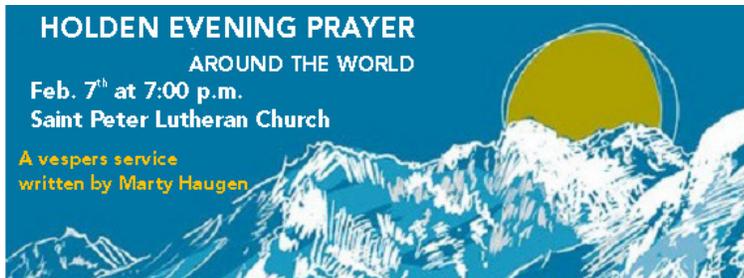


Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Join Saint Peter for “Holden Evening Prayer Around the World” on February 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Holden Village, a popular Lutheran retreat center located far back into the Cascade Mountains of Washington State (www.holdenvillage.org), is promoting Holden Evening Prayer Around the World (HEPAW). A favorite liturgy in many Lutheran congregations, Holden Evening Prayer was composed by Marty Haugen in 1985-86, during a musical residency at Holden Village.

Congregations and other faith organizations will be gathering for evening prayer on Wednesday, February 7th. Saint Peter is currently the only congregation in Colorado planning to host this event. The worship service will be followed by a time of theological conversation and refreshments.

All who are interested are invited to join us for this evening of worship and conversation. For more information, visit www.StPLC.org.

MY LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEETINGS

A colleague recently suggested to me that if I’ve been an ordained minister for nearly 34 years, after two years of serving on church staffs as a youth minister, then I have probably attended 36 annual meetings, 396 Congregation Council meetings, and over 2,000 committee, task force and ministry team meetings. If each of them lasted two hours (many went a good bit longer than that...), it comes to somewhere around 5,000 hours of meetings. Add to that staff meetings, worship planning meetings, synod board and commission meetings, and it isn’t hard to conclude that I’ve had some experience with these sorts of gatherings.

I’ll have to admit that some of them were mind-numbingly dull — meetings carried out with little purpose, focus or accomplishment. But others of them turned out to have deep significance for my ministry, and the congregations I have served.

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LESSONS

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018
AT NOON

IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

The 2017 Congregational Annual Report can be viewed on our website at <http://www.stplc.org/resources/>. If you are unable to download it, see Pastor Dave for a printed copy. (Printed copies will be available at the annual meeting.)

Each year the members of Saint Peter gather to reflect on the ministry we've accomplished in the previous year, affirm plans made for the coming year, and elect a slate of leaders to guide our life together. All members are requested to join us on February 11th at noon in the Worship Center for the opportunity to do just that.

Friends and guests: you are welcome too – come and see what plans have been laid for 2018, and join with us as we celebrate what God is accomplishing among us.

Childcare, activities and a snack will be provided for the kids! See you all on next week.

MY LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEETINGS - (CONTINUED)

I'm no good at predicting the future, but I am very hopeful about a meeting you and I will attend this coming Sunday (February 11th) at noon in the Worship Center. While Annual Congregation Meetings, in my experience, have run the gamut from dull to significant, this one looks like it will be a good one. We'll cheer on a couple new members of our Congregation Council, and give thanks for a couple others who have served faithfully. We'll approve plans to take strong steps forward in adult faith formation, community service, and evangelism. And we'll thank God for the grace we have received, and the privilege of sharing it with others.

I do indeed have a love-hate relationship with meetings. But I love the fact that next Sunday you and I will gather to celebrate what God has accomplished among us in 2017, and set our sights on being even more grounded, gracious and generous in 2018. In fact: I've already logged it into the "Significant" column. I hope you have too, and will plan to join me then.

~ Pastor Dave

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS

FEBRUARY 21, 28, MARCH 7, 14, & 21

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. & Worship at 7:00 p.m.

During the season of Lent it is our practice to gather every Wednesday evening for mid-week worship. During these quieter, more contemplative gatherings we'll hear the word, celebrate the meal, and take some time for personal meditation and reflection.

Prior to worship we gather for Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite soup to share. We also are looking for people to help with set-up/clean-up each week.

SET-UP INCLUDES: Setting up tables/chairs, putting out bowls, cups, silverware, condiments, coffee/water, and bread. **CLEAN-UP:** There will be very little dish washing involved as we will use paper/plastic products (bowls, plates, silverware, cups). The clean-up will include disposing of all paper/plastic products, wiping down tables and countertops, breaking down all of the round tables and placing them in the table rack, and stacking all the chairs. **SOUP:** Could you bring soup? We hope to get at least 8 pots of soup each week. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the door in the Narthex. You may also call the church office. **QUESTIONS:** Call the church office at 303-770-9300.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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Saving a life only takes an hour. Sign up today.

JOIN ALLELUIA RINGERS!

The ringers will be starting in early February and we are looking for fun people who can count to 4 (really, that's all....OK, maybe 6!) and would like to have a great time learning music with a wonderful group of people. If you are interested, PLEASE e-mail me as we are deciding upon a night to rehearse and would love your input! Please e-mail showie@stplc.org to let me know you are interested.



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day when we remember our human brokenness, our personal sinfulness, and our need for God's forgiveness. Join us for a special worship service, including Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes, on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

LFS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year in Colorado, thousands of kids are unable to live with their biological parents because of abuse or neglect. We need families who can provide temporary care until children reunify with their parent as well as families willing to adopt children and teens in foster care if they can't return to their families. An informal Q & A session for foster care will be held on February 14th from 12:30-1:30pm and from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the LFS Denver Metro office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226). Please register with Anne at anne.hamilton@lfsrm.org or 303-217-5869. One-on-one meetings can also be arranged to work around your busy schedule.

Did you know that 75% of Americans do not have their medical care wishes in writing? Are you one of them? The OACS program, in partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation, is offering free, individual Advance Care Planning consults to provide hands-on assistance in the creation of Advance Directives, such as Medical Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will, at no charge. Our goal is to ensure that everyone completes these important documents, and understands why they are necessary. To set up an appointment at our Lakewood office, call 303-217-5864.

Many of our clients in our refugee program come from much warmer climates and are unprepared for a Colorado Winter. We are currently accepting donations of new or gently used coats and boots for adults and kids of all ages. For more information or to coordinate a drop-off, contact Kate Strebe at kate.strebe@lfsrm.org or 303-225-0199.

Silent Auction item donations are needed for the 70th Anniversary Gala, LFS' largest annual fundraiser! Individuals and groups are encouraged to put together a donation. Can you donate a gift basket, gift certificate, or item to help raise funds for our human service programs? All ideas and items are welcome! All contributions are tax deductible. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call Lauren Knudsen at 303-217-5860. Items may also be mailed to or dropped off at the LFS Denver Metro office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80226).

CHURCH CHICK NEWS

Our All Daughters Bruncheon on January 20th was a success. Here are a few announcements to share.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Coffee at Panera Bread on February 10 & March 10 at 9:00 a.m.
- Lenten Soup Supper on March 14. If you can bring a soup, help set up, and/or help clean up, please let us know.
- Kitchen Angels will clean the kitchen at church (coffee and pastries will be served first) on April 14 - Time TBA

Refreshment Host on February 7: We would like to provide refreshments after the Holden Evening Prayer service. Let us know if you would be able to provide a finger food snack or goodie. We are hoping for approx. 60 people will stick around after.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE - Secret Prayer Sister: If you want to be part of the Secret Prayer Sister ministry and you missed the potluck brunch, please let us know. We have people who have submitted their prayer sister sheets and we will be getting people their secret prayer sister in the next week or two.

Church Chicks Committee Needs YOU!: The current Church Chicks organizers have announced that they will be stepping down from this committee after next year's bruncheon. We would love this amazing ministry to continue, but need some volunteers to help take it over. If you want to volunteer at church and you want to have fun doing it, this committee is perfect for you. There is plenty of time that you can work with us during the year for an easy transition.

Blessings,
Shelly Hunter, Pam Haigh, Susan Greene, Deb Paul

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING WINTER IN YOUR LIFE?

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential,

one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

Pick up a Stephen Ministry brochure in the Narthex to learn more about this ministry. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Dave or one of our Stephen Leaders (contact information below). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



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BE PREPARED!

To commemorate Scout Sunday, young men from Troop 5280 will be in uniform at the 10:45 a.m. service. Scouts from this special needs troop, accompanied by family members, will be looking forward to meeting you.

Saint Peter is the chartered service organization for Troop 5280. Steve Haigh is the chartered service organization representative. Service to the church is a significant part of the troop's planning for 2017. During their visit, Scoutmasters John Peraro and Kathy Duran will be interested to hear your suggestions on service projects for our Scouts and to share more information about the organization.

PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

Praying for	Relationship	Prayer
*Jeff Williams	Friend of Saint Peter	Health issues related to leukemia. Prayers of hope and support.
*Adeline Dolly Orlino	Daughter of Sara & Paul and granddaughter of Jim & Dolly Bunke	Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the birth of Adeline on Jan. 26.
*Davi Rowe	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of healing as she is treated for blood clots.
Family & friends of Clarissa Wilkens	Neighbor of Fraedie Benedict	Murdered by her husband on Jan 20. Prayers of comfort, healing and support for Clarissa's family and 5 year old child.
Marilyn Brown	Mother of Candace McNabb	Health issues. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Bill Lippert	Father of Susan Greene	Recovering from surgery and a stroke. Prayers for healing, comfort and support.
Jeanette Orlino	Grandmother of Paul Orlino	Suffered a stroke. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Rinow Family	Friends of Eric & Kate Waggoner	Jen (38 yr old) suffering from frontal lobe dementia. Prayers of comfort for Jen, her husband Jeff and their 3 young children, Ryder, Grace & Mila.
Judy Hoyer	Mother of Lori Williams	Prayers for comfort and strength during treatment of lymphoma found in bone marrow, several abdominal nodes and spleen.
Ted Eickhoff	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers of healing, comfort and support.
Barb Hinchey	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing, comfort & support.
William Galvin	Son of Bill & Diane, friends of Deb & Jerry Paul	Seriously injured when he was hit by a car while riding his bike during a triathlon. Prayers of healing.
Declan Fish	2 year old son of Erin & David, friends of Brittany & Adam Hass	Recovering from several brain surgeries and chemo treatments. Prayers of strength, hope and healing.
Carol Butherus	Mother of Pam Prichard	Health issues. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Michael Pratt	Brother of Mary Pratt	Health issues due to seizures. Prayers of healing, support and guidance.
Aaron	Classmate of Payton Waggoner	Recovering from a severe football injury that resulted in major artery tear in his leg. Prayers for healing.
Rachel Cerra	Daughter of Marvin & Candace McNabb	Health concerns due to difficult pregnancy. Prayers of support.
Tom	Brother of Kay Gerhart	Life issues. Prayers of support and hope.
Vera Schum	Mother of Janet Okerman	Health and pain issues from back injury. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Jean Kalish	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of thanksgiving for positive treatment results.
Kevin	Cousin of Mary Pratt	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Martha McCartney	Sister of Pastor Dave	Health issues related to breast cancer. Prayers of healing.
Rob Reiber	Husband of Allegra Reiber	Prayers for healing and comfort as he recovers from a double foot amputation.
Connie Banks	Co-worker & friend of Cathy Bunch	Health issues related to pancreatic cancer. Prayers for hope and healing.
Scott Johnson	Brother of Pam Haigh	Health issues related to colon cancer. Prayers for healing.
Ross Raleigh	Son of Rob & Kristen Raleigh	Prayers of support for challenges of the disease of addiction.
Dick Rusk	Saint Peter Member	Health issues, prayers for strength, comfort & healing.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.

OUR UPCOMING WEEK

FEBRUARY 4 - SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
9:40 a.m.	Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
6:00 p.m.	Catechism 6th Grade Small Group (Nate Gerhart's Home)

FEBRUARY 6 - TUESDAY

noon	Staff Meeting (FH)
5:30 p.m.	Men's Group (Slattery's)

FEBRUARY 7 - WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.	WINGS Women's Support (HSY room)
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Conversation
noon	Bible Study (FH)
6:30 p.m.	Youth & Family Committee
6:30 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer (WC)

FEBRUARY 8 - THURSDAY

6:30 p.m.	WINGS Men's Support Group (YR)
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)

FEBRUARY 9 - FRIDAY

ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous (CH)

FEBRUARY 10 - SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.	Community Blood Drive
9:00 a.m.	MOPS (CH)
11:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)

FEBRUARY 11 - SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
9:40 a.m.	Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
noon	Congregational Meeting (WC)
6:00 p.m.	6th Grade Catechism Students (Nate Gerhart's Home)
6:00 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Catechism Students (FH)

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

THIS WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Eric Miller	Andy Nakatani
Lector	Jo Kurowski	Bruce Guthals
Acolytes	Open	Open
Worship Coordinator	Susan Greene	Karen Clair
Altar Guild	Pam Haigh	Jan McGaw
Hosts	Haigh & Pequette	Waggoner & Stokes
Counters	Linda O'Bryan & Jan McGaw	Lawrence Krämer & Bruce Guthals
Leadership Rep	Candace McNabb	Joel Waggoner

NEXT WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Andy Nakatani	Bruce Guthals
Lector	Steve Haigh	Kristen Raleigh
Acolytes	Open	Chelsea Ackman & Open
Worship Coordinator	Steve Haigh	Bruce Guthals
Altar Guild	Shelly Hunter	Linda Rejvani
Hosts	Dallman & Barbian	Davis & Tieperman
Counters	Bill Hunter & Janet Weinz	Bruce Stokes & Cathy Bunch
Leadership Rep	Nate Gerhart	Gerry Mueller

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

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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

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