

# The Saint Peter Leader

November  
2011

**5**  
**Habitat for  
Humanity Home  
Improvement  
Drive**  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
at StPLC

**11**  
**Catechism  
"Friday Night  
Blast" / Lock-in**  
5:00 p.m. at StPLC

**12**  
**Community  
Blood Drive**  
8:00 a.m. at Cherry  
Creek Presbyterian  
Church

**20**  
**Holly Heights  
Ministry**  
9:30 a.m. at Holly  
Heights Nursing Home

**22**  
**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service**  
Time & Place TBA

**24-25**  
**Happy  
Thanksgiving**  
Church office  
closed.



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

## **Stewardship Campaign 2012**

Another year of economic ups and downs! With high unemployment rates, stock market volatility, a struggling housing market, and a pending European debt crisis, it's easy to get caught up in all of the negativity. God tells us not to worry.

*The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4: 5-7]*



The Stewardship team is guiding the congregation on a five week journey that began on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this time, we will have the opportunity to *reflect* on the many gifts that we have received and to *renew* our spirit through a union with others of shared faith and intention. We will *respond* together by pledging our financial commitment for the upcoming year and *rejoice* in the gifts that have been given by coming together in celebration.

## Next Community Blood Drive

Our next Community Blood Drive will be on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You can sign-up online at [blooddrives.bonfils.org](http://blooddrives.bonfils.org), the site code is E026 or contact Gayle Romceovich at 303 741-0020.



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## December 2011 Newsletter Deadline

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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colorado Gives Day

Support Lutheran Family Services by making your donation online on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. at [www.givingfirst.org](http://www.givingfirst.org). One hundred percent of your donation will go to LFS when you give online and there will be incentive funds given to all agencies based on the total amount contributed during this 24 hour period. Thank you in advance for your support!

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## DESIGN Team - Preparing for November

We hope the following explanations about how the symbols represent the Sundays and seasons will enhance your worship experience.

Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>: We recognized that the church is always in need of reform, the large parchment like banner on the altar's brick wall reminds us that the heart of Luther's reform movement was the good news: that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. The smaller banner is red with a symbol of Luther's rose in the center to remind us of fire, and, in turn, the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Martin Luther.

All Saints' Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>: While the color for this Sunday is white commemorating all of the saints of the church, especially those who have gone to heaven before us, the DESIGN Ministry has chosen to leave the Reformation color and symbols for another week.

Christ the King Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: On this last Sunday of the church year, we honor Christ who reigns as king from the cross. Considering Jesus has the power to welcome others to paradise, but did not use that power to save himself from death. The DESIGN Ministry has used, instead of white, the purple banner of Christ with the crown of thorns.

Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>: Advent is the opposite of Lent; we go from dark to light during Advent rather than light to the darkness of Good Friday. The color for Advent is blue. New this year is an on the wall rendering of the season beginning with stars among dark blue/black to the warmer, lighter shades of Advent blue and finally the white light of the birth of our Savior.

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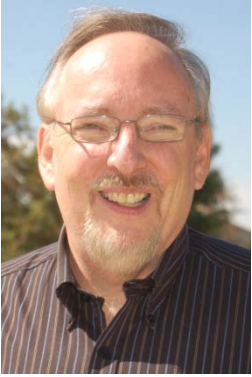
## Adopt-A-Family



It's that time of year again! It really is never too early to start thinking about the holiday season. What better way is there to show less fortunate people you care, especially at this time, in this economy? You can sponsor a homebound senior or a struggling family in our community who, without your help, may not have a holiday at all. It's a simple process. You can sponsor by yourself, with your family, your small group, your neighborhood, your office mates, etc. You can also share a family or senior with another Saint Peter family. Please contact Annie Harnett at 303 220-6086 or e-mail her at [anne@theharnetts.net](mailto:anne@theharnetts.net) and she will get you matched with a family or senior. You go out shopping for the gifts and the makings for the holiday meal, bring everything to church at the beginning of December, and they'll be delivered to the recipients prior to Christmas. Call now to reserve a family or senior!

Annie would also appreciate any help that you'd like to offer in organizing this ministry of Saint Peter. Please contact her at 303 220-6086 or [anne@theharnetts.net](mailto:anne@theharnetts.net) if you'd like to help.

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From the Pastor

## Good Memories...

This sabbatical period at Saint Peter has stirred up a few good memories of mine of church life back in Austin, Texas. In the early 1990's, I was a newly-returned Lutheran who was happy to help out in worship as a lector or as an assisting minister. Seminary, or even the notion of it, wasn't on my radar screen at all. When our pastor would take time away, we were well-served by an elderly, retired gentleman who quickly became an inspiration to me. Pastor Vance Daniel was, when I knew him, a physically frail, silver-haired man with fading sight and hearing. He was not what you'd call a charismatic sort of pastor and he didn't have a lot of stage presence as he conducted the liturgy. He would slowly shuffle up to the chancel to begin the service and he often strained to read the *Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness* from the hymnal. What he did have was a pastor's heart, along with a keenly studious and curious mind when it came to the Bible. He shared these gifts with us every time he ambled up into the pulpit to read the gospel and then to preach it. It was as if some hidden switch was flipped to the "ON" position, and suddenly Pastor Daniel would channel this amazing energy. But it wasn't the energy that captivated me; it was the content of his preaching, which revealed him as someone who wrestled with that text as Jacob once wrestled with the angel, so that a blessing could be gained and shared with all of us.

My first and enduring memory of Pastor Daniel was his sermon on the troubling advice offered by Jesus to the disciples, *to cut off the offending hand, to pluck out the offending eye, and to remove any other part of the body that could cause a person to be thrown into hell* (Matthew 18:8-9). He explained that text in ways that made sense; he pulled the gospel from it and then he gave it to us. And I could see that he had struggled with that text himself, using all available tools to excavate and interpret it in ways that connected with me in my time and place.

Whenever our pastor would take time off, I found myself hoping we'd have the opportunity to have Pastor Daniel come and fill in. But he also helped me understand that the church isn't dependent upon a particular charisma or a particular pastor. Instead, the church's foundation remains the Good News of Jesus Christ revealed in both word and sacrament. I eventually learned that this revelation happens in the community of the faithful, and that many different types of pastors can contribute to this ongoing life of the church.

I hope that in my own way I am sharing with you the gifts once shared with me by that short, frail-looking man with the strong heart and energetic mind. And again, I thank you for the ways in which you share your gifts with me.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan Hays, Interim Pastor

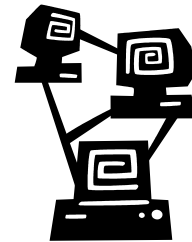
## "One Little Word"

### Weekly Internet Devotions

Pastor Dave sends out a devotional message every Tuesday evening, 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 to [Isherpe@StPLC.org](mailto:Isherpe@StPLC.org) or check them out at [www.OneLittleWord.org](http://www.OneLittleWord.org)

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# Jesus is the 'Curegiver'

## Reflections from Donna Burman on Stephen Ministry

I wrote my first Saint Peter Leader Article as a Stephen Ministry Leader in July, 2004, while at week-long Stephen Leader Training in California. One of the paragraphs from that article said "At times I felt overwhelmed and had the thought that I've taken on more than I can handle. However, at those times I'd remember what we have been told several times this week: we are preparing people to be 'caregivers and Jesus is the curegiver'. I would remember that Stephen Ministry is not about me or even Saint Peter. Stephen Ministry is about Christ caring for people through people and is, I believe, a natural program to enhance Saint Peter's mission of Inviting, Growing, and Serving."

When I became a Stephen Leader our Stephen Ministry was on life-support. During the last seven years we have come back to life—rather slowly and with some bumps along the road. Steve Onody was trained as a Stephen Leader and six Stephen Ministers were trained. Two years ago Lynn Sherpe, who was a trained Stephen Minister, joined the SM Leader team and we made more progress. In August of this year Sharon and Bruce Stokes went to Leader Training and were commissioned on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The bittersweet emotions I felt that day took me quite by surprise. I was elated that a new and awesome leadership team of Lynn, Bruce, and Sharon was being formed; however, also felt a sense of loss I wasn't expecting. I knew that day that my work as a Stephen Leader was finished and was and am totally at peace with that.

Saint Peter's Stephen Ministry is off life-support and thriving with a new leadership team, faithful Stephen Ministers, and a new group of six Saint Peter members who recently started their 50-hour journey to become Stephen Ministers. Jesus is the 'curegiver' in the one-to-one ministry that happens between a Stephen Minister and his/her care receiver. He has also been and continues to be the 'curegiver' to this Ministry--with help from the Holy Spirit who led new leaders and Stephen Ministers to answer the call. Please continue to support and pray for this Ministry. If you or someone you know is hurting please call Lynn at 303 770-9300, Bruce at 303 912-2240 or Sharon at 303 895-5579 to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can help.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Donna Burman

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## Habitat Home Improvement Drive

**At StPLC on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

Come to Saint Peter on November 5<sup>th</sup> and drop off your good used furniture and home improvement items to be donated to the Habitat ReStore outlets, where people may purchase items for their own home improvement projects! All of the sales from the outlet stores pay for the administrative overhead for MetroDenver Habitat and all of the checks written directly to Habitat for Humanity MetroDenver go into building the homes. Please check the Saint Peter website for the list of items that are needed. Direct all of your questions to Vicky Simpson at 720 318-7758.



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### Ministry Team Leaders

#### *Acolytes/Lectors*

Lynda Koenig

#### *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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# Christian Caregiving

Not only Stephen Ministers are called on to provide Christian care, as Christians it is our privilege and responsibility to care for others. In Galatians 6:2 it states "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ".

On November 13 and 20, during Adult Forum, we will be discussing the outstanding book "Christian Caregiving a Way of Life" by Kenneth Haugk. This book is a great way to challenge and equip you to care for others in a distinctively Christian way.

We have ordered a supply of books to use in the study. Please contact Lynn, Bruce or Sharon if you would like one.

See you on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## The Saint Peter Stitches



The Saint Peter Stitches are keeping busy, working up shawls, blankets and other items. Many of us have also been working on the Christmas stockings for Covenant Cupboard. We are so blessed to be able to share our creations with so many different people!

Have you been curious about our ministry, but aren't sure if you have what it takes? Please join us to find out! Whether you've never crocheted or knit before, or have some experience but don't remember how, we'd love to have you stop on by! Just bring a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook (and some yarn!). We'll gladly show you how (or refresh your memory!). We have experienced knitters and crocheters in the group who are always willing to help out an enthusiastic learner.

In November, our Monday meeting will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship area. This will be our only November meeting, as the fourth Saturday falls over Thanksgiving weekend. Have questions? Contact Kristen Raleigh at 303 770-6640 or Christina Von Stroh at [cvonstroh@gmail.com](mailto:cvonstroh@gmail.com).

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## Christmas Stockings for CCFP

Thanks to everyone who made Christmas stocking for the children at the Covenant Cupboard - we expect to have over 350 stockings! We'll show you many of the stockings at the worship service on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Each stitchers work is unique and beautiful - what creative, gifted and generous people we have at Saint Peter. Thanks again to everyone who helped!

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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

**Sellan Lutheran Hospital Team**  
Carol Mayer

**Servant Events**  
Laura Guthals

**Sharing Our Suppers (S.O.S.)**  
Annie Harnett

**Stephen Lay Caring Ministry**  
Lynn Sherpe  
Bruce Stokes  
Sharon Stokes

**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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## Stephen Ministry Training Begins

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we embarked on a training class for new Stephen Ministers. The training will continue on Sunday afternoons through March 2012. The trainees have made a commitment to attend 50 hours of training and to be a Stephen Minister for two years. We are so grateful that six people from Saint Peter have answered the call and we are also hosting two trainees from Highlands Church in Denver who are starting up Stephen Ministry at their church. From October 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> we had a retreat, which was graciously hosted by Tom and Cheryl Mark in their home in Granby, where we had an outstanding time of fellowship, learning and worship.

Please keep the ministry and the training in your prayers.



## Thanksgiving at Covenant Cupboard

On the Friday before Thanksgiving the Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry provides the makings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to more than 150 families. We hope you will help us by donating some of the following things:

**Foods needed:** canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry products, stuffing mixes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, canned gravy or gravy mixes, and canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix. (It is easier for the volunteers at the Cupboard if you buy several of a single food item, rather than one of each thing - but we'll welcome whatever you give us.)



**Money for turkeys:** make checks payable to Saint Peter with "CCFP Turkeys" on the memo line and put in the offering plate.

Please bring all donations to Saint Peter by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. And thanks for your generosity, which will be a blessing to many people.

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## From the President of the Congregation

### Be Still

We've just left North Platte, NE on our fifth trek to Sioux Falls, SD in 2011. As the world speeds past my window at 79 MPH, I realize how very much I've become caught up in the flurry of everyday life and have stopped seeing and appreciating all that God has placed in my path. Now some might think – who are you kidding Lori – you're driving through Nebraska – what is there to see? But I would beg to differ. As I look around me on this morning in mid-October I can't help but flash back to mid-May when we journeyed this direction to bring Courtney home from her first year of college. In May everything was emerald green, farmland had been planted and things were sprouting up out of the ground. On that particular trip, at very much the same time of morning, many deer were grazing in the fields, most back near the tree line, but some braver would venture out to the middle of the field to eat their fill. Not only deer, but wild turkey as well, in small rafters pecking the ground for their daily fare. The grazing herds of cattle included many sweet young calves nudging their mommas for a bit of milk. August was very green as well, with corn stocks tall and full of tasseled corn and growing calves grazing alongside their mommas. Things were even taller and almost ready for harvesting early in September. And now it's mid-October and the corn stocks are dry and brittle, the leaves on the trees are yellow and sparse and the most of the open fields have a brown, burnt orange hue. We've seen a couple of deer and several rafters of turkeys (you'd think those turkeys would be a bit more cautious what with Thanksgiving just around the corner) this morning. The sky is cloudy and yet the sun is sneaking several rays through the fluff – like shining rays of hope. It won't be long until the ground is covered in snow, with drifts piled along the highway much as we experienced in February of this year.

Life is busy and messy and sometimes so ugly. And I forget to look around me. I get caught up in work and meetings and activities and concentrate intensely on "getting there on time" or "what am I presenting" or "do I have everything I need". Every day I have to look back to make certain I've closed the doors on my car as I walk into the office – I just can't remember; my mind already focusing on what lies in store once I walk into the building. Some of the simplest tasks have become tedious.

We are so lucky to live in a beautiful state where each change of season brings its own delight and wonder – but am I paying attention? I haven't been. There are so many simple yet incredible changes to the world around me. Now that I am paying attention, I'm seeing more and more. And I think I know what need.

I need to be still. From Psalm 46:10 – He (God) says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." It is when I'm still and quiet that I'm able to open my eyes, ears and heart to the blessings of God that are all around me. I need to tune out the "noise" for a bit and focus on all of the wonders around me...the changing leaves, snow-capped mountains, and brisk breezes that signal the transition to the next season – the next gift from God.

I am so thankful for all of the gifts God has given me...His love and grace, my beautiful family and friends, this glorious creation we share, and so much more. As I venture through each day, I'll take a deep breath, still my heart and mind, and look beyond my nose at the glorious gifts all around me. Be still and know.

Peace and Blessings,  
Lori Williams, Congregation President

November, 2011

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

### 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.lfsco.org/](http://www.lfsco.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

For more information about  
Stephen Ministry  
contact one of our Stephen  
Ministry Leaders:

**Lynn Sherpe**  
303 921-5355

**Bruce Stokes**  
303 912-2240

**Sharon Stokes**  
303 895-5579



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# Worship & Music

## Jubilate Choir Schedule

### Rehearsals:

Every Wednesday at  
7:30 p.m.

### Sundays in November:

Nov. 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> Service  
Nov. 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
Nov. 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Service  
(Mass in G)  
Nov. 27 – No choir

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## Music Ministry Monday Schedule!!

## Alleluia Ringers!



### Rehearsal Schedule:

Nov. 7  
Nov. 14  
Nov. 21

(No rehearsal on  
Nov. 28)

All rehearsals are at  
5:30 p.m.

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## Children's Choir

Meets on Mondays at  
4:30 p.m.

Nov. 7  
Nov. 14  
Nov. 21

(No rehearsal on  
Nov. 28)

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## Parent's Choir

Meets on Mondays  
during Children's Choir  
rehearsals

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## Festival Choir to offer Schubert's *Mass #2* *in G* on November 20<sup>th</sup>

Make plans to worship at the 8:30 a.m. service on November 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Christ the King Sunday with the Festival Choir as we present Schubert's popular Mass #2 in G. The work will be spread throughout the service in place of our normal liturgical music and should prove to be a highlight to the end of our church year!

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## Children's Choir is Underway!

It's not too late to join the Children's Choir – here are some pictures of the group with our new teacher, Martina:



Please let Dawn know if you would like to join...see you Monday!

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# Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

## Fall Season in Full Swing!

As we move into what are typically our busiest months, November and December, I am pleased to witness the growth of both musicianship and discipleship in all that our music ministers do here at Saint Peter Lutheran Church. My thanks goes out to all who work so hard to help keep music a powerful voice that connects us to God's presence on a daily basis.

This month, the Jubilate Choir will focus upon one extraordinary contribution to our liturgical heritage by offering Franz Schubert's Mass in G on November 20th. Although sung in Latin, it follows exactly the texts we still sing today in our liturgies, and I think you will find it emotionally and spiritually moving. Schubert has a masterful way of setting drama to these words that are used each week in worship, giving life to the Gloria and Apostles Creed through text painting and orchestration. Make sure to check out the 8:30 a.m. service on the 20th!!!

Peace,  
Steve Howie, Minister of Music

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## Greetings from Your Discipleship Team!

We are so thankful for so much this month! We have many exciting ministries doing wonderful things at Saint Peter! We have many interesting things coming up this month in our ministry. November kicks off All Saints Day, and as we think about all the saints that have gone on before us, including loved ones dear to us, we will be discussing a topic none of us likes to think about....death. No one wants to face the inevitable. Horan and McConaty will present a cremation and funeral seminar during Adult Forum on November 6<sup>th</sup>, to help us be more aware of what we can do before we have an urgent need. The following two Sundays, November 13 and 20, the Stephen Ministry Team will be talking with us about their Christian care giving ministry, and finally, we will have an advent wreath making event for all families at the end of November. Please come and join us for Adult Forum!

In addition, our team is compiling a devotional booklet to be used during the season of Advent. This booklet may be used by individuals, by families, or with a prayer partner. The scripture lessons, along with the reflections of our own Saint Peter members, will help us to anticipate and prepare for the birth of our Savior. Be looking for this devotional tool soon!

As always, we rely on your ideas for topics of interest for Adult Forum. If you would like to present a topic, or if you know of a compelling idea that must be shared, we would love to hear from you! We are thankful for you all. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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## Mid-Week Advent Worship

Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) is a time of preparing our hearts and homes for the arrival of Christ. It is a time of waiting and anticipating. Amid the bustle of "the holiday season" we set apart time to quietly and reverently draw near to the promise of the coming messiah. To that end, an additional time of reflection and worship takes place every

Wednesday evening during Advent. This year on Wednesday evenings, we will gather for supper at 5:30 p.m. and then make use of one of our favorite worship services: *Holden Evening Prayer* at 7:00 p.m.

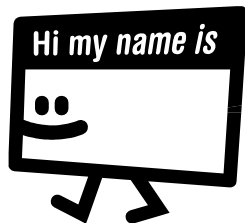
Come join us each Wednesday between November 27<sup>th</sup> and Christmas for this quiet time of worship and inspiration.



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## Got a Nametag?

Have you ever been in the embarrassing position of drawing a blank on someone's name – the harder you try to remember, the more impossible it is to remember? This can even happen with someone you know. What a difference it makes when those around you don't have to struggle to remember your name by doing something so simple as putting on that nametag. Thank you for wearing your nametag each Sunday for worship and even when you are in Adult Ed or teaching Sunday School, or at a large group meeting. Upon entering Saint Peter for worship, our guests have the option, and are encouraged by our greeters, to wear a nametag lanyard. If you need a replacement, there are plenty of supplies at the Welcome Center, just let someone know and a new one will be printed for you. Thanks for continuing to welcome all into God's love.



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## Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Event



Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

The rumors are true...there are some who are planning for Christmas time already! Mark your calendars to shop at this non-profit, fair-trade retailer of home decor, personal accessories, and unique gift items from around the world! The event will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 2626 E. Third Avenue in Denver (80206).

Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. When you shop at Ten Thousand Villages on December 8<sup>th</sup>, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the Urban Servant Corps.

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## Think About Becoming a Foster Parent

### Attend a Foster Parent Information Meeting

Cathy doesn't know exactly when it happened, but she remembers wanting to either foster or adopt children when she was only 12 years old. Cathy 'just knew' that God put her on this earth to change the life of one child. As an adult Cathy thought she would fulfill that calling through teaching, and did that for many years until her decision to become a foster parent 11 years ago would forever change her life. Over the years Cathy has come to specialize in fostering teenage boys—she loves teenagers! "All they want is someone to support them, no matter what. They've lost sight of what their talents are and how great they are—someone has to fight for them."

There are thousands of children in Colorado in need of safe, nurturing foster homes. Lutheran Family Services is always recruiting new foster parents, particularly those who are interested in fostering older children and sibling groups. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please call LFS at 800 579-9496 for information about the next local informational meeting.

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## “Head to Heart” Catechism Ministries

The 2011 – 2012 Catechism Year is underway, and we’re off to a strong start. Sunday evening workshops, Friday Night Blasts, Servant Events, Rainbow Trail weeks – each of these provide the opportunity to grow closer to God and to each other, as we learn, worship, serve and play together.

This month’s schedule includes a Sunday Evening Workshop on November 6<sup>th</sup> (“Luther: A Legacy”). The Friday Night Blast on November 11<sup>th</sup> begins at 5:00 p.m. (“Ten Commandments Overview”, “The Lord’s Prayer Overview”, “The Apostle’s Creed Overview” and “God the Creator”). A visit to Excelsior Girl’s Home in Aurora will be the large group servant event on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

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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## Covenant Cupboard Annual Toy Drive!

The Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry is gearing up for its annual toy drive. We have placed a box in the narthex to collect unwrapped new toys, games, sports equipment, stuffed animals, and even clothes. Suggested value of toys is up to \$10.00 each. We will also accept monetary donations and we’ll do the shopping for you (make checks out to Saint Peter Lutheran Church and put CCFP toy drive in the memo line.)

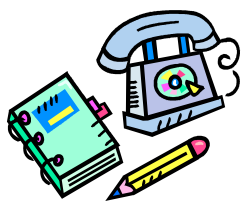
Will Kerr has led a toy drive at Saint Peter for the past several years. This year he wants to offer all of his support to the Covenant Cupboard Toy Drive and asks that you channel your past support of him to this effort.

Please have all donations at the church by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will distribute the toys to all children of the CCFP’s clients from 0-12 years of age on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Jackie Butler at 303 221-4113 (jackie.butler@comcast.net) or Karyl Meyer at 303 740-6989 (wkmyr@q.com)

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## New Phone Number or Address?



Help Saint Peter Lutheran Church keep the membership database updated. If you have had a change of address, e-mail address, or phone number, please contact the church office and let us know. Thanks!

## CCFP Toy Drive

Suggestions for Toys/Gifts needed for 350 children from 0 to 12 years old:



Games & Sports Equipment – such as soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, etc.

Art & Craft kits or materials

Barbie or other similar dolls

Stuffed animals

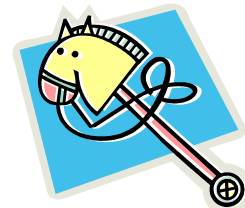
Nerf toys

Baby dolls

Toy Trucks

Hot Wheels or similar

Board Games



Please place unwrapped items in the box located in the Narthex by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

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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

### Ministry Team

**David J. Risendal, Pastor**  
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#### **June – August**

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

### Officers of the Congregation

**Lori Williams, President**  
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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]*