and Conversation
 noon Bible Study (FH)

JANUARY 18 - THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. WINGS Men's Support Group (Classroom)
 7:00 p.m. Cherry Creek Vista Board Meeting (FH)
 7:00 p.m. Chick Lit Book Club (CH)

JANUARY 19 - FRIDAY

ALL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 p.m. Catechism Friday Night Blast
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous (CH)

JANUARY 20 - SATURDAY

10:30 a.m. St. Peter Stitches (Narthex)
 10:30 a.m. Church Chick's Brunch (FH)
 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (CH)

JANUARY 21 - SUNDAY

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

**FOR FULL MONTHLY CALENDAR, GO TO:
CALENDAR.STPLC.ORG**

WORSHIP SERVANTS

THIS WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Andy Nakatani	Bruce Guthals
Lector	Steve Haigh	Karyl Meyer
Acolytes	Open	Chelsea Davis & Open
Worship Coordinator	Steve Haigh	Bruce Guthals
Altar Guild	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Ann Remme
Hosts	Buerk/Melson & Mach	Waggoner & Cole
Counters	Steve Flessner & Janet Weinz	Bruce Stokes & Cathy Bunch
Leadership Rep	Nate Gerhart	Gerry Mueller
NEXT WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Terri Mohrhaus	Allison Summerton
Lector	Janet Okerman	Mary Pratt
Acolytes	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Open
Worship Coordinator	Janet Okerman	Mary Pratt
Altar Guild	Shelly Hunter	Peg Burnette
Hosts	Gerhart & Kleberger	Greene & Paul
Counters	Janet & Alan Okerman	Andy Nakatani & Darlene Beals
Leadership Rep	Alan Okerman	Cathy Bunch

SUNDAY 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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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

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