

The Saint Peter Leader

August 2011

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**A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church
Greenwood Village, Colorado**

An Invitation to Commissioning

Sunday, August 21st at Both Worship Services

Bruce and Sharon Stokes are attending Stephen Ministry Leader training July 31st – August 6th in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their response to God's call to serve as Stephen Leaders in our community.

Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of the commissioning service on August 21st. This is an opportunity for us all to bless, support and affirm Bruce and Sharon as we send them out to minister among us.

New Member Information Series

**August 1, 15 & 22 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall**

This series of three Monday evening meetings serves as an introduction to Saint Peter and the ELCA, as well as a chance to meet others who are interested in the life of our congregation. We'll introduce ourselves, hear Saint Peter's story, discuss the Lutheran heritage that stands behind our church and denomination, and consider the gifts God has given us to be used in ministry. New members will be formally received into our congregation during morning worship on New Member Sunday, August 28th.

If you are interested in making Saint Peter your official church home in the south-Metro area, or if you are simply interested in learning a bit more about Saint Peter and the Lutheran Church, we'd love to have you attend this series. Please give us a call in the church office, and let us know you are interested.

Lutheran Via de Cristo

Saint Peter is hoping to get some of our members involved in this spiritual retreat this fall. Via de Cristo is a weekend retreat designed to deepen your faith walk. There are three opportunities available for this fall; a co-ed weekend to be held September 15-18, a men's weekend to be held on October 13-16 and a women's weekend to be held October 20-23.

This is an unforgettable experience that Pastor Dave and other members of Saint Peter have previously attended. If you are interested or just a little curious please contact Kristen Raleigh.

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September 2011 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September, 2011 newsletter is Monday, August 15th. Please email your article to Nadine at nnakatani@StPLC.org



Storage: Simplifying Our Lives

Have you watched any of the television shows where collectors go out to try to buy items from individuals or families? Sometimes it seems clear that the people who own the items really have no use for them anymore, or don't use them, in fact, sometimes didn't even know they had the items. But sometimes even when the owners know they should get rid of some of their items, they are so disturbed about not having them anymore that they would break out in a sweat. And sometimes they cannot part with the item, and the viewer wonders if they will ever do anything with that item.

As we strive to be better stewards, there can be a struggle to know how much "stuff" do we really need, versus how much "stuff" we want. The more we are satisfied with what we have, the more we can share to do God's work.

The following are portions of a sermon based on the parable of the Rich Young Fool by Ed Kruse called, *Storage: Simplifying Our Lives*.

There have been times when I barely got by financially and there have been times when I had plenty. In my experience, my most challenging times to live in Christ were not when I barely got by but when I had more than enough. In my "more than enough" days, I started asking questions that never bothered me before. Questions like, "How can I maintain this standard of living?" "How shall I protect what I have?" "What is enough?" Jesus' story of the man who built more storage for his possessions is an example of the temptations that confront us when we become affluent. Having more gives us more to worry about.

Have you noticed that the longer we live in the same house, the more we tend to accumulate? Moving to a different house doesn't help. I remember moving to a different house, and we asked, "What are we going to do with all this stuff? We decided to sell or give or throw away many things. We also decided to pack some things and haul them with us. But some of those boxes did not get opened or used for a long time. That's an example of affluenza. It can be dangerous as well as wasteful to accumulate.

Have you ever said, "My closet is so full that..."? "; I don't have enough room in my garage for..."? "; When I move to my next house I want more room for..."? "; I need to increase my investments; I could use a bigger jewelry box, or perhaps an armoire." Storage is not the problem. The problem - the big problem - is the reason behind the storage. We put the used furniture into public storage for our own benefit, rather than for the welfare of others. Once we store it away does it even benefit us anymore?

Ed summarizes his message with these closing words: "My prayer is that God will give me the wisdom to learn when bigger is not better. And my prayer is that God help me to "lay up treasures in heaven," (*Matthew 6*) where nothing will rot or get moldy."

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From the Pastor

Sabbath Time

One of the first commandments God gave was to honor the Sabbath. In the first chapter of Genesis God even modeled the importance of Sabbath time by taking a day for rest, after six days of creation. Our Discipleship Habit of weekly worship with God's people is one of the ways we seek to honor Sabbath at Saint Peter.

Saint Peter also honors God's call to Sabbath time with a long-standing commitment to provide Sabbatical leave for its Pastors. I was honored to be granted a three-month leave in 1996, and will take a second one this coming Fall (my current letter of call provides for three months every four years).

I will be away from September 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011. My focus during these three months will be on the four Rs: research, reflection, recreation and rest. I'll be studying a movement of Christians on the east coast who are seeking to experience a faith that is centered around making a difference in the communities where they live (the "Q" movement: www.qideas.com). I will be looking at new models for a staff review process that include not just the staff member, but his or her entire working environment, including institutional support and volunteer participation. And I have some personal goals as well, including banjo lessons, a bit of fishing, and a family trip to Maui to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary (we honeymooned in Kauai).

Pastor Dan Hays has agreed to serve as Pastor in my absence. He comes to us, highly recommended by Bishop Bjornberg, and has recently had two very positive calls as Pastor at Victory Lutheran Church and Interim Pastor at the CU Campus Ministry in Boulder. He will lead worship on Sunday mornings, meet regularly with our staff and elected leaders, lead the Wednesday mid-day Bible study, and be available for pastoral support to all of our members. He will be with us approximately half-time, and you'll be able to find him in the office most Tuesday mornings. You will enjoy meeting and ministering with Pastor Hays, and he is excited to be working with you this fall.

One of the primary concerns when a Pastor takes a Sabbatical leave is how the congregation will respond in situations that call for pastoral support. We are fortunate at Saint Peter to have a strong group of Stephen Ministers. If you or someone you know should end up in the hospital, or experience a time when it would be helpful to have someone visit with you and pray for you, our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to do that with you. Simply call Lynn Sherpe at the Saint Peter office, and she will arrange for someone to meet with you. Pastor Hays will also be available, and I know you will value the support he is able to share with you.

As always, I am grateful to be serving a congregation that understands how helpful Sabbatical leave can be for a pastor's ministry, and for a congregation's strength. I returned in the summer of 2006 with a renewed commitment to Saint Peter and a deepened sense of purpose and meaning in my calling. I expect that to happen this year as well.

I hope my time away will also inspire you to discover how to be more intentional about Sabbath time in your own lives. God calls us to this faithfulness, and it can be a great source of strength for us all.

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

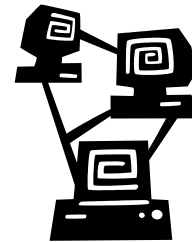
"One Little Word"

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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What: Financial Peace University, is a Christian based 13-week class designed to help anyone learn how to manage their money better. Yes, anyone!

Where: Saint Peter Lutheran Church, 9300 E. Belleview, Greenwood Village, Colorado. Childcare will be provided.

When: Starting 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2011, and every Monday thereafter through November 21, for 13 sessions, skipping Labor Day and Halloween. Each class is two hours long and includes a video with a financial lesson (see weekly lessons listed below) taught by Dave Ramsey. The video is preceded by a short discussion reviewing the previous week and followed by a small group discussion covering the questions in the Workbook you will receive prior to the program beginning.

How: Total cost is \$100 per family unit. This buys the study materials that you keep. It also includes a life-time family membership for you, your spouse and your teenage children to take the class anywhere, anytime in the future. If the price is keeping you away, let us know and we'll work something out.

Who: Steve Howie and Dawn Brodin, Valerie and Dick Watkins will be your moderators/facilitators. All of them have completed the program and are looking forward to going through it again.

Why: Simply because you owe it to yourself and your family to learn what this program teaches. Absolutely no one is above what you will learn. Also, the average family reduces their debt by \$3500 and saves \$2700 throughout the 13-week class.

What it is not: It is not a way to sell insurance or investments. In fact, those types of commercials are not allowed. It is not a way to sell you "work from home, get rich quick in your pajamas, on-line businesses". It is not politically oriented. And, it is not a way to get you to give more to charities you have never heard of.

Register Now! Sign-up on the sheet at the display in the Narthex at church or contact Dick Watkins at Richard@rrwatkins.com or Dawn Brodin at dawn@dashtechology.com.

Weekly Lessons:

Aug. 15: Super Savings – Common Sense for your Dollars and Cents

Aug. 22: Relating with Money – Nerds & Free Spirits Unite!

Aug. 29: Cash Flow Planning – The Nu

Sept. 12: Dumping Debt – Breaking the Chains of Debt

Sept. 19: Credit Sharks in Suits – Credit Bureaus & Collection Practices

Sept. 26: Buyer Beware – The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions

Oct. 3: Clause and Effect – The Role of Insurance in Your Financial Plan

Oct. 10: That's Not Good Enough! – How to Buy Only Big, Big Bargains

Oct. 17: Of Mice and Mutual Funds – Understanding Investments

Oct. 24: From Fruition to Tuition – Planning for Retirement and College

Nov. 7: Working in Your Strengths – Careers and Extra Jobs

Nov. 14: Real Estate and Mortgages

Nov. 21: The Great Misunderstanding – Power of Generous Giving

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Selian 5K Results Are In!

After much hard work by dozens of volunteers and support from Jody Hinsey, The Browning Group and Thrivent Financial, we are pleased to announce that Saint Peter will be sending \$12,575.32 to Selian Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania! Dr. Mark Jacobson and his wife Linda, were thrilled to hear of this donation at the reception that was held in their honor on Thursday, July 7th, here at Saint Peter!

What a grand success! Imagine the number of corrective surgeries that can be performed with this amount of money! We have even more good news! Another of Selian Hospital's generous supporters has set up a matching grant opportunity for the building of the new Plaster House Facility. Plaster House, currently housing approximately 80 children in 17 beds, is affiliated with Selian Hospital and offers pre and post orthopedic surgery care and rehab for children and teens receiving corrective surgeries. Whatever funds we designate for Plaster House, will be matched dollar for dollar, thereby doubling our gift to Plaster House!

Thank you so much to all who attended the reception for Mark and Linda Jacobson! We had 41 in attendance and Mark and Linda were completely surprised by the excellent turnout. Those who attended can now share their new enthusiasm for Selian and the Jacobson's 30 years of dedicated service to the health and well being of the people of Tanzania.

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Discipleship News

Greetings from the Discipleship Team! We trust that your summer so far has been restful with some adventure, spent with family and friends, safe and that you are remembering to practice the habits of discipleship.

- **Daily Prayer & Bible Study:** Consistency is a key element of being faithful so don't give prayer and Bible study the summer off. Pick up a devotional from the narthex as a daily helper and utilize the Weekly to assist in your prayer life.
- **Community Service:** Summer is a great time to volunteer and Saint Peter has numerous opportunities with Habitat for Humanity as well as Covenant Cupboard.
- **Financial Generosity:** The Church and the organizations that we help support are year round organizations so our continued generosity during the summer is needed and appreciated.
- **Gathering with Friends in Faith:** We have fewer organized opportunities at Saint Peter during the summer, but hopefully through prayer partners, care groups, neighbors, friends and family we can continue to share our faith journey with others.
- **Adult Forum:** We are starting to finalize plans for the fall 2011 Adult Forum schedule. If you have a suggested topic, an organization that you believe we should learn more about, or a study that that you would like to present, please contact Kristen Raleigh or Bruce Stokes and we would welcome the opportunity to put it on the calendar.

Have a blessed rest of the summer!

The Discipleship Team

Ministry Team Leaders

Holly Heights
Open Position

Host Families
Marshall Roth

Saint Peter Stitches
Carmen Faaiu
Kristen Raleigh

Property Team
Steve Haigh
Cory Budaj

Selian 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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Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry

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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LFS Needs New & Gently Used Items

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado would love to have your sets of gently used, twin bed sheets that are taking up all that room in your closets. Also, they are in need of new, regular size pillows. Please bring donations to the LFS offices at 363 S. Harlan Suite 200, Denver, 80226 or 1600 Downing Street, Suite 600, Denver, 80218. For a large number of items, pickups can be arranged with Chad Skupien at 303 389-2348 or chad.skupien@lfsco.org.



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Passport to Well-Being

Sponsored by ELCA Parish Nurses & Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

A free family event promoting holistic health and well-being with workshops, activities and displays that will focus on social/interpersonal, emotional, physical, financial, vocational, intellectual and spiritual health. Join us on Saturday, August 27th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Infinity Park Event Center, 4400 E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale, Colorado. For a complete schedule, map and workshop descriptions, go to www.rmselfca.org/wellbeing.

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Sunday School Leaders Needed!

Sunday School will resume in September. Some of our current leaders are going to be taking a break, so we need some new volunteers who enjoy working with children to step forward. More specifically, we may need some station leaders (snacks, games and crafts), small groups guides and a middle school leader, as well as, people who are willing to substitute at all levels. All curriculum materials are provided and offer a variety of ideas. Please contact Laura Guthals at 303 220-8682 or guthals@msn.com with any questions and/or to express your interest in joining our team.



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Give the Gift of Life!

Next Community Blood Drive, August 13th at Saint Peter, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

BONFILS supplies 80% of the blood Colorado needs and 3,000 blood donors are needed each week to meet these needs. First time donors are welcome! What a very easy way to Volunteer and be a LIFESAVER! We need to fill 22 slots...please be a part of our success.



We strongly encourage an appointment because your time is valuable, but you can walk-in if you are unsure of your day's schedule. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Gayle Romcevich at 303 741-0020. You may also sign up on line at blooddrives.bonfils.org (you do not need to enter "www"), the site code is E026.



From the President of the Congregation

Are You Ready?

There's been a lot of chatter recently in the news about longevity of life. Willard Scott of the TODAY show pays special tribute each week to many who have reached the century mark and beyond. These folks credit their long lives to many things: eating greens, not drinking, drinking a cold beer or glass of wine each day, not smoking, staying active, good genes, love of gardening, etc.; and more often than not, credit goes to the good Lord above.

This past Saturday we celebrated Nana's 95th birthday. In the nursing facility where Nana lives, she is one of the oldest residents. She plays BINGO twice each week, Wii bowls on Tuesdays, plays poker as often as possible, and enjoys life to the best of her ability. During her party someone said – "maybe Nana will live to be 105!" – to which Nana moaned and replied she certainly hoped not. She, more than anyone else I know is more than "ready" and tell us that she tells God each day, "I'm ready Lord, when you are!"

I would guess that many who have lived 100 and 100+ years sometimes wonder why they are still on this earth. Many will have outlived spouses and children, perhaps grandchildren as well. Just think how the world has changed in 100 years!!! From electricity and indoor plumbing to transportation and food processing to communication and entertainment – and that is just scratching the surface! To say that times have changed is an understatement!

We spend some significant time at the nursing facility with Nana, and what we don't hear are residents saying they are afraid to die. Now granted, this is a nursing facility full of Christian folks who are from many different denominations of Christianity. However, Christ is a focus of much that takes place there each day. With Christ as the focus, and the knowledge that there is a most wonderful place awaiting us once we depart this earth, it is no wonder that Nana and others await the day they meet their Lord with great comfort and humbled excitement.

I'm about half of Nana's age, and while I don't tell God "I'm ready to go when you are Lord" each day, I do believe in my heart and soul that I'm ready for my Lord. I don't fear death, and (not but) do hope that I'll be blessed to live a while longer, sharing life with Dave, watching Courtney and Tanner grow older and have families lives of their own. I hope I have more time here to do those things that Christ would have me do.

Longevity is quite a gift for those who have lived to be 100+. I wonder if those of us younger realize what a blessing these folks are to our world; what things we can learn by sitting at their feet and listening to their stories. What a gift from our Lord - each day that we are given to live and love and laugh. What a gift – that life-long love of Christ, and the peace that comes with knowing there is indeed a wondrous place awaiting us when God says, "hey, I'm ready for you."

Find the Joy today!

Lori Williams, Congregation President

Useful Links

Rocky Mountain Synod
rmseca.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
selianlh.habari.co.tz/

ELCA
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



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Worship & Music

Thank You!

for making Lutheran Family Services of Colorado's Annual Family Fundraiser at the Denver Zoo a success! Nearly 600 friends and supporters of

LFS enjoyed this wonderful evening, filled with all kinds of entertainment including face painters, a magician, carousel rides, music, a visit with all the wild animals and a barbecue dinner.



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Flower Chart

There is still plenty of room on the flower chart (located on the back wall of the Narthex), so if you have a special occasion coming up, sign-up to bring flowers to celebrate the occasion and beautify the Worship Center.



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Change of Address?

If you have had a change of address, phone number, or email address, please notify the church office so we can keep the records current. Thanks!

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Fall Music Ministry Opportunities

It's time to start thinking about fall music – here are some of the groups that are looking for you:

Jubilate Choir – meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Open to all ages & experience, the choir sings each week in worship. We will also be working on a larger work this fall and will often collaborate with other groups to help create powerful worship experiences through music. No previous music experience necessary!

Alleluia Ringers – meets Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Open to all high school age and above, this multi-generational group learns to work together to create unique and beautiful music in worship each month. This is a growing group that is looking for you! Limited note reading ability is helpful.

Children's Choir – this group has fun learning about God through songs, plays, and drama. The group often is split into different age groups to learn age appropriate skills. The choir sings occasionally in worship and generally produces a larger play at least once per year. Open to preschool through 9th grade. See below for possible schedule.

Brass Ensemble – meets twice per month at 8:00 p.m. on Monday. This group has fun playing a variety of chamber brass repertoire and typically plays once per month in worship. We are especially looking for trumpet and F-horn players, but all high school age and above brass players are welcome.

Woodwind Quintet – this group meets occasionally on Monday evenings.

Worship Band – meets Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. This group leads worship each week for our contemporary service. We are looking to possibly create a rotation schedule of musicians to help add consistency of numbers in the band each week. If you are interested in auditioning for this group, please contact Steve Howie.

Parent's Choir – this group started last year and has become a valuable alternate rehearsal time for the Jubilate Choir which met during the Children's Choir rehearsal. This schedule is T.B.A. depending upon the Children's Choir schedule and also by interest. If you are interested in continuing this opportunity, please contact Steve Howie.

Holly Heights – this is not so much a music group, but an opportunity to help lead worship for our friends at Holly Heights Nursing Home on the third Sunday of each month. We have had a variety of solos and ensembles accompany the worship team and music really enhances the whole experience for the residents. If you are interested to help, please contact either Steve Howie or Karen Dehmlow.

Solos and small ensembles – there is always room for other groups or solos that don't necessarily fit into the above categories. If you are interested in helping enhance.

Children's Choir Input Needed

As we plan for the coming year, we would like your feedback on a couple of scheduling options for the Children's Choir. We met last year on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and that worked well for many youth. There is also an option for Sunday afternoons at 3:00. If you have a youth interested in participating this year in the choir or in a larger musical production, please let us know your schedule preference. Contact Steve Howie at showie@stplc.org with your feedback.

Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

The Greatest Choir

I have noticed something in worship lately that has really given me great pleasure. Each Sunday, we get together to worship, pray, and celebrate God's grace in our lives through communion. I have always appreciated the way our church embraces all forms of worship and also takes the effort to help guests feel welcome. However, I have noticed one thing in particular lately that struck me again this past Sunday: You can really sing!

Church leaders say that the largest choir in our churches is the congregation. I don't know how many church leaders I've listened to over the years, with resignation in their voice, tell about the lack of congregational singing in their church. In particular, Lutheran churches with contemporary services seem to suffer this problem the most. To me, worship can feel almost like a chore, or a rote exercise, when there is little congregational participation. Or worse, it can become a spectator sport. Where is the individual praise and worship for our God in that?

I was recently at camp Geneva Glen with Kantorei, to sing for a couple hundred youth during their closing program for the week. We were all amazed at how well those kids sang together, even singing a 16-part round in almost flawless fashion. (They were chanting, "32, 32" to try for 32 parts at the end!) They sounded great...why? Because they were passionate about it and having fun!

I think that this is key to our worship at Saint Peter as well. We sound great because we are passionate about our God and we have fun worshipping Him. I believe this pleases God and it is truly a delight for me as a worship leader as well. For getting to hear such wonderful singing each week, I thank you. Most importantly, what a great offering you give each week through your singing! I can't imagine a better way to demonstrate our love for God than through giving our best in worship. So thank you for your enthusiasm, your great singing, and your devotion to give your best at each worship service.

Which brings me to just one more thought.....hey, why aren't more of you using your talents in choir? We start Wednesdays after Labor Day at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Steve Howie, Minister of Music

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Fall is Around the Corner!



Upcoming Fall Schedule

Mondays

4:30 p.m.

Children's / Parents Choir

5:30 p.m.

Alleluia Ringers

7:00 p.m.

Woodwind Ensemble (schedule varies)

8:00 p.m.

Brass Ensemble (schedule varies)

Wednesdays

7:30 p.m.

Jubilate Choir

Thursdays

8:00 p.m.

Worship Band

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Holly Heights Worship

Come support the team as Saint Peter leads a simple worship service for the residents of Holly Heights Nursing Home. Happens the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

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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: cautionhsybyond@gmail.com to get on the list.



"CAUTION" Meeting Schedule

*Sunday morning
worship

*Sunday School

*Active participation
and leadership of the
StPLC catechism
program



Acolytes & Lectors Needed

Anyone, any age, who is interested in serving as an Acolyte and/or Lector, please contact Lynn Sherpe in the church office for training.

2011 CAUTION Youth Mission Trip

Be Different...

This year we embarked on another mission trip, in hopes that we would experience some intense work projects and spend time with children that needed attention and love – our destination was Marvell, Arkansas. Flood relief was delivered in intense heat and humidity, to people who had lost everything in the recent flooding. YouthWorks! presence in this small town, for the last nine years, has made a significant difference in bridging the gap in this segregated community. Work projects focused on tearing up floors, removing appliances, scrubbing walls, carrying bathtubs down flights of stairs – to help gut the flood damaged homes of people we came to love. Initial interactions with the children in the community were contentious at best and we had to earn their respect to receive a simple "hello". Our youth just kept on showing them that they cared and eventually broke through the barriers. Sports camp is a program designed for teens – they look forward to playing sports daily, giving them something productive to participate in during the summer months. In all three of these settings that our youth spent their week of service, there was joy. While enduring the heat and humidity, seemingly insurmountable tasks of clean up, and with children whose attitudes reflected their living and life situations, our youth stepped up to the challenge with positive and grateful attitudes.

The Saint Peter CAUTION Youth Group has a serving spirit and it is infectious. The work and loving on the kids is only a fraction of the "mission" of our group. The compassion to each other and to "outsiders" was noted by many adults that we encountered on our travels.

Adult Chaperons; Karen Dehmlow, Tom Acree and Jonathan Dehmlow oversaw the Works Projects, Kids Club and Sports Camp. The college and college bound mentors helped manage our diverse group. Our high school youth managed to show others how to work hard, with energy and a smile on their face!! Collectively, all 25 of us, worked as a unit to set a fantastic example to others and served God with joy.

Join us on Sunday, August 14th for the youth led worship services when we will relate and detail our experiences of this year's mission trip.



First Row: Moo, Alex, Quincey, Jessica, Gabby, Stephanie, James, Karen
Second Row: Conner, David, Jenny, Alan, Matt, Alan, Nay, Tom
Third Row: George, Jonathan, Jenni, Clarissa, Derick, Aaryn, Logan, Ludovic

Ministries at StPLC

"Head to Heart" Catechism Ministries

**Calling all Sixth Graders, Seventh Graders and Eighth Graders
2011-2012 Orientation Scheduled for August 28**

It is coming! Another Year of Catechism is about to begin!

Join us on Sunday, August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, as students, parents and leaders gather for this year's orientation. We'll review this year's schedule, go over our goals for the year, get started in our small groups, and begin registering for summer camp. We hope all of our Middle School students are looking forward to this new year. We're excited to get together with you in August!

We are still looking for adults and High School students who might be interested to serve on this year's leadership team as Small Group Guides, Assistant Small Group Guides, Musicians and Organizers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dave at the church office.

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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The Iliff Courage Award Luncheon

November 1st, 11:30 a.m., Inverness Hotel, 200 Inverness Drive West

The Courage Award was established to acknowledge, celebrate, and lift up individuals or organizations who have the courage, persistence, and determination to change an unjust situation in the world. The awardees demonstrate a commitment to social justice, show courage and commitment in the face of hate, criticism, laws, mobs, and unpopular opinions; advance knowledge, dialogue, and/or reconciliation in any field; and advocate for social change. Judy Sheppard (mother of Matthew Shepard) will be the first to receive this award from Iliff. She will be speaking on "The Meaning of Matthew".

In October 1998, Judy and Dennis Shepard lost their 21 year-old son, Matthew, to a murder motivated by anti-gay hate. Their ordeal moved thousands of people around the world to attend vigils and rallies in Matthew's honor. Determined to prevent their son's fate from befalling others, Judy and Dennis established the Matthew Shepard Foundation to carry on Matthew's legacy by embracing the just causes he had championed. Judy is determined to use her grief over her son's death to make a difference. She is now speaking to audiences nationwide about what they can do as individuals and communities to make this world a more accepting place for everyone regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, and expression.

Patron tickets are \$200/person; individual tickets are \$100/person; and corporate or organizational sponsorships are also available. For information, please call Iliff's Office of Institutional Advancement, 303 765-3122 or contact Jerry Paul the event Chair at jerry.paulcfa@gmail.com.

2011 VBS

What a fun week!

We started this year's VBS "Pandamania - Where God is Wild About You" with our church picnic & BBQ – cooking by Bruce and Phillip Guthals. The week was filled with super fun stations that 64 children rotated with their 13 middle school, high school and college crew leaders. Thanks to all crew that lead the stations. Crazy Crafts: Laura Cuffe & Deb Paul; Bamboo Blast Games: David Dehmlow, Jenny Ware, Conner Kleberger; Drama: Quincey Kippley, Aaryn Bradley; Chadders Movie Mania: Laura Guthals; Tree Top Treats: Susan Sutton & Derrick Ware; Party Time Sing & Play and Rowdy Wrap Up: Karen Dehmlow & Pastor Dave Risendal. Thanks to all who helped build this year's set!!!! Especially: Matt & Conner Kleberger, Ludovic Blanchin, George Beals, Jessica Summerton, Jame & Marcus Trijillo Stephanie Guthals, Jonathan Dehmlow & Kendra Clair. VBS 2012 – SKY "Everything is Possible with God" is scheduled for June 17 through June 21, 2012. See you there!

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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

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June – August

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service
10:00 a.m. Indoor 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]*