

Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MISSION

ACCOMPLISHED! The Holy Spirit was at work, and the generosity of this congregation was on display as we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$70,000 to support the nursing school in Tanzania. When our Selian Travel Group returned from Tanzania in the Spring of 2016, they came back with a challenge to our congregation. Dr. Jacobson, ELCA Medical Missionary and Founder and Director of Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, had described for them the significant shortage of nurses in northern Tanzania, and the impact this has on ALMC's ability to develop new health care initiatives. In response, Dr. Jacobson and ALMC made plans to develop a new nursing school which could recruit local students into nursing and serving in Tanzania's hospitals.

However, there is a Catch-22. To create a nursing school and receive state approval in Tanzania, a nursing school already has to be in place! ALMC was granted permission to start a school where students can earn a nursing certificate through a 2-year program. This school opened on March 7, 2014, in temporary facilities near Arusha. The goal now is to build a permanent home for this school — a prerequisite for receiving approval to offer a 3-year nursing diploma curriculum.

Dr. Jacobson encouraged Saint Peter to become a major sponsor of this school with a \$70,000 gift. Saint Peter's contribution will build and equip one of the four large classrooms planned for this new nursing school.

Saint Peter has sent a gift of \$72,654 to Dr. Jacobson and the nursing school in Tanzania. While we have met this initial goal, fund raising efforts continue in Tanzania, and additional gifts given to ALMC through Saint Peter are both encouraged and will be gratefully received!



In Tanzania there are few opportunities for young people — even fewer for young women — especially those living in rural villages — to find meaningful work and provide for a family.

The opportunity to be trained as a nurse, and to begin a medical career, opens doors that would otherwise be closed. For the students at this school, it will be nothing less than a life-changing opportunity.

This is also true for the thousands of patients these nurses will touch during their years of service. The care they provide, in many cases, will be nothing less than life-changing for patients and their families. The creation of this school, and the health care resources it will provide for the people of northern Tanzania, will be a legacy of grace and compassion for generations to come. We are so grateful for Dr. Jacobson's faithful leadership, and for Saint Peter's loving generosity, and trust that God will receive these new beginnings, and turn them into powerful blessings for the people of Tanzania.

This is but one more example of what it means for us to be Christ's Church, better together. To all of you who participated in this appeal, congratulations! And thank you so very much!

LESSONS

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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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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 this year's 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!

Every year we publish an annual report -- a chance for ministry teams to share with the congregation what they have accomplished in the past year, and what they have planned for the coming year. Many of you are ministry team leaders, and we would like to include you in the 2017 report. We would like to know, from each of you:

Who leads your ministry team?

Who participates in organizing your team?

What is your Purpose Statement? (If you don't have one, we would like you to establish one. Contact Pastor Dave for suggestions.)

What ministries did you sponsor in 2017?

What plans do you have for ministry in 2018?

You can view past annual reports on our website at:
<http://www.stplc.org/resources/>

Reports are needed from all Ministry Teams by January 9!

Team leaders please email them to Lynn Sherpe. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at:

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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.

LFS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

HELP NEEDED TODAY

The DESIGN Team is thankful for everyone's help in making our facility look fabulous for the Christmas Season. But the time has come for us to take all the decorations down. Join us today after the second service as we "Undecorate". Everyone is welcome!

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.
Jo Kurowski	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of support and healing from cataract surgery on Dec 22 and Dec 29.
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 7 - SUNDAY

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

JANUARY 9 - TUESDAY

6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout 5280 Meeting (FH & CH)
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JANUARY 10 - WEDNESDAY

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

JANUARY 11 - THURSDAY

6:30 p.m.	WINGS Men's Support Group (YR)
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JANUARY 12 - FRIDAY

ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous (CH)

JANUARY 13 - SATURDAY

9:30 a.m.	MOPS (CH)
11:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)

JANUARY 14 - 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	Eric Miller	Patrice Von Stroh
Lector	Jo Kurowski	Hayden Behnke
Acolytes	Open	Open
Worship Coordinator	Susan Greene	Karen Clair
Altar Guild	Pam Haigh	Jan McGaw & Fraedie Benedict
Hosts	Okerman & Haigh	Davis & Budaj
Counters	Linda O'Bryan & Jo Kurowski	Lawrence Krämer & Heather Dahms
Leadership Rep	Candace McNabb	Joel Waggoner

NEXT 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
Worship Coordinator	Steve Haigh	Bruce Guthals
Altar Guild	Shelly Hunter	Ann Remme
Hosts	Buerk/Melson & Mach	Waggoner & Cole
Counters	Bill Hunter & Janet Weinz	Bruce Stokes & Cathy Bunch
Leadership Rep	Nate Gerhart	Gerry Mueller

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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