

# The Saint Peter Leader

A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church  
Greenwood Village, Colorado

## September

2010

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### Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Service

9:40 a.m. Youth &  
Adult Education

10:45 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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### Pray & Crochet

7:00 p.m.  
Covenant Hall

13 & 20

### New Member Class

7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

15

### Brown Bag Bible Study Resumes

11:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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### New Member Reception

Both Services  
Worship Center

## Rally Day

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of Sunday School

Please join us as we kick off a new fall schedule of events and activities. Youth & Adult Education (Sunday School) will resume at 9:40 a.m. for all ages and the second worship service will return to their winter schedule. The Sunday worship schedule for this fall, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>:

**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

**9:40 a.m. Youth & Adult Education**

**10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

For information regarding StPLC's Children's Sunday School, please call the church office. You need not be a member of Saint Peter to participate. Come, join us as we explore together what it means to be a people of God.

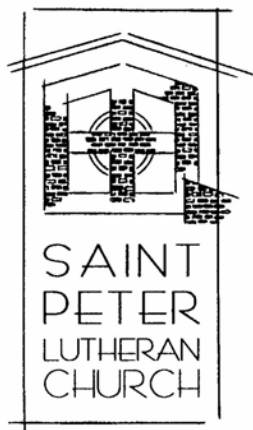
## The Bible in 90 Days

Beginning September 13, 2010

Join us as we read the Bible cover-to-cover in 90 days. This is the second time Saint Peter has offered this program; an opportunity for us to find the support and encouragement we need to help us successfully read the entire Bible.

Each participant reads about 12 pages a day, then gathers once a week with other participants. Weekly meetings include guided small group discussion, activities, and a video lesson. Small group meetings are open, and will be available at Saint Peter at least twice each week.

Registration is \$20 per person, and includes a Bible and a study guide. Be sure to join us for this immersion into God's Word. We guarantee it will be well worth your time!



## Brown Bag Bible Study Resumes on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

Every Wednesday a group meets with Pastor Dave to study the biblical texts for the upcoming Sunday. We start at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with sharing and prayer then the Bible study begins. We invite you to join us for these lively BBBS discussions!

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## October 2010 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email your article to Nadine at [nnakatani@StPLC.org](mailto:nnakatani@StPLC.org)



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## Stewardship

**What does it mean to be a steward?** We are all stewards in our daily lives based on the choices we make. Hopefully you participated in the “Stewards Among Us” survey in August. The first question dealt with your understanding of stewardship. Then it requested some examples and challenges around acting as a steward. During the next month we will share these examples for introspection and inspection of our stewardship experience.

Stewardship includes taking good care of life, social concerns, economic justice, the environment, communities. We use our time and gifts in caring for the earth and all that is on it. None of it belongs to us; rather we use it while we are here and then leave everything for those that come after us. But with these gifts we are given, there comes a responsibility. Humans are the only creatures with free will. We can choose to squander our gifts, to deny them or to use them in partnership with God as God’s agent on earth.

**Who are faithful stewards?** Are they those who choose service over self-interest? Stewardship includes every area of life: our bodies, skills, time, environment, and work. In loving God with all of our heart, mind and soul, all of our affairs reflect who we are in service to God.

We will explore these questions further during October with the “Make It Simple” stewardship program. God bless you and yours.

Your Stewardship Team

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## Christ Caring for People through People

That’s the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through.

To learn how to connect with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Donna Burman (303 619-6448), Steve Onody (303 883-7826), Lynn Sherpe (303 921-5355) or Pastor Dave (303 770-9300). **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

If you would like to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the Stephen Leaders listed above. An informational dinner is planned for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Coping with Grief through the Holidays.** The Stephen Ministry team of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church (CCPC) has invited anyone in our congregation who is experiencing grief to an evening grief seminar on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at CCPC. Please call one of Saint Peter’s Stephen Leaders or call LaRue at (CCPC) at 303 779-9909 x 5205 for more information. Reservations are requested by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven’t viewed the Stephen Ministry video, please go to the Saint Peter website ([stplc.org](http://stplc.org)) and click on the ‘Our Ministries’ tab and then the ‘read more’ under Stephen Ministries.

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From the Pastor

## 90 Days

One year ago a group of Saint Peter members and friends, along with a number of others from Our Father Lutheran Church and St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church, took ninety days to read their way through the Bible. It was, to say the least, a remarkably inspiring experience, as we immersed ourselves in God's word for 30-60 minutes each day. We followed the story of God's involvement in this world from the miracle of creation through the shadowy images of time's end. Along the way we experienced glory and wonder, brokenness and forgiveness, redemption and renewal. At the end of the road, there were sighs of relief, but also expressions of deep gratitude for the chance to walk this journey together.

The responses we received from participants were so positive, and so strong, that we immediately decided we'd offer another opportunity to read through the Bible in 90 days. Our Discipleship Team has chosen to do that this fall, and we'll begin on September 13. Small groups will most likely be offered on Mondays and Thursdays in the evening (depending on the size of the group that enrolls). Materials are available in the Narthex; stop by the Discipleship Team's table before or after worship this Sunday.

I am especially grateful that this opportunity is being offered again. At the heart of the Lutheran movement is a firm belief in the power of God's word. Luther reflected on this power in the third stanza of his best-known hymn, "A Mighty Fortress."

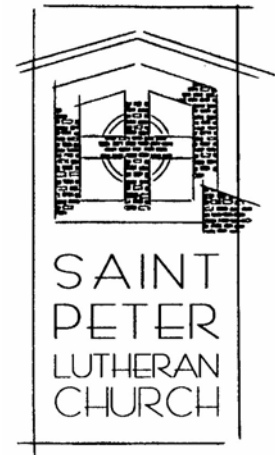
*Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threatening to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.*

One little word from God has the power to defeat even the devil himself. One little word from God has the power to transform our lives and our faith. As we claim in our Five Habits of Discipleship emphasis, when we spend time each day in God's word, we believe that it will lead us into becoming the kind of people God needs us to be. Reading the Bible together in 90 days is a great way to open up our hearts and our lives to that power.

If you weren't able to join us the first time we gave this venture a try, I want to personally encourage each and every one of you to sign on this year. We'll read about twelve pages each day. We'll gather once each week with our small group to reflect on the experience and encourage each other to keep up with our reading. And I'm confident that once again, when the season of Advent arrives, and we begin to read from the prophets, those ancient proclamations about the coming Christ will be more powerful for us than they ever have been.

I know that many of you have attempted to read through the Bible on your own in the past, and have fallen short of accomplishing it. Our experience from last year is that this is an effective way for us to help each other succeed in reading the entire Bible. Please consider joining us. Registration is open now, and we'll kick off our reading on September 13. May the power of God's Word transform your life this fall!

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



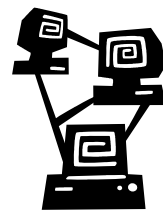
## "One Little Word"

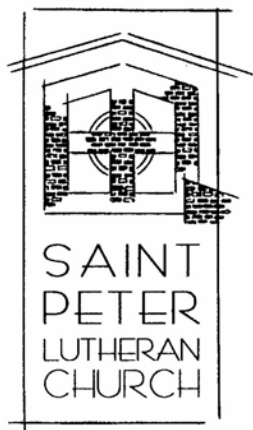
### Weekly Internet Devotions

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 Romceovich

### ***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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## Discipleship News

Fall (well almost fall!) greetings to you from your Discipleship Committee. We hope that you enjoyed the blessings of summer leisure and a more relaxed schedule. As school starts and the leisurely days of summer pass, we hope that you are looking forward to an opportunity to grow and learn as some great programs begin at Saint Peter!

The ELCA website gives the following charge to those who are disciples of Christ: ***Discipleship is being called to walk with Christ, equipped to live like Christ, and sent by Christ to love and serve others in the world!*** Here are two opportunities to be better "equipped":

**The Bible in 90 Days** – If you did not have the opportunity to experience this program last fall, or if you'd like to revisit this study, please join us when this program returns on September 13<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up after church with either Bruce or Sharon Stokes. Comments from past participants were that they would like to see more topical studies of the Bible, so this study is back again!

**Adult Forum** – Join us for some insightful programs between services beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> in our new location – the Fellowship Hall. Grab some refreshments, enjoy some fellowship and then come to Adult Education hour.

We'll kick off the year with Ron Leighton sharing ideas about the Morning Meditation Ministry (see last month's newsletter for more details) which revolves around the new Saint Peter labyrinth. September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will learn more about Israel from Jim & Carol Hallstrom and Dave & Marty Frampton who recently travelled to this area. Keep tuned for the rest of the fall schedule and if you have ideas for Adult Ed topics, please let one of us know.

Looking forward to growing and learning with you ~ Your Discipleship Team

Bruce Stokes, Kristen Raleigh, Hayden Behnke and Janet Okerman

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## RMS Ending Hunger Summit

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

Don't miss this 5<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Synod summit on hunger and poverty on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Holy Shepherd located at 920 Kipling Street in Lakewood, CO. Gain a clearer understanding of the hunger and poverty work of the ELCA and come away with useful skills and new ideas for becoming a stronger partner in this work.

General sessions will feature biblical reflection on hunger and poverty, a detailed orientation to the way the hunger appeal is funded and carries out its mission, information on issues on Colorado's ballot, an introduction to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, and closing worship with communion and an offering for the World Hunger Appeal.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes all materials plus simple snacks and lunch. Registrations are due by September 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, phone 303 777-6700, or you can e-mail Willie Hobbs at [whobbs@rmselca.org](mailto:whobbs@rmselca.org), or go to [www.rmselca.org/hungersummit](http://www.rmselca.org/hungersummit).

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# Lutheran Colleges Night

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church**

The event will take place at Bethany Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 12, 2010. The schedule for the night is as follows:

6:45 p.m. Registration begins  
7:00 p.m. Financial Aid Seminar  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. College Fair

The Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) represents 40 Lutheran colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Member institutions share a common interest in developing the whole human being, strongly believe that faith is a core component of an education and that students need to develop deep critical thinking skills to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They also remain committed to enrolling students from all socioeconomic backgrounds and seek to build diverse student bodies.

For more information regarding Lutheran Colleges Night at Bethany, please call the church office at 303 758-2820 or visit the website: [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org). Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 4500 East Hampden Avenue in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado 80113.

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## Men's Adventure Camp at Rainbow Trail

**September 16–19, 2010**

This action packed weekend is filled with rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, archery, beer brewing, and high ropes. Morning and evening worship bookend our days and provide a lively and engaging opportunity for great conversation and growing in faith. Hearty meals and time to hang out with new and old friends round out this incredible weekend. Individuals and men's groups welcome. Download a registration form or register online today at [rainbowtrail.org](http://rainbowtrail.org). You may also contact Ben Larson at 719 942-4220 for more information.

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## Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed

### Coffee, Refreshments & Good Conversation!

It's time to start thinking about fall Fellowship Hour. It's fun and easy...just provide snacks for everyone to enjoy with lemonade and coffee during the Sunday School hour. You can sign-up individually, as a family or with a friend – it's a great opportunity to show our members and guests they are "Welcomed into God's Love."

Please look over your 2010/2011 calendar and sign-up early. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. Need more information? Contact Jeaneane Engel at [JESE@aol.com](mailto:JESE@aol.com). Thanks!

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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*

Steve Haigh

Bill Hunter

### *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

Lynn Sherpe

### *Sunday School*

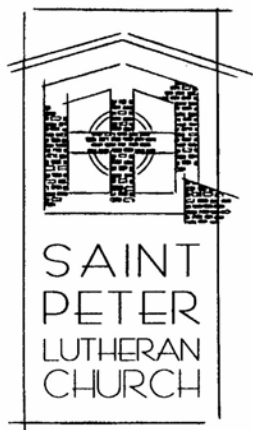
Laura Guthals

### *Tech Team*

Steve Flessner

Rick Brydum

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## Thank You for Your "Gift of Life"!

Saint Peter hosted the Community Blood Drive that was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> and we would like to thank the following donors for their "Gift of Life".

- Donna Burman
- Irwin Faiiu
- Steve Flessner
- Nate Flessner
- Mary Pratt
- Steve Haigh
- Pam Haigh
- Linda Rejvani
- Lynn Sherpe
- Dave Mohrhaus
- Andy Mohrhaus
- Steve Howie
- Gayle Romcevich
- Laura Romcevich
- Christine Mayerle
- Tom Goddard



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## Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

Did you know that with the current economy, 5.1 million American families have "worst-case" housing needs, forcing them to pay more than half of their income for housing? Worldwide, the need is even greater. Some 2 billion people live in poverty housing, 1 billion in urban slums and that figure is expected to double by 2030!

How you may help! Our local affiliate, Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver, is looking for workers for their Outlet stores. They are seeking Team Captains to commit to a 4 to 5 hour shift once a week. Duties include working with volunteer groups, managing the recycling program, and help with donors unloading their donations for the store. They will also run the registers, answer phone, and provide customer service for the warehouse floor. If you are interested, please contact Alice Goble at 303 996-5468, or [alice@habitatmetrodenver.org](mailto:alice@habitatmetrodenver.org).

Another opportunity for our youth, ages 14 through 15, is to work at the Outlet stores with a parent! Watch for sign-up sheets as we put together several work crews from Saint Peter! If the dates chosen do not fit your schedule, contact Alice and volunteer with your parent as an individual group.

The annual Holy Hammers fundraising breakfast is set for Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. It will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church located at 5000 E. Alameda Avenue in Denver. Fourteen year old Bochra Bendjebbar, who with her parents and sibilings, is one of the new residents of Bails Townhome Community will speak. Come and be inspired!

Also, Saint Peter will be sponsoring a fundraising event this fall to continue our support for Habitat for Humanity. Information will be forthcoming in future announcements and bulletins.

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## RMS Women's Convention

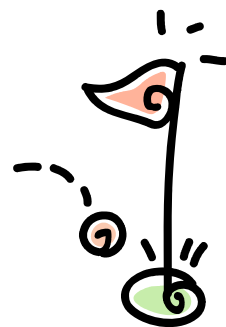
You are invited to participate in the 2010 Convention of the Rocky Mountain Synod Women of the ELCA, September 24-26, 2010, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Metro Denver. All ELCA women and guests are welcome to attend the convention and participate in worship, Bible study, and fellowship among all the Bold Women of the ELCA. For more information, go to [rmselca.org/women](http://rmselca.org/women).

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## Thank You Golfers!

Blessed with a picture-perfect day in the Rocky Mountains, 124 golfers enjoyed a day on the links at Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen for the Lutheran Family Services 2010 Annual Golf Classic. Reggie Rivers was the guest emcee and conducted a great live auction, helping to raise over \$35,000.

Thank you to the golfers, sponsors and volunteers for a great tournament! Your commitment to helping vulnerable children, families and older adults in our community is sincerely appreciated. Partnerships with people like you allow us to truly make a difference. Through our programs of foster care, adoption, refugee and asylee services, assistance for older adults and their caregivers, pregnancy counseling and disaster response we have seen many lives changed for the better. Thank you!



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From the President of the Congregation

## Transition

Transition – there seems to be a lot of it going on. Kids headed back to school are anxious to move up one grade – will the teacher be nice or cool? Will there be even more homework? College freshman are packing up and are headed into the unknown world of dorm life and college living. What will their roommate be like? Just how hard will these classes be? College graduates join

the rest of the world looking for employment during a time when jobs of any kind are scarce and where competition is high. Those who have lost their jobs struggle to make ends meet and wonder when they too will get the nod for that sought-after employment opportunity; while others struggle with “should I retire now?” Elder family members struggle to remain independent while their younger caretakers grow weary deciding just what steps to take next. And so it goes.

During times of transition there is always a great deal of anxiety, confusion, and stress. We at Saint Peter are going through transition as well. September marks the end of the summer and the transition back to our “normal” worship schedule, Sunday School, choir practice, team meetings and youth begin or continue their Catechism journey – to name just a few. Our “front yard” is being transformed into a welcoming area for kids and for others who hope to walk the labyrinth and find peace through prayer and introspection. Transition often takes more time than we would like, often with lots of bumps and pot holes to maneuver; and when the transition is complete we tend to forget what was and wonder how we ever lived without what now is.

Transition takes hours of planning and adjusting – and often things just don't happen as expected. When I was asked several months ago if I would be interested in being the next President at Saint Peter, I laughed. Are you kidding? Well, here I am, transitioning into this position with some of that aforementioned anxiety, confusion and stress. There is a great deal to learn, understand and work through. Your kind and encouraging words, coupled with lots of prayers are helping to keep me grounded. And now God is bringing me that inner peace that comforts and warms my soul.

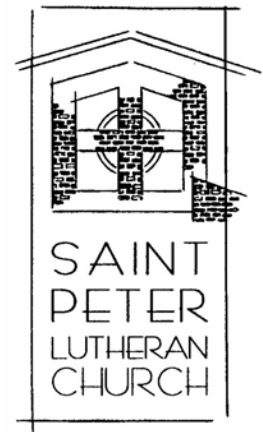
Through it all, God is there for us. He guides us through any transition, always there to catch us when we fall or to carry us when we are too weak to go on. He gives us the fortitude to try something new; to encourage others struggling with the curve balls life throws our way. Some transitions seem minute compared to what God's chosen people experienced in the books of the Old Testament – and in the New Testament. And through it all, God was and is there.

We'll make it through – with a lot of hard work, gifted hands, hearts and minds, and with God as our guide. We'll know we are His people as we reach out to Him in prayer, opening our hearts and minds to His will. We know we are His – our mission statement confirms this: “We are Welcomed into God's Love just as we are, and Sent into God's World to be a reflection of Christ's love.” What a gift to share with each other and with this transitioning world!

Life is continual transition - how very blessed we are!

Grace and Peace,

Lori Williams, Congregation President



## Useful Links

Rocky Mountain Synod  
[rmselca.org/](http://rmselca.org/)

ELCA Disaster Response  
[www.elca.org/disaster/](http://www.elca.org/disaster/)

ELCA World Hunger  
[www.elca.org/disaster/](http://www.elca.org/disaster/)

LFS  
[www.lfsc.org/](http://www.lfsc.org/)

Rainbow Trail  
[rainbowtrail.org/](http://rainbowtrail.org/)

Selian Hospital  
[selianlh.habari.co.tz/](http://selianlh.habari.co.tz/)

ELCA  
[elca.org/](http://elca.org/)

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## StPLC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you are hurting or if you know someone who is, prayerfully consider a

care receiving relationship with a Stephen Minister. For more information contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

**Donna Burman**  
303 619-6448

**Steve Onody**  
303 883-7826

**Lynn Sherpe**  
303 921-5355

# Worship & Music

## String Players Needed!

### String Ensemble Forming Soon

Regardless whether you are high school age and playing daily or if you have an instrument collecting dust in the basement that you "used to play," we would love to get all string players together in a fun environment to play great sacred music together. We will likely meet on two Monday evenings per month.

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### Brass Ensemble Rehearsals

Sept. 13 – 8:00 p.m.  
Sept. 27 – 8:00 p.m.

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### Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsals

Sept. 13 – 7:00 p.m.  
Sept. 27 – 7:00 p.m.

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## Jubilate Choir to Resume September 1<sup>st</sup>

Welcome back night for the Jubilate Choir is Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. All who love to sing are encouraged to come join us for a fabulous upcoming season which will feature contemporary pieces as well as classical sacred repertoire...something for everyone! The first Sunday service we will be singing is on Rally Day, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2<sup>nd</sup> Service.

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## Alleluia Ringers Kick-Off September 2<sup>nd</sup>

We are excited to begin the new season with the ringers and are looking for 2 to 3 more people to complete the group. We plan to meet Thursday evenings at 6:40 p.m. during the year and play once per month in worship. If you can count to four (maybe six on occasion) and want to have fun with making music in a group setting, then join us!

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## Variety Show & Benefit is Coming!

### A Planning Team is Forming – We Need Your Creativity

The Variety Show & Benefit has become an annual tradition here at Saint Peter Lutheran Church and we have had a lot of fun and raised money for some wonderful charities. We are planning another event for mid to late October and are looking for a few people to help with the planning. If you have a charity that you would like to see featured, this would be a great team to join – if you love to brainstorm fun activities, then we're looking for you! Contact Steve Howie for more information.



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## Seeking Children's Choir Input

### Make Your Voice Heard!



We are gauging interest in a children's choir that would meet weekly and sing at church on an occasional basis. This group would possibly meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. Do you have children that would like to participate? The age range is K-6, but could possibly split into multiple groups if the interest is there.

We are also looking for adults that might be able to help in a supportive role from organizing snacks and materials to possibly team teaching if that is your passion. Let Steve know if you're interested.

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# Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

## Fall Music at Saint Peter

It's still 90+ degrees outside as I write this, so it's really difficult to believe that the fall season is upon us.....but it is! I hope God has blessed you with a restful and rejuvenating summertime and that you are as excited as I am to begin a new fall season of powerful music ministry here at Saint Peter.

Last year brought us new collaborations between groups, large works, and even the revitalization of brass, bells, and the start of a new ensemble in the woodwinds. This year promises to continue reaching out to more people through spirited worship music, meaningful service opportunities, and fun fellowship times, all while growing together in our relationship with God.

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Jubilate Choir and Alleluia Ringers (on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>) will resume rehearsals for the year. The choir will sing mostly on alternating services each week throughout the fall, culminating with the 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. The choir will collaborate with bells, oboe, saxophone, percussion, and strings throughout the fall to make memorable music for all.

The Alleluia Ringers plan to play each month in a service and will accompany the choir, as well as, play with the Worship Band at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve "family" service.

The Brass Ensemble will resume in September on Monday nights. We are still looking for another trumpet player and, of course, always will take the elusive F-Horn player! This group plans to play monthly and will also play with the Worship Band on Stewardship Sunday.

The Woodwind Ensemble is a brand new group; we had an exciting start in June and are ready to go this fall. We meet on Monday nights and will play monthly in worship. We plan to collaborate with the Worship Band and Brass Ensemble for Stewardship Sunday and possibly play for 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship.

String players – we are looking for you to get the string group running again. We had a wonderful group a few years ago, but it hasn't met regularly for a while. This group will meet on Monday evenings and will play monthly as well as possibly for Christmas Eve. All in high school through adult are encouraged to join!

As for our worship services, first service will frequently feature the brass, woodwinds, choir, and occasionally a guest organist. We will return to the familiar LBW second setting for September.

Our contemporary service will see some changes as we bid long time members Jonathan and Jenny Von Stroh goodbye as they take on new adventures in Baltimore, MD. We will start the fall season with the favorite "Mass of St. Timothy." God bless and see you soon!

Peace,

Steve Howie, Minister of Music



## Jubilate Choir September Schedule

Sept. 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
Sept. 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> Service  
Sept. 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
Contact Steve Howie if  
you are interested in  
joining this fun group.

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## Alleluia Ringers

Rehearse each  
Thursday in  
September at  
6:40 p.m. in the  
Worship Center

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# Youth & Families

## 2010 Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Mission trips have touched the lives of many Saint Peter youth in recent years. While some view these trips as opportunities to "help people", others see that those who are serving are often blessed in ways that are just as rich.

### Youth Crew

Karen Dehmlow,  
CAUTION High School  
and Beyond  
Coordinator  
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### "CAUTION" E-mails

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

\*Sunday morning  
worship

\*Sunday School

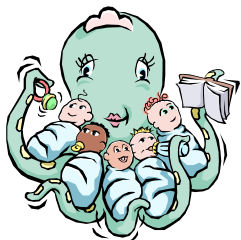
\*Active participation  
and leadership of the  
StPLC catechism  
program

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### "Parents Night Out"

Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>  
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Just bring the kids to  
the Fellowship Hall and  
enjoy a worry-free  
evening out.



**Back row:** Karen Dehmlow, KT Dehmlow, Kat Summerton, Meghan Johnson, Derrick Ware, Mike Hardy, Alex Engel, Jonathan Dehmlow, Jared Mayfield, Logan Dodd, Alden Weissfeld, Gabby Strauss, Ales Rejvani, David Dehmlow, Jenny Ware, Alan Buser, Ken Clair

**Middle row:** Sarah Beals, Kayla Faaiu, Alyssa Engel, Heather Zink, Leah Mayer, Kendra Clair,

**Front row:** George Beals, Stephanie Guthals, Alex Palmer, Jessica Summerton, Jenni Brown, Philip Guthals, Tom Acree (not shown: Jesse Liu)

staff. As a new site, that had not yet fully developed in Puerto Rico, but we trust that it will happen in time.

The theme for this year was More (Jesus) or Less (Me). There were daily explorations of the main "More or Less" theme, and the focus of these daily sub themes was "More Be" "Less Do." We were reminded that being a Christian is less about what we do, and more about who we are.

During this past year our group has focused on fund raising, service projects, and helping out around Saint Peter. This year's Mission Trip was an opportunity to hear and act on the message, "Be Together and Be with God." This became especially evident to us after an evening conversation during the trip, and from that point on there was a shift in everyone's understanding of this trip's purpose. We embraced the time we had to play sports with the children in Puerto Rico, embraced the time that we had to help clean up the grounds at the monastery, and we lived every moment in the beautiful rain forest and beach.

The mark this trip will make on our memories will vary with each person, but the one overall memory is that we did focus more on Jesus and less on ourselves. Our relationship with God and each other is stronger because we were part of this experience!

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This year's Mission Trip was different than previous trips in a number of ways. Puerto Rico is a US Territory and passports were not even required to fly into this beautiful country. One of our youth group traditions is to embrace whatever is put in front of us and make the best of it. We played with children, we did some painting and we dealt with the heat.

The site where we worked was a new one for Youth Works (the organization that coordinates these trips for us), and the staff was challenged to find enough work for us to do. Historically, one of Youth Works' strengths is creating experiences where the community is fully aware of the visiting groups, and has made their needs known to the

# Ministries at StPLC

## “Head to Heart” Catechism Ministries

This year’s Catechism Ministries kick off on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, with an orientation for all students and parents at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year’s theme is “Living Scripture” and we’ll be studying the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Life of Jesus.

We are still looking for volunteers to join this year’s Catechism leadership team. If you are interested in being part of this exciting, transformational ministry (for leaders and students alike), please contact Pastor Dave. Three more adults are needed, and one more high school student is needed.

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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## Another Successful “Pack-to-School”

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who graciously provided and filled 23 back packs with school supplies, clothing and gift cards last month. Your generous support and prayers will be with these young school children all year.

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## 2010-2011 Sunday School

### Weaving Faith into Lives!

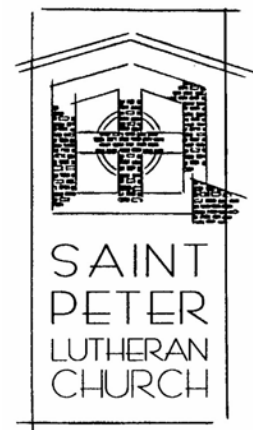
Sunday School will be resuming on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will continue using the Faith Weaver Friends curriculum for ages 2 through grade 5 which is station based, meaning the students travel with their guide from opening to snack or games – “Projects with a Purpose”. Each station reinforces the theme for the day. A few new guides and station leaders will be needed to work with this group. A chart, listing needed snacks/supplies, will be posted in the Narthex later this month.



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Middle school and high school students will study the same Bible lessons using the Faith Weaver curriculum from Group Publishing. This is an interactive curriculum which ties Bible themes into everyday life through activities and discussion. If anyone is interested in working with the middle school class, please contact Laura Guthals.

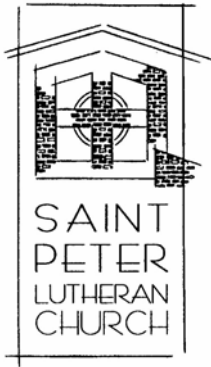
To get involved with Sunday School, contact Laura Guthals at 303 220-8682 or guthals@msn.com.



## Internships Needed for Refugee Minors

Internships for unaccompanied refugee minors are needed for young people who are under the age of 18 who have been resettled in the United States through Lutheran Family Services of Colorado. At the invitation of our government they come to the US without a parent or relative to care for them and are now living in foster homes. These youth are anxious to work, to learn skills and to better understand the culture. If you would like more information about providing work experience on a part-time basis for one of these courageous, deserving young people, please contact Cindi Newkirk-Noah, Director of Foster Care at 303 217-5846.

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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]