

The Saint Peter Leader

A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church
Greenwood Village, Colorado

April 2011

6 & 13
**Mid-Week Soup
Supper & Lent
Worship**

Soup Supper at
6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship at
7:00 p.m.

17
Easter Egg Hunt
12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

17-24
**Holy Week
Worship**

Palm Sunday
April 17 – 8:30 &
10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 21 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
April 22 – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil
April 23 – 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 24 – 8:30 &
10:45 a.m.

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**Annual Easter
Morning
Pancake
Breakfast**

7:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Saint Peter Celebrates 30 Years of Ministry

Join the Celebration: April 1-17

We invite you to join us for a series of receptions for Pastors who have served at Saint Peter (please bring an appetizer or dessert to share). Reservations are requested for the Pastors' Receptions. Tickets are available for the Anniversary Banquet on April 15.

Reception for Pastor Jeffrey Louden

Friday, April 1 in Alan and Janet Okerman's home
7:00 p.m. – 3391 E. Orchard Rd. (Centennial)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent; Pastor Louden preaching

Sunday, April 3 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Reception for Pastor Tom Guinn

Friday, April 8 in Ron and Verna Leighton's home
7:00 p.m. – 7793 Oneida Court (Centennial)

The Fifth Sunday of Lent; Pastor Guinn preaching

Sunday, April 10 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Thirtieth Anniversary Banquet

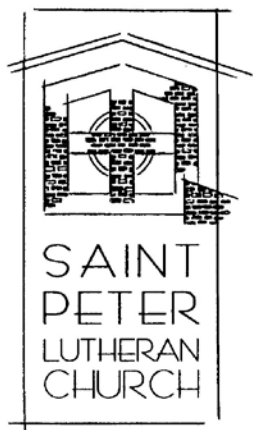
Friday, April 15 at the Hudson Gardens Event Center
6:30 p.m. – 6115 South Santa Fe Dr. (Littleton)

Reception for Pastor Karen Parker

Saturday, April 16 in Ron and Sandra Pequette's home
2:00 – 6:00 p.m. – 9697 E. Maplewood (Greenwood Village)

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday; Pastor Parker preaching

Sunday, April 17 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.



Thank You! Thank You!

The emergency call by Lutheran Family Services for blankets we met with a tremendous response. We are still taking blankets if you have some to share.

Also, we now have a fully-stocked work bench and many tool boxes full of everything we will need to fix up any furniture that needs it.

Please remember we are always in need of gently used kitchen supplies like: pots & pans, dishes, glassware, utensils & linens, lamps & furniture. Contact Chad Skupien at 303 389-2348

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May 2011 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Friday, April 15th. Please email your article to Nadine at nnakatani@StPLC.org

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“We Run That They May Walk”

3rd Annual Selian Lutheran Hospital

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m.

- **5K RUN/ WALK LOCATION:** Saint Peter Lutheran Church, 9300 E. Belleview Avenue, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
- **REGISTRATION FEE:** \$20 per person - additional family members \$10 each, *CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE.*
- **REGISTRATION INCLUDES:** a t-shirt, goodie bag and refreshments.
- **ENJOY LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT!**
- **CONCESSIONS HOSTED BY:** CAUTION Youth and Jamba Juice; also check out the craft concessions!
- **JUMP CASTLE & 1K RUN/WALK** for the kids!
- **DOOR PRIZES** from Boulder Running Company, Jump Street, Skyventure CO, Larkburger, Rising Roll Gourmet, Pasquini's, Outreach Uganda and more!
- **FACE PAINTING** by talented CAUTION Youth Artists!
- **FREE MINI-MASSAGES**, free-will donation is optional!

To register, go to www.stplc.org and click on *Our Ministries*, then click on *Selian Hospital* and see link to register online. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Mayer at 303 470-1205 or carolmayerco@aol.com.

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LMM 3rd Annual Gathering in Denver!

Called! Equipped! Sent!

From July 22 - 24, 2011, hundreds of men from across the nation will meet just up the street from StPLC at the Denver Tech Center Marriott located at 4900 South Syracuse in Denver for the 3rd Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering.

The 2011 Gathering will give men the opportunity to build their faith, relationships and ministry and provide for ongoing leadership development. A variety of workshops, and great music including Peter Mayer, Jimmy Buffet's lead guitarist, will inspire and motivate your personal faith journey.

To reserve your space at the 2011 Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering, go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org, or you can contact Jerry Paul at Jerry.paulcfa@gmail.com.

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From the Pastor

Saved... from what?

At our March Leadership Team meetings, I shared some thoughts with our leaders about the soon-to-be-published book by Rob Bell: "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." Rob is the Pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church in Grandville, Michigan, and

a prominent, if somewhat controversial, figure in the Evangelical Christian movement.

In the book, scheduled for release on April 7, Bell is said to take issue with the traditional Christian view of heaven and hell as places of reward and punishment that exist in the hereafter. He highlights verses where Jesus hints at the possibility that more people might be included in God's grace than we imagine (for instance, John 12:32, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." and John 10:16, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also..."). Bell also, as Jesus does, challenges people to see that life without God now is hell, and life with God now is heavenly. When requested to declare whether or not he believes hell is an actual place of eternal punishment, he usually dodges the question.

Of course, I write this as the Christian church is in the midst of its 40-day journey from Ashes to Resurrection. It is a time of year when we focus on our human brokenness, and our need for God's forgiveness. It is a time when we draw near to the promise of God's grace, and the hope of new life in Christ. And as many Christian bloggers and commentators have pointed out in the past few weeks, Easter means little if we are saved from nothing. In other words, if there is no hell in the next life – whether we imagine that as an eternity of torment, or an eternity spent distant from God – then the resurrection has little eternal meaning for us.

Any theology that minimizes the impact of the resurrection in this life or the next comes up short. On Easter Sunday, God defeats the power of sin, death and the devil. Those of us who are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are promised new life on a daily basis in this life, and the hope of experiencing it in its fullness when this life is over. That notion may not fit within the sensibilities of modern philosophy (perhaps it comes across as a stumbling block to some, or foolishness to others), but to those of us who are being saved it is Christ: the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

I am planning to read Pastor Bell's book – I've read other works of his, and have been both challenged and inspired by his insightful comments (some of which I've chosen to reject, and some of which have helped to shape my faith and knowledge). But I'll read with his book in one hand, and a Bible in the other hand. I wonder if you might be interested to join me. If so, let me know, and we'll put together a book club for the adventure.

So have a good Lent. And come Eastertide, may the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ give us hope and peace and joy, in this life and in the next.

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



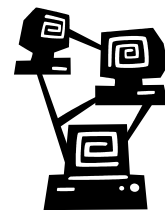
"One Little Word"

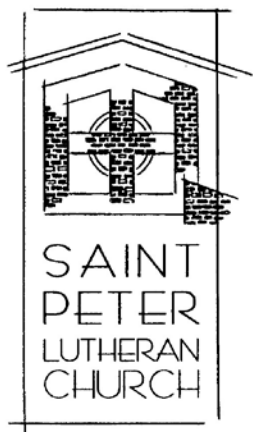
Weekly Internet Devotions

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 or check them out at www.OneLittleWord.org

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Ministry Team Leaders

Acolytes/Lectors

Open Position

Adult Education

Discipleship Team

Altar Guild

Jan McGaw

"CAUTION" High

School Youth

Karen Dehmlow

Community Blood Drive

Gayle Romcevich

Covenant Cupboard

Walt Meyer

Counters

Jo Natale

DESIGN Team

Verna Leighton

Fellowship Hour

Jeaneane Engel

Five Habits of

Discipleship

Ed Hardey

Gathering Place

Card Project

Ann Remme

Habitat for Humanity

Vicky Simpson

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Stewards of the Earth

With Earth Day approaching, we are bound to hear about planting trees and recycling. But, this year, how about a new approach?

Zero-waste lifestyles are becoming more common and more necessary as we continue to pollute our Earth. A zero-waste home often means no trash. But, often, those embarking on a lifestyle without trash find themselves reducing and de-cluttering in many other ways as the actions and results become so freeing.

A zero waste lifestyle focuses on a new set of guidelines that expands the traditional "Three R's". The NEW R's, in order of importance, are: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rot, and Recycle (as a last resort).

Here are some ideas for you and your family to celebrate Earth Day (and beyond!) this year:

Refuse:

- Refuse products with excessive packaging (or any packaging, for that matter).
- Shopping in the bulk bins at your local grocery store cuts down on excessive packaging and also lets you buy just the quantity you need.
- Buy yogurt, applesauce, and snack foods in bulk and separate into small, reusable containers for lunches rather than buying the food in single-serve containers and packaging. Bonus – buying in bulk is cheaper than buying single-serve packages.

Refuse disposable products:

- Paper napkins - Replace with cloth napkins. Use napkin rings with each family member's initials on it so you know whose napkin is whose.
- Paper towels – Microfiber towels work much better anyway. For messes that cannot be laundered, try cotton rags made from old clothing.
- Disposable plates, cups, and utensils – You already have reusable dishes in your home, so use those daily and when entertaining.
- Plastic sandwich bags – Use reusable containers instead.
- Paper lunch bags – Use a reusable cloth lunch bags in which you can keep your reusable containers, utensils, and a cloth napkin.
- To-go containers & coffee cups – Bring your own reusable containers when dining out or getting coffee. Bonus – some coffee shops offer discounts for using your own mug!

Reduce:

- Junk mail – Visit www.dmchoice.org/ (direct mail) and www.optoutprescreen.com/ (credit and insurance offers) to have your name and address removed from mailing lists. Also visit www.catalogchoice.org/; they will cancel catalogs for you. You can also call the catalogs directly.
- Other mail – sign up for e-statements for your banking and investing, as well as your utility and credit card bills.



Reuse:

- Use reusable shopping and produce bags, not just at the grocery store, but everywhere! Get into the habit of taking the reusable bags back to your car after you have unloaded groceries and they will always be there for the next trip to the store. Bonus - Most stores now offer discounts for bringing your own bags (produce bags also; just ask!).
- Use reusable jars and bottles to eliminate plastic bag use when shopping the bulk food bins. When using your own jars and bottles at the grocery store, have the empty container weighed at the customer service desk. This way you won't be paying for the weight of your container.
- Buy each family member a reusable, stainless steel beverage container and carry it with you when you are out and about to avoid the temptation to buy water in plastic bottles.

Rot:

- Start composting with fruit, vegetable, and other food scraps, dryer lint, dust bunnies, hair, nail clippings, etc. Most items in your household trash are either food scraps or packaging, and by composting food scraps and refusing packaging, your household trash will be nearly eliminated.

Recycle:

- Recycling is really the very last step in the process. We have been bombarded with messages about recycling over the years. While this is great and we have (hopefully) all made strides in being conscious of recycling, it's now time to look beyond recycling. Recycling is really just delaying the inevitable trip to the landfill.

Does the thought of any of this overwhelm you?

- Make it a game and get your kids involved. You may be amazed at the ways your kids will think of reducing or eliminating waste.
- Commit to one change each week or even each month; before you know it, you'll be on your way!

For more information and inspiration, please visit <http://zerowastehome.blogspot.com/>.

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Next Community Blood Drive

Our next Community Blood Drive will be held on May 7th at Hope United Methodist Church located on the corner of Belleview and Dayton from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in April or contact Gayle Romceovich at 303 741-0020.

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Ministry Team Leaders

Holly Heights

Open Position

Host Families

Marshall Roth

Saint Peter Stitches

Carmen Faaiu
Kristen Raleigh

Property Team

Steve Haigh
Cory Budaj

Sellan Lutheran Hospital Team

Carol Mayer

Servant Events

Laura Guthals

Sharing Our Suppers (S.O.S.)

Annie Harnett

Stephen Lay Caring Ministry

Donna Burman
Steve Onody
Lynn Sherpe

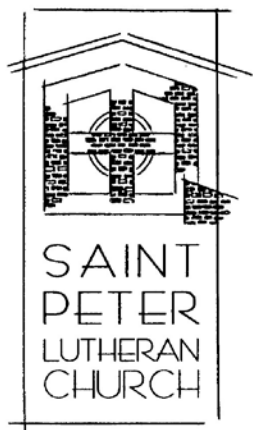
Sunday School

Laura Guthals

Tech Team

Steve Flessner
Rick Brydum

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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



Stephen Ministry Workshop at Saint Peter on March 5, 2011

Thanks to everyone who helped the Stephen Ministry Team host a Stephen Ministry Workshop on March 5th at Saint Peter Lutheran Church. The team worked behind the scenes for several months and worked with the volunteers most of Friday, March 4th, to convert the Worship Center into a classroom which seated about 100 participants, including 30 Saint Peter members.

Kay Stork, a Stephen Ministry consultant, conducted the workshop for nine Colorado churches most of which do not have a Stephen Ministry program. Kay's three 90 minute interactive segments included: 1) Ministering those experiencing grief; 2) An Introduction to Stephen Ministry; and 3) How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way.

Attendees left the workshop understanding what a blessing Stephen Ministry is for churches with active Stephen Ministry programs. Stephen Ministry churches have Stephen Ministers who are available to help congregational members and others who are experiencing difficult life situations including death, illness, loss of job, empty nest syndrome, divorce, etc. For at least an hour per week a Stephen Minister is available to meet with a care-receiver to listen, support, and pray with him or her.

One of the benefits for our church from this workshop is that at least four of Saint Peter's attendees have indicated an interest in the next Stephen Minister training which will occur this summer at the church. Two more people expressed interest in becoming Stephen Leaders. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister contact one of our Stephen Leaders or any Stephen Minister.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this caregiving ministry, contact one of Saint Peter's Stephen Leaders: Donna Burman (303 619-6448); Lynn Sherpe (303 930-7700); or Steve Onody (303 883-7826).





From the President of the Congregation

What a Gift

Two weeks ago I attended the Stephen Ministry workshop here at Saint Peter. I decided to attend for a couple of reasons: 1) to learn a bit more about this ministry and, 2) to show my support of this ministry at Saint Peter. Little did I know that I would be touched so deeply by the interaction with others during this event.

My parents taught me to mingle, so I sat down in the middle of a group from Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church in Aurora. It was quite by coincidence that I mixed with these folks. Way back in the 1990's, our family had worshipped with this growing congregation at a school in Aurora. Their church is blessed to have a few folks trained as Stephen Ministers and were exposing others to this ministry in hopes of growing their Stephen Ministry team.

The room was full of folks from all walks of life and from several different denominations. Like my friends from Lord of the Hills, some churches represented have an existing Stephen Ministry program while many were there in hopes of either gathering information to use to show their congregation that Stephen Ministries is a worthwhile investment of time and money. Kay – our facilitator from Stephen Ministries – was great and led us through many simple exercises and thought-provoking moments. At the end of her presentation, Kay asked all of us to find someone whom we hadn't yet met or spoken to that day, and then she guided us through some "getting to know you" prompts – timed events, so that each person had a chance to speak.

My new friend Penny, from Ft. Collins, is a lovely lady. The initial prompt was to greet each other and say a prayer for each other without knowing anything at all about your partner. Well that was simple enough, very vague and impersonal, but simple. Then there were a few other prompts – something like, "who are the most important people in your life," "name two joys in your life" and "name two concerns in your life." After the sharing exercise we were instructed to pray for each other again. And wow – what a difference! Sharing only a bit of information in a short amount of time, and having someone grasp that information and offer joys and concerns to God on my behalf was powerful. Penny, my new and very blessed friend, had me in tears. She and I told each other we would continue to pray for each other, knowing only a little bit about each other, but having already touched each other's hearts.

I needed several tissues after our prayers, and know that I won't forget my friend Penny or that experience. When someone whom you've known for maybe 10 minutes at the most can pray for you – deeply and thoughtfully pray for you, they are a blessing! Penny would be an excellent Stephen Minister.

Saint Peter is so very blessed to have a team of Stephen Ministers living and sharing their gifts with our congregation and community. We know these brothers and sisters – they walk and worship beside us. They are incredibly special as individuals, and as a team.

So thank you to our Stephen Ministers. I hope you know how deeply your ministry and care touches others. You are gifts to each of us, and you are gifts to God, from God. And thank you God, for the gift of our Stephen Ministers!

Blessing to all!

Lori Williams, Congregation President



Useful Links

Rocky Mountain Synod
rmselca.org/

ELCA Disaster Response
www.elca.org/disaster/

ELCA World Hunger
www.elca.org/disaster/

LFS
www.lfsc.org/

Rainbow Trail
rainbowtrail.org/

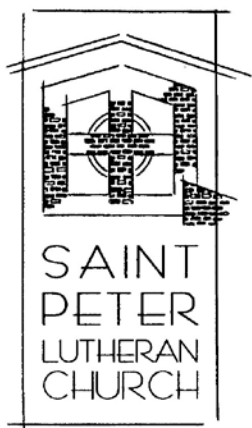
Selian Hospital
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ELCA
elca.org/

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Easter Lilies

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



Covenant Cupboard

An Arapahoe County designated food agency located at:

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

5400 S. Yosemite St.
Greenwood Village
303 779-5400

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

Pick up Produce
Various times during the week:

Call Walt Meyer
303 740-6989

Pack Produce
Friday's
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Help with Distribution
Fridays

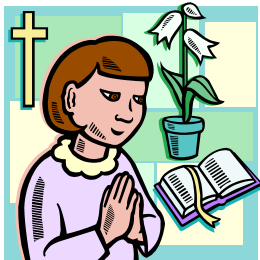
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Many thanks to all who have donated items to Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry. They continue to welcome your donations and are always looking for more volunteers; especially drivers as well as children's books.

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Worship & Music

Prayer Vigil



After all the sparkle and glitter and fa-la-las of Christmas, many of us long for Lent. We limit decorations, the mood is restrained, as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

One of the blessings at Saint Peter is the tradition of being constant in prayer as we consider what has happened between the time of the cross and the resurrection.

If you have not participated in the Prayer Vigil before you will find, as do those who participate each year, the altar stripped with the cross remaining as our center. Our senses are heightened in the flickering light of the candles in the stillness and silence. Those of you praying during daylight hours have the opportunity to use the new labyrinth. It's a time we can set aside to kneel, to pray, interceding for the world around us, for our church, and for ourselves.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for one hour increments following evening worship on Good Friday through Easter morning. We suggest that men or couples sign up for the late night hours. The church is kept locked, and a key will be made available to you. A list of prayer requests, books, and meditation helps will also be available. We hope all the hours will be filled again this year.

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Palm Sunday Music at Saint Peter

Our 8:30 a.m. service will feature the Jubilate Choir, string quartet, and organist Jane MacQueen. We will begin in our traditional Palm Sunday fanfare outside, then process into the Worship Center while singing and holding palm leaves. The service will conclude with the strings playing a new arrangement of "What Wondrous Love is This."

Our 10:45 a.m. service will also feature the congregation processing into the Worship Center while singing and waving palm leaves. The Worship Band will lead the music and plans are also for the children's choir to sing, and a solo instrumental version of "What Wondrous Love is This" to be played at the end as we move into Holy Week.

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Easter Sunday Music at Saint Peter

Our 8:30 a.m. service will feature the Jubilate Choir, Alleluia Ringers, brass ensemble, organ, and piano.

Our 10:45 a.m. service will feature the Worship Band along with other instrumentalists.

Both services are sure to be a spirited celebration of Christ's resurrection!

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Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

A Busy Spring is Underway!

By the time you read this, the Alleluia Ringers and Children's Choir will have just offered their talents in worship and we are preparing for a busy month of April. Music Ministry Monday is still going strong with bells, choir, and children.

Woodwinds and brass will be back in April as well, and of course the Jubilate Choir and Worship Band are going strong!

This year Palm Sunday (April 17) is a big Sunday at Saint Peter as we celebrate our 30 years of ministry as a church body. We have plans for organ, strings, and choir at the early service and the worship band will help lead our contemporary celebration at the late service.

Of course, there is Holy Week and Easter services coming up in April as well and music ministry plans to help us draw nearer to God through worship each day from Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and one of my favorite services, the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil is the oldest service we observe at Saint Peter, which includes fire at the opening (weather permitting), handbell and chant, several readings that give an overview of our faith story, one or more baptisms, and a triumphant celebration of Holy Communion with organ and bells chiming. It runs well over an hour, but is truly worth the time in worship!

Of course, Easter is a triumphant celebration of God's love in our lives through Jesus' resurrection. Musically, we will celebrate early service with choir, brass, organ, and bells in the traditional style while the late service will have its signature contemporary worship.

I wish you a wonderful April and look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord together again this year.

Peace,

Steve Howie,

Minister of Music

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LFS Annual Benefit Gala

April 9th at Four Seasons Hotel

On Saturday, April 9th, Lutheran Family Services is having its Annual Benefit Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Denver. Entertainment this year is Lannie Garrett, a singer and entertainer who has performed extensively around Denver. Please join us for this fun event as we celebrate the programs of LFS and raise funds that will offer help and hope for children, families and older adults. Reservations may be made online at www.lfsc.org or by calling Lutheran Family Services at 303 217-5860.

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Jubilate Choir Schedule for April

April 3 – 1st Service
April 10 – 2nd Service
April 17 – 1st Service
April 24 – 1st Service

We rehearse every Wednesday after Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:45 p.m.

(No rehearsal April 27)

Happy Easter!

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Alleluia Ringers Schedule for April

April 4, 11 & 18
Rehearse at 5:30 p.m.

(No rehearsal on April 25)

Play for Easter Sunday Services

Happy Easter!

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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: cautionhsybeyond@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



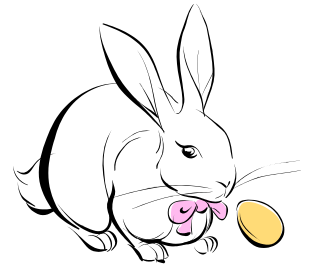
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Youth & Families

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

After 2nd Service on Palm Sunday

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place here at Saint Peter on April 17th (Palm Sunday) right after second service. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun – a light lunch will be provided followed by a visit from the Easter Bunny to help look for eggs.



If you are able, please bring eggs filled with candy and hard boiled eggs to church Friday, April 15th. Contact Karen Dehmlow for more information.

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CAUTION Cruises East Colfax Avenue!

Colfax Avenue was named for the 19th century politician Schuyler Colfax. Colfax Avenue is the longest continuous street in the United States and it was first paved with cement in 1914. It is measured at 26 miles until it changes to Colfax/US Highway 40 – the distance from I-70 to Heritage Square is 40 miles.

CAUTION began the drive at the farthest east point, at I-70 and Colfax, where our imaginations could visualize farms and open spaces that used to be in that area. Shortly after our adventurous drive began, we spotted several trailer parks on either side of the street. As the drive progressed, we observed the many examples of ethnicity, variety of retail establishments, and fast food restaurants that were interspersed with historic landmarks and buildings. The diversity along one section of the road was extreme. From trailer parks to the elite Colorado Mills Shopping Center, our journey was an eye opening experience. We discussed how small some of the establishments looked compared to our childhood memories – like Casa Bonita, part of the once thriving JCRS shopping center. Our journey ended at the west end of Colfax at the base of Heritage Square. We proceeded up to Lookout Mountain for the amazing view of the Denver/Metro area.

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StPLC Youth Take the Plunge...

Our StPLC Middle School youth participated in the annual Urban Plunge to downtown Denver. We heard first hand from a person who had been homeless, spent the night in an intercity church, worked at Christ Body Ministries and played the Food Stamp Challenge game for our supper on Saturday night. The walking tour exposed many of the challenges of poverty in the Denver community. Many thanks to Urban Servant Corp for this much needed ministry.



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Ministries at StPLC

“Head to Heart” Catechism Ministries

During the month of April, our final year students will be hard at work on their Family Faith Projects, in preparation for completing their studies and becoming adult members of the church. Please keep them in your prayers.

A Friday Night Blast had been scheduled for Friday, April 15, but in order to make room in our schedule for a 30th Anniversary Banquet, that retreat has been rescheduled for Friday, May 6. The focus of this gathering will be an overview of the New Testament, with a focus on the Holy Spirit, the early church, and Saul's conversion to Christianity on the Damascus Road.

The monthly Leadership Huddle is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 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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Discipleship News

Blessings to you during this season of Lent! We hope that you are experiencing a meaningful 40 days with the help of Lenten services, our Lenten devotional, and your prayer partners. Here is our Adult Ed schedule for April, which we hope provides another opportunity for fellowship and reflection as we approach Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

- April 3rd - Jenn Marshall will lead us as we take a look at the Women of the Bible.
- April 10th - Tom Acree will talk to us about Lutheran Family Services' Refugee program.
- April 17th – We will not be meeting for Adult Ed as we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary.
- April 24th – We will not be meeting for Adult Ed - Happy Easter!

Save the Date: On May 22nd we will be celebrating the participation of our Adult Ed presenters for the 2010-2011 year. Please join us in thanking these individuals for sharing their time and expertise with us!

From Your Discipleship Team

Bruce Stokes, Kristen Raleigh, Janet Okerman, and Hayden Behnke

Annual CAUTION Pancake Breakfast

Easter Morning from 7:00 until 10:30 a.m.



Again this year our very own CAUTION Youth Group will serve up The Best Pancakes in Town! Everyone is invited to enjoy this annual event. The festivities will start at 7:00 a.m. and will go until 10:30 a.m. on Easter morning. There will be a free-will offering and all proceeds will go to the CAUTION Youth Mission Trips.

April, 2011

Welcomed into God's Love; Sent into God's World

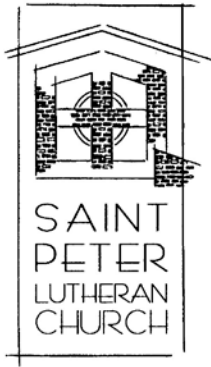


LFS at the Denver Zoo

Lutheran Family Services will host its Annual Family Fundraiser on Friday, June 10th at the Denver Zoo. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee. Time commitment is a few hours each month. Proceeds will benefit programs including adoption, foster care for abused and neglected children, care management solutions for older adults, refugee resettlement and disaster response. If you would like to share your talents with us, please contact Dannette Goldhammer at 303 217-5860 or dannette.goldhammer@lfsco.org.



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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

8:00 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]