

# The Saint Peter Leader

A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church  
Greenwood Village, Colorado

**December**

**2009**

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## **Spaghetti Dinner**

Sponsored by  
CAUTION, 5:30 p.m. in  
the Fellowship Hall

**2, 9, 16 & 23**

**Mid-Week**

## **Advent Worship Services**

7:00 p.m. in the  
Worship Center

**18**

## **“Parents’ Night Out”**

6:00 p.m. in the  
Worship Center

**20**

## **Decorate Church for Christmas**

After 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the  
Worship Center

**24**

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

4:00, 6:00, 8:00 &  
11:00 p.m. in the  
Worship Center

**25**

## **Christmas Day Worship**

10:00 a.m. in the  
Worship Center

**25 - 1/1**

## **Church Office Closed**

## **Advent Season Worship**

Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) is a time of preparing our hearts and homes for the arrival of Christ. It is a time of waiting and anticipating. Amid the bustle of “the holiday season” we set apart time to quietly and reverently draw near to the promise of the coming Messiah. To that end, an additional time of reflection and worship takes place every Wednesday evening during Advent, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This year on Wednesday evenings, we will make use of one of our favorite worship services: Holden Evening Prayer. Come join us each Wednesday between now and Christmas for this quiet time of worship and inspiration.

## **Christmas Season Worship**

Christmas (the twelve days from December 25 to January 5) is a time of celebrating the presence and promise of Christ among us. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day begin this season, and festive worship services are scheduled:

### **December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Communion Service

(4:00 p.m. is designed especially for families with smaller children)

6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

8:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

### **December 25 – Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Communion Service

*(Service accompanied by a string quartet)*

### **The First (12/27) and Second (1/3) Sundays of Christmas**

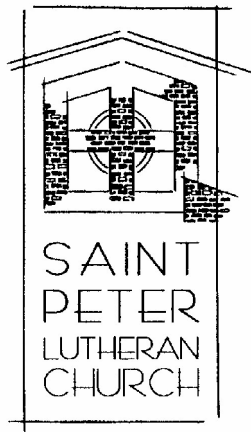
8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

No Sunday School – Christmas Break

10:45 a.m. – Communion Service

We hope you’ll join us as we enter into the ancient traditions of Advent and Christmas. Follow Pastor Dave’s devotional booklet each day in your homes (available in the church office), and make time to worship with God’s people on Sundays and Wednesdays.

May these seasons draw us nearer to the God who loves us so, and deeper into the faith that we share.



## “Circle of Stewardship” Continues...

The last month of the year is upon us and, with it, Advent and Christmas. It is always a special time of year at Saint Peter with the enhanced emphasis on giving and sharing, particularly with those less fortunate.

During the fall campaign, the Stewardship Team focused on things that would be missing from our lives if our church wasn't here. We took a look at our care and concern for each other and the importance of our giving...both time and financially...to complete the circle. We hope the 'tool kit' that was provided was a help as you thoughtfully and prayerfully considered what God is calling you to give to the ministry of Christ's Church.

The Saint Peter giving commitments for the 2009-2010 stewardship campaign are still being received. These gifts acknowledge that we are stewards, and all that we have comes from God.

Thank you for your faithfulness and God bless each and every one of you.

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## Year-End Giving to God through Saint Peter

**Office Closed from December 25 – January 1**  
**Gifts accepted through December 31**

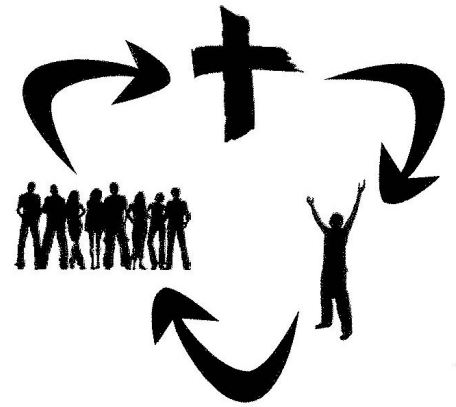
Many church members make an annual practice of offering a year-end financial gift to their congregation. This serves the dual purpose of helping the church prepare for the arrival of a new year, and helping members increase the amount of money they can declare on their income tax forms as “charitable giving.”

This year, year-end special gifts will be more helpful than ever. With the challenging economy, a number of our supporters are between jobs, or left with less ability to make financial contributions. Consequently, we are finishing up 2009 behind the budget we set for ourselves. Your year-end generosity could make the difference between starting out 2010 with a deficit and finishing 2009 in strong fashion.

If you would like to bring a gift in, please put it in the offering plate on or before December 27<sup>th</sup> or have it postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>, if you deliver it through the mail. Please note that gifts received after the beginning of the new year cannot be credited to the prior year's giving record.

Thank you for the strong financial support you have given to Saint Peter this year. So many of you have stepped up to make a difference this year, and here at Saint Peter we are deeply grateful. It has made a difference! And it gives us great hope for what we'll be able to do together in 2010.

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### Help Decorate Our Church

On Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> after second service, the DESIGN Team would appreciate any & all help putting Chrismsons on the tree in the Worship Center and adding the last of the decorations to the church.

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### Change of Address?

If you have had a change of address, email, or phone number, please contact the church office & help us keep the membership database current.  
Thanks!

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### January 2010 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please email your article to Nadine at nnakatani@StPLC.org

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From the Pastor

## Christmas Gifts

What is on your Christmas list this year? What do you hope to find under the Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning? At the heart of the Christmas season, for many 21<sup>st</sup> Century Americans, is the tradition of exchanging gifts with those we love. This is a labor of love for some, and an overwhelming burden for others. In far too many instances, however, it becomes the focus of the season.

This year, at Saint Peter, we are talking about how to recover the center of Christmas – how to make it a more Christ-centered experience. One strategy we are considering has to do with de-emphasizing the exchange of gifts, and re-emphasizing the spiritual dimensions of this season. Our hope is that this season, which celebrates the one who gave everything for us, might become a time when we can honor him by giving of ourselves to those who are in need. As you make your Christmas giving plans this year, consider adopting one of these strategies as a family:

- Establish a budget for Christmas gifts, and contribute an equal amount to an organization that is involved with Christian ministry.
- Or scale back your giving from last year’s level, and contribute the difference.
- Or, for those on your gift list who might appreciate it, give a gift in their name.

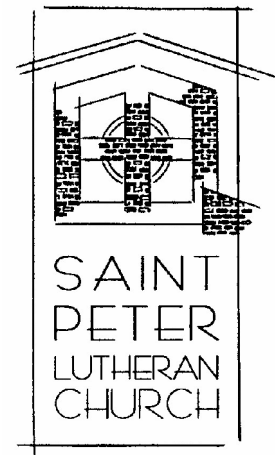
There are a number of worthy organizations that we have been supporting in recent past, through Saint Peter. In the following list, the first five are ministries that we visited on our June, 2009 trip to Tanzania. The last four are local ministry initiatives. If you visit their web sites, you’ll find that most of them offer the opportunity to sponsor a specific action or procedure or individual.

- Selian Lutheran Hospital.....[www.selianlh.habari.co.tz](http://www.selianlh.habari.co.tz)
- Plaster House .....<http://site.plasterhouse.org>
- TAMIHA Orphanage .....[www.tamiha.org](http://www.tamiha.org)
- MaaSAE Lutheran Girls’ School....[www.operationbootstrapafrica.org](http://www.operationbootstrapafrica.org)
- Heifer Project, International.....[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)
- Habitat for Humanity.....[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)
- Lutheran Family Services.....[www.lfsc.org](http://www.lfsc.org)
- Lutheran Refugee Services .....[www.lfsc.org/programs\\_refugee.php](http://www.lfsc.org/programs_refugee.php)
- Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.....[www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org)

According to a very old legend, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century there lived a Christian bishop who had a heart for poor people. He was especially concerned about young women whose families didn’t have enough money for a dowry (these women often starved or were sold into slavery). He would throw a bag of coins through the hole in the roof that let the cooking smoke out. Caring for these neighbors in need was his way of honoring Christ. By the way, his name was Nicholas. The many stories about his care for children and the poor caused people to think of him as a saint.

Perhaps the story of Saint Nicholas (whose “Saint Day” is December 6) could inspire us to be generous, as well, in our attempts to honor the one who is born among us every Christmas Eve.

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



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Plan to attend our next annual Congregational Meeting at 12:00 noon on Feb. 7, 2010 in the Worship Center

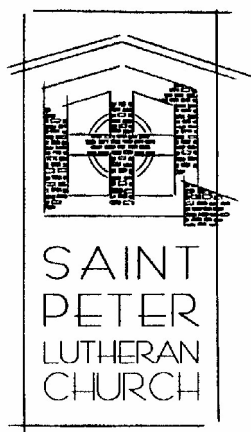
## “One Little Word”

### Weekly Internet Devotions

Pastor Dave sends out a devotional message every Wednesday, entitled “One Little Word” (from Martin Luther’s Hymn, “A Mighty Fortress”), which is based on one of the lessons appointed for the coming Sunday, and is intended to help readers prepare themselves for Sunday worship.

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.OneLittleWord.org](http://www.OneLittleWord.org)

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## Ministry Team Leaders

### Acolytes/Lectors

Mary Ann Steiner

### Adult Education

Discipleship Team

### Altar Guild

Jan McGaw

### “CAUTION” High

School Youth

Karen Dehmlow

### Community Blood Drive

Gayle Romcevich

### Covenant Cupboard

Walt Meyer

### Counters

Janet Weinz

### DESIGN Team

Verna Leighton

### Fellowship Hour

Jeaneane Engel

### Five Habits of Discipleship

Ed Hardey

### For Pete’s Sake Players

Verna Leighton

Karyl Meyer

### Gathering Place

Card Project

Open Position

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## Adult Education Opportunities

Each Sunday, in the Narthex beginning at 9:40 a.m.

You're invited to attend some wonderful learning opportunities between services in Adult Education - take a look at the upcoming topics:

- † November 29 - Celebrate the season of Advent and make an Advent wreath during this multi-generational event.
- † December 6 - A guest speaker from Inter-Faith Community Services will share information about their many services.
- † December 13 - Celebrate Advent and the upcoming Christmas season with a time of caroling.
- † December 20 - A guest speaker from Via de Cristo will provide an overview of this faith deepening ministry.
- † December 27 - enjoy some time to visit with your Saint Peter friends as there is no Adult Education this week.

We hope to see you there!

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## Advent Wreaths

### Symbols of the Season

Blue is the color of Advent: the deep blue symbolizes the night sky. Blue is found in the altar paraments and the banners.

The Advent banners were conceived as symbols to direct our thought to the beginning of a new church year. As the morning begins in darkness and the clouds of the past are parting to reveal the morning star, the promise of the coming Messiah, we too must wait for that new day.

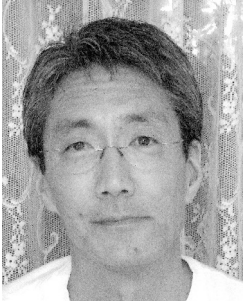
The Advent wreath is a beautiful symbol of the season. It is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, of God's eternity and endless mercy which has no beginning or ending. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope we have in God, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The fifth candle or Christ Candle is lighted at Christmas as we rejoice over the fact that the promise of long ago has been realized.

The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace to others (Isa 42:6).

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## Help Un-Decorate the Church

On Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. the DESIGN Team will need much help taking down all of the Christmas decorations. Please plan on staying after second service to help. Thanks!



From the President of the Congregation

## Advent, in More Ways than One

Is it a big deal at your home to get ready when guests are coming over?! Depending on who it is that is coming and how long they're planning to stay, we may do as little as just pick up clutter or we may have to do a full-blown vacuum the carpets, mop the floors, dust and polish furniture, clean windows, do dishes, get fresh flowers, plan a menu, go grocery shopping, and more! Who are we trying to impress? Well, nobody I hope. We're preparing our homes so we can be as welcoming as possible for our honored guests. In this Advent season at Saint Peter we too are getting ready. We're preparing to receive the most awesome guest in history... our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Even before the Advent season, Saint Peter Lutheran Church began preparations for the new church year with our Stewardship campaign so we could plan our budget and activities for 2010. We're also working with Pastor Dave to fill a few vacancies on the Leadership Team, including a new President since my term is drawing to a close. I am anxious and optimistic for the opportunities that lie ahead for my successor. The Administrative Team is working to improve our budgeting and management practices so we can be more fiscally efficient. The Miracle Sunday Capital Improvements project continues to move forward. We expect to procure funding shortly and begin the process of putting the work out for bid. The Mission Teams are focusing their current and new ministry's work to be in alignment with our mission statement, "Welcomed Into God's Love; Sent Into God's World."

I love the Advent and Christmas seasons with their special worship services and devotional opportunities. I love this time of year as we get ourselves and Saint Peter ready to celebrate the coming of our Lord. Let's enjoy this time together and make an extra special effort to welcome our guests in the coming weeks.

God's peace and blessings to you and your families!

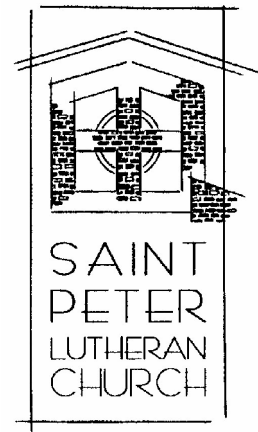
Andy Nakatani,  
Congregation President

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## Poinsettias at Christmas

The giving of poinsettias is a way to remember someone and beautify Saint Peter's Worship Center. Please check the pew pockets for envelopes if you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed around the altar at Christmas. You may designate it for the honor or memory of someone, or to the glory of God. Just fill out the information on the outside of the envelope, include your \$10 donation, and place it in the offering plate.

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## Ministry Team

### Leaders

#### Habitat for Humanity

Vicky Simpson

#### Holly Heights

Open Position

#### Host Families

Marshall Roth

#### Pray & Crochet

Jenny Von Stroh

Carmen Faaiu

#### Property Team

Max Steiner

#### Refugee Family

#### Mentor Team

Open Position

#### Selian Lutheran

#### Hospital Team

Susan Howell

#### Servant Events

Laura Guthals

#### Sharing Our Suppers (S.O.S.)

Annie Harnett

#### Stephen Lay Caring Ministry

Donna Burman

Steve Onody

#### Sunday School

Laura Guthals

#### Tech Team

Steve Flessner

Rick Brydum

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# Worship & Music

## Alleluia Ringers

Come join us! We meet each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.



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## Share Your Talents!

Just because summer is coming to a close doesn't mean you can't offer your musical gifts to God and to the Saint Peter congregation during our offering time. Please contact Mariko Murase or Steve Howie if you would like to sing or play for an offering – we'd love to have you bless our worship through your talent!



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## Holly Heights Ministry

The third Sunday of each month. Please contact Steve Howie if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

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## Join the Christmas Choir!

Once again our Festival Choir is assembling to create another beautiful worship experience for our 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship services. It's not too late to join us, we meet in the Worship Center each Wednesday evening right after Advent Midweek worship. All are welcome!

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## Assisting Ministers Needed!

More assistants are needed to help lead worship. Are you ready to take your worship experience to the next level? Are you ready to help others find greater meaning through worship? Do you ever wonder if people keep track of all those little cups and pieces of bread during communion? Become an assisting minister! The primary role of an assisting minister is to help lead the congregation in prayer. SINGING IS NOT NECESSARY.

If you are interested in helping lead our worship and in helping people connect with God, please contact Steve Howie for more information.

**YOU CAN DO IT!**

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# Holden Evening Prayer

## At Mid-Week Advent Worship Services

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

As is the tradition at Saint Peter Lutheran Church during Advent, this year we are again worshipping with Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer. This service features a contemplative style with lots of congregational singing. Join us for this special time of worship.

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# Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

## What Difference Does It Make?

I've been thinking of that question a lot this fall when it comes to ministry. I've considered it when thinking of Selian Lutheran Hospital or Habitat for Humanity; even when I see young lives being changed through Catechism, Sunday School, and CAUTION mission trips. It might be easy to imagine these ministries as having an impact on the world around us. But what about music ministry?

A fundamental litmus test of any ministry should be asking the question: What difference does this ministry make? What positive impact does the ministry have on our congregation, the community, and the world in general? Are we making a difference?

At first glance music may not appear to be able save lives like providing food, shelter, or even medical care does. Music has rarely, if ever, ended a war, stopped oppression, or changed hearts. Or has it?

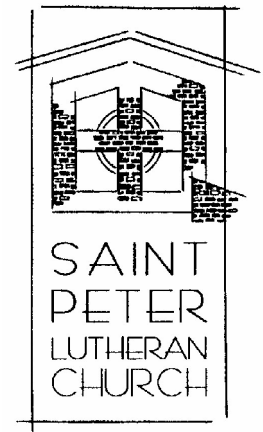
In fact, there are many examples throughout history of music and arts becoming a tool of ambassadorship between two otherwise seemingly incompatible cultures. Just last year, the New York Philharmonic travelled to North Korea in a musical and cultural exchange that increased the understanding of our commonalities. Often when diplomatic ties break down, one of the first ways to re-establish a dialogue is through the common language of music. Peaceful protests often utilize song to show solidarity and have effectively ended oppression and injustice. The list goes on.

Music has the ability to speak to the human soul in ways that mere words cannot. We all respond to music in unique, powerful ways. I have seen this at work several times this year through our music ministry events and activities. For instance, our variety show was able to provide needed clothing articles to women and children through the Gathering Place ministry. Holly Heights provides a simple worship service for folks who can't get to church. Our choir's offering of "Inscription of Hope," and Haydn's Missa Brevis, has spoken to many in ways that could never have been previously imagined. We pray each week in our music ministries for help for our congregation to grow closer to God and for God to inspire each person to use their gifts as an offering.

I think the most powerful aspect of music ministry is that unique ability to reveal God's grace in our lives through music. We don't always know who just lost a job or suffered a personal loss when they enter our Worship Center, but God knows his children's joys and sorrows. I believe that God is able to use music and arts to speak directly to each person in a powerful way. I've seen this power of music at work this fall create tears of joy, ease the pain of loss, and even help motivate young people to seek a greater connection with God through music. Only God can accomplish all these things through something as simple as a song. I thank God each day for the difference music and all of Saint Peter's ministries make in so many lives!

Peace,

Steve Howie, Minister of Music



## Christmas Eve Schedule

**4:00 p.m. Service:**

### Family Service

Worship Band  
Alleluia Ringers  
Children's Choir

**6:00 & 8:00 p.m.**

### Candlelight Services:

Choir, Strings, and  
Keyboard

**11:00 p.m.**

### Candlelight Service

Small Ensemble

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## Come Celebrate on Christmas Morning with Strings

Our 10:00 a.m. service will once again feature a string quartet with beautiful Christmas carols and inspirational offertory music.

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## Join the Woodwind Ensemble!

Contact Steve Howie for more information.

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# Youth & Families

## Youth Crew

Karen Dehmlow,  
CAUTION High School  
and Beyond  
Coordinator



## “CAUTION” E-mails

If you are a high school youth or older and are not receiving Caution e-mails please contact Karen at: [cautionhsybeyond@gmail.com](mailto:cautionhsybeyond@gmail.com) to get on the list.



## “CAUTION” Meeting Schedule

\*Sunday morning  
worship

\*Sunday School

\*Active participation  
and leadership of the  
StPLC catechism  
program



## RMS Middle School Youth Gathering

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Synod Middle School Youth Gathering takes place January 15-17, 2010, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs. For more information or to register, contact Karen Dehmlow.



## CAUTION 2009 Prom & Silent Auction

### Formal Attire, Dinner, Dancing, Conversation & Silent Auction Fun!

The CAUTION Youth Group had another fun and successful mission trip fund raiser! There were auction items from home theater equipment to picture frames to gift certificates to baby baskets to hair? Yes hair – Alan Buser auctioned off his hair by agreeing to have it cut for a price. The top bid was \$100 and a matching additional \$100 was given by an anonymous donor.



Alan's hair was cut right in front of the crowd!



There are still many items available to bid on. To view them and bid, just go to [www.idonatetocharity.org/church/caution](http://www.idonatetocharity.org/church/caution). Remember all proceeds will go to support the StPLC CAUTION Youth Group's summer mission trips.



## “Trunk-or-Treat” Halloween Fun

Great fun was had by all who attended this year's “Trunk-or-Treat” event that was held in the Saint Peter parking lot. The winners of the trunk decorating contest are: 1<sup>st</sup> place was tied between Jonathan Dehmlow and Dawn & Steve Howie; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the Koenigs'.

Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to next year's competition.



# Ministries at StPLC

## “Head to Heart” Catechism Ministries

Our Catechism ministries for 2009-2010 are well underway, with some students actually on track to finish up their allotted “Sunday Morning Review Sheets” by the end of this month! We’ve been studying the Ten Commandments together this Fall, and will continue that through the month of December. This month’s calendar includes:

- Sunday, Dec. 6      6:00 p.m.      Sunday Evening Workshop**  
The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment: False Witness  
Exodus 20:16
- Sunday, Dec. 13      6:00 p.m.      Leadership Team Huddle** (at Dehmlows')
- Sunday, Dec. 20      6:00 p.m.      Sunday Evening Workshop**  
The 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments: Coveting  
Exodus 20:17

Catechism is a three-year course of study for youth entering their teenage years, and leads to welcoming them into adult membership in our church. We welcome any young people grades 6-8 to enroll in this program. If you are interested, please call the church office for additional information.

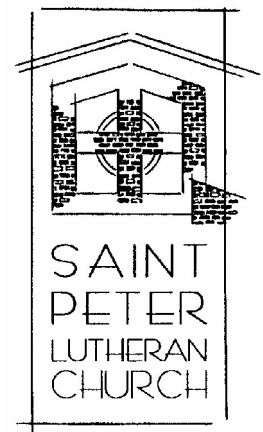
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## Excelsior Trick-or-Treating

Excelsior is a facility that supports the physical, emotional and educational needs of teenage girls who require extra support during a difficult time in their lives.

The StPLC CAUTION Youth Group participated, for the very first time, in Excelsior’s trick-or-treating event. Each classroom doorway was decorated for Halloween and the costumed candy distributors handed out candy to over 150 girls who are residents of Excelsior. Our CAUTION Youth Group decorated two doorways and we are looking forward to participating again next year.

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## Spaghetti Supper Sponsored by CAUTION

Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
a delicious spaghetti  
dinner will be served  
prior to Mid-Week  
Advent Worship.

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## Next “Parents’ Night Out”

December 18<sup>th</sup>  
beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
here at Saint Peter.

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## New: “Parents’ Day Out”

Enjoy a day of  
shopping without the  
little ones. Saturday,  
December 19<sup>th</sup> from  
9:00 a.m. until  
4:00 p.m. here at  
Saint Peter.

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## January 29<sup>th</sup> Save the Date

Everyone is invited to  
“Sports Improve”  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
(location TBA)

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## WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR DECEMBER 2009

Date-Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Hosts	Counters	Fellowship Hour	Flowers	Leadership Rep
<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30</b>	Lee Dehmlow	Jo Kurowski	Jill & Paige Koenig	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Dallman & Gerhart	Linda O'Bryan & Jo Kurowski	Karen Wiesjahn	--	Rhonda Sinnema
<b>10:45</b>	Kristen Raleigh	Bruce Guthals	Philip & Stephanie Guthals	Pam Haigh	Rubano & Dickerson	Irwin Faaiu & Jolaine Natale			Ed Hardey
<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30</b>	Andy Nakatani	David Dehmlow	Open	Lynn Sherpe	Budinger & Greene	Dick Reimer & Janet Weinz	Open	--	Andy Nakatani
<b>10:45</b>	Michael Omohundro	Mary Pratt	Brady Risendal & Morgan Ammon	Linda Rejvani	Ammon & Behnke	Bruce Stokes & Cathy Bunch			Bruce Stokes
<b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30</b>	Terri Mohrhaus	Janet Okerman	Matthew Okerman & Open	Diane Reimer	Roth & Hinsey	Alan Okerman & Paul Engel	Open	--	Alan Okerman
<b>10:45</b>	Allison Summerton	Kristen Raleigh	Ryan Patton & Mackenzie Ammon	Janet McGaw	Keller & Hass	Kay Metzger & Mike DiLisa			Karen Dehmlow
<b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30</b>	Steve Howie	Jill Koenig	Paige Koenig & Open	Lynn Sherpe	Roth & Open	Jan McGaw & Steve Flessner	Open	McGaw	Lynn Sherpe
<b>10:45</b>	Walt Meyer	Katherine Summerton	Jessica Summerton & Alan Beals	Pam Haigh	Guthals & Mech	Andy Nakatani & Bruce Guthals			Bruce Guthals

**Please make sure you mark your calendars and notify the church office of any changes in the schedule by Wednesday of your scheduled week so we may get the correct names in the bulletin. Thanks!**

**If you would be interested in serving in any of the above worship categories please contact:**

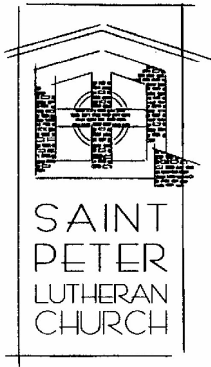
Assisting Minister	Steve Howie	Fellowship Hour Hosts	Jeaneane Engel
Altar Guild	Jan McGaw	Host	Marshall Roth
Counter	Janet Weinz	Acolyte/Lector	Mary Ann Steiner

**We welcome adults, couples and/ or families to sign up to serve as Acolytes.**

# December 2009

December 2009							January 2010						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		December 1	2	3	4	5
		10:00am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 7:00pm For Pete's Sake Players (WC)	11:30am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 5:30pm CAUTION Spaghetti Dinner (FH) 5:30pm Executive Team (Office) 6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 7:00pm GoodNews Church Bible Study (FH) 7:00pm Advent Midweek Service (WC) 7:45pm Jubilate Choir (WC)	6:30am Men's Christcare Group (Panera Bread) 5:30pm Dave McGaw Jazz Band (WC) 6:30pm Alleluia Bells (WC) 6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 8:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)		7:00am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 8:30am Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg (FH) 9:00am DESIGN Decorating (Facility) 11:30am Al-Anon Meeting (FH) 4:00pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Traditional Communion Service (WC) 9:15am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (St. Gabriel's) 9:30am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 9:40am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service (WC) 1:00pm Denver GoodNews Church 1:00pm <b>Piano Recital - Betty Sue</b> 6:00pm Catechism Workshop	6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 7:00pm Pray & Crochet (Youth Room)	10:00am Staff Meeting (FH) 10:00am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC)	11:30am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 7:00pm GoodNews Church Bible Study (FH) 7:00pm Advent Midweek Service (WC) 7:45pm Jubilate Choir (WC)	5:30pm Dave McGaw Jazz Band (WC) 6:30pm Alleluia Bells (WC) 6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 8:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)	Jan Newsletter Deadline	7:00am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 9:00am DESIGN (Facility) 9:00am Opportunity Group (FH) 11:30am Al-Anon Meeting (FH) 4:00pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am Traditional Communion Service (WC) 9:40am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service (WC) 1:00pm Denver GoodNews Church Worship (CH) 6:00pm 90 Days Celebration (Pequette Home) 7:00pm Catechism Huddle (Dehmlow Home)	6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH)	6:30pm Administrative Team (Sinnema Home) 7:00pm For Pete's Sake Players (WC)	11:30am Bible in 90 Days Small Group (FH) 6:30pm Bible in 90 Days Small Group (OFLC) 7:00pm GoodNews Church Bible Study (FH) 7:00pm Stephen Minister Supervision (FH) 7:00pm Advent Midweek Service (WC) 7:45pm Jubilate Choir (WC)	6:30am Men's Christcare Group (Panera Bread) 5:30pm Dave McGaw Jazz Band (WC) 6:30pm Alleluia Bells (WC) 8:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)	6:00pm Parents Night Out (FH) 6:00pm Piano Recital (WC)	9:00am Parents Day Out (Youth Room) 11:30am Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am Traditional Communion Service (WC) 9:30am Holly Heights Ministry (Holly Heights Nursing) 9:40am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service (WC) 12:00pm Decorate Trees (WC) 1:00pm Denver GoodNews Church Worship (CH) 6:00pm Catechism Workshop (Entire facility)		10:00am Staff Meeting (FH) 6:30pm Mission Team (FH)	11:30am Brown Bag Bible Study (FH) 7:00pm GoodNews Church Bible Study (FH) 7:00pm Advent Midweek Service (WC) 7:45pm Jubilate Choir (WC)	4:00pm Christmas Eve Service (WC) 6:00pm Candlelight Service (WC) 8:00pm Candlelight Service (WC) 11:00pm Candlelight Service (WC)	10:00am Christmas Day Service (WC)	9:00am Opportunity Group (FH) 11:30am Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
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8:30am Traditional Communion Service (WC) 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service (WC) 1:00pm Denver GoodNews Church Worship (CH)	Office Close	Office Close	Office Close 7:00pm GoodNews Church Bible Study (FH)	Office Close		



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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]