

# The Saint Peter Leader

A Newsletter of Saint Peter Lutheran Church  
Greenwood Village, Colorado

**April 2010**

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**"Next  
Opportunity  
Group"**

9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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**Annual Pancake  
Breakfast**

7:00 to 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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**Saint Peter  
Anniversary**  
We're 29 years old

**16**

**Catechism  
"Friday Night  
Blast" Workshop**

5:00 p.m. StPLC

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**Catechism  
Leader Huddle**  
6:00 p.m. Brodin home

**22-25**

**Men's Fly  
Fishing Retreat**  
With Pastor Dave at  
Rainbow Trail

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**Catechism  
Workshop**  
6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

## Holy Week Worship Celebrate the Resurrection

**Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday: March 28)**

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
9:40 a.m.	Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
12:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt ( <i>Bring a Friend</i> )

**Maundy Thursday (April 1) – 7:00 p.m. Communion Service**

**Good Friday (April 2) – 8:00 p.m. Service of the Word**

**Holy Saturday (April 3) – 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday: April 4)**

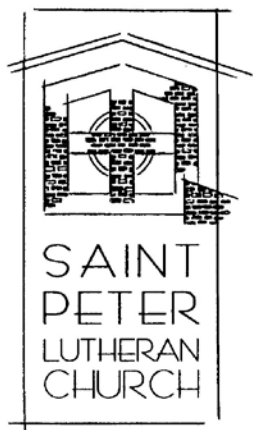
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## We Are an Easter People

During the season of Lent we ponder on the suffering and death of our Lord. It is a dark time. The candelabras have been removed, leaving us without its light. Easter morning the candelabras will return to the chancel and remain throughout the Easter season symbolizing Christ's resurrection and the light he brings to our lives.

Watch the chancel and altar area for other signs beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday and especially during Holy Week. The color for Passion Sunday and Maundy Thursday is red, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is black until the Easter Vigil and through the whole Easter season when the color is white.

Palms, spring flowers and butterflies will appear in church symbolizing the new life we find in nature and have in Christ. WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE!



### Next Community Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held at Hope United Methodist Church from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on May 1, 2010. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Gayle Romceovich at 303 741-0020.

We had a good turn out for February! Thank you to all the "Gift of Lifers" that donated blood on February 20<sup>th</sup>: Dave Mohrhaus, Steve Flessner, Verna Leighton, Steve Haigh, & Nick, Matt, Laura and Gayle Romceovich, plus three neighbors.

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### May 2010 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email your article to Nadine at nnakatani@StPLC.org

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## Stewardship of the Earth

"Christian concern for the environment is shaped by the Word of God spoken in creation, the Love of God hanging on a cross, the Breath of God daily renewing the face of the earth." [ELCA Social Statement: *Caring for Creation*]



On April 22<sup>nd</sup> forty years ago, the first Earth Day was celebrated. We don't celebrate many non-church holidays in the church ... but given that we are people who believe in God the creator, and that the intention of Earth Day is to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment, it seems appropriate for us to recognize this celebration of creation.

Here is our link to Earth Day - because of our intimate connection to God, who is the Creator, we are also intimately connected to creation.

- Not just as stewards or caretakers of all God has created, but as people who our selves were created by God.
- We need what the earth provides for our daily living.
- Because the earth and humans are created by the same God, we are part of the same ecosystem.
- Saving the earth is what good stewards do. We recognize that when we live in ways that hurt the earth, we hurt ourselves, and we hurt the one who created us.
- The connection is real. To the extent that we care for creation, to the extent that we care for our relationship with God and our relationship with others, we strengthen that which binds us all together.

Earth-keeping is a term being used by many people of faith to describe the nature of our responsibility to care for creation. It springs from our wonder, awe, and gratitude for God's wisdom, creativity, and blessings that fill the natural world. Faithful earth-keeping involves extending the justice, peace, reconciliation, hope, and love of Christ to all creation. In caring for the Earth, we also deepen our relationship with God and with one another.

So celebrate with us on April 25<sup>th</sup> and accept your calling as stewards of this earth, God's creation. There are many ways in which to demonstrate caring for the earth, such as the Greenprint Denver initiative, Mile High Million, with a goal of planting a million trees by 2025. We can be advocates for wise energy stewardship and responsible managers of natural resources (water, wildlife and minerals) in our homes, in our churches, in our workplaces, schools, and communities.

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## Thank You StPLC!

We want to thank you for your comforting thoughts and prayers after the loss of our mother, Carolyn Greene. We also want to express our appreciation to all of the members that contributed to the service and the reception following the memorial service.

The Kerr and Greene Families

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From the Pastor

## Inspired by the Early Church

The message of Easter shapes our life. The message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the heart of who we are, and how we understand ourselves. On Easter we celebrate that our God, who is more powerful even than death itself, loves us enough to die for us, and takes the first step in renewing our lives and granting us the gift of eternity.

If there is one way to describe the first generations of Christians, it is that they were shaped by the message of Easter. The resurrection of Jesus changed everything for them. It gave them a new world-view. It emboldened their faith and their proclamation. It invited them into an entirely new relationship with God and with one another – one that is grounded in grace and forgiveness and new beginnings. The believers in the early church were an Easter people.

Because the believers in the early church were an Easter people, they were also a courageous people; a Spirit-driven people; a welcoming people; a forgiven people; a mission focused community; a faith family that was committed to and aware of the needs that surrounded them; a people who were committed to God above all things – even wealth and comfort!

During the month of Easter, we are going to take time to consider the faith and character of the early church through a sermon series based on the fifth book of the New Testament: "The Acts of the Apostles." The series will cover the following themes:

- 4/11 Acts 5:27-32 The Early Church followed God, even when human traditions and authorities opposed them
- 4/18 Acts 9:1-20 The Early Church was turned around the Holy Spirit, to go in a new ("in God's") direction
- 4/25 Acts 10:23-24, 34-43 The Early Church was a "New Covenant People" – committed to welcoming all, and focused on the forgiveness of sins through Christ
- 5/2 Acts 11:1-18 The Early Church was criticized for being "too inclusive" – but understood that inclusiveness was demanded by God
- 5/9 Acts 16:9-15 The Early Church was aware of those who might be on the verge of faith, and reached out to them
- 5/16 Acts 16:16-34 The Early Church believed that faithfulness was more important than financial implications

We live in a world that is increasingly similar to the world of our first-century ancestors. We are transformed by the Gospel, yet surrounded by friends and neighbors who don't know Christ. By studying the lives and experiences of the early church, we hope to grow in our ability to live as God's faithful people.

Happy Easter to you all – and may the message of the resurrection shape your lives, and empower your witness, for Jesus' sake.

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



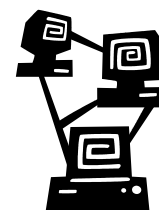
### "One Little Word"

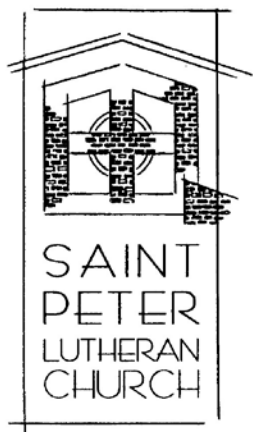
#### Weekly Internet Devotions

Pastor Dave sends out a devotional message every Wednesday, entitled "One Little Word" (from Martin Luther's Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress"), which is based on one of the lessons appointed for the coming Sunday, and is intended to help readers prepare themselves for Sunday worship.

If you are interested in receiving these weekly devotional messages, please send him a note to that effect at [drisendal@StPLC.org](mailto:drisendal@StPLC.org) or check them out at [www.OneLittleWord.org](http://www.OneLittleWord.org)

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## Ministry Team Leaders

### *Acolytes/Lectors*

Mary Ann Steiner

### *Adult Education*

Discipleship Team

### *Altar Guild*

Jan McGaw

### *"CAUTION" High School Youth*

Karen Dehmlow

### *Community Blood Drive*

Gayle Romcevich

### *Covenant Cupboard*

Walt Meyer

### *Counters*

Janet Weinz

### *DESIGN Team*

Verna Leighton

### *Fellowship Hour*

Jeaneane Engel

### *Five Habits of Discipleship*

Ed Hardey

### *For Pete's Sake Players*

Verna Leighton

Karyl Meyer

### *Gathering Place Card Project*

Open Position

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# Happy Easter & A Blessed Spring!

## From Your Discipleship Team

Our topics for Adult Education in April include the following:

- † April 11<sup>th</sup> We will be hearing about the Puerto Rico Mission Trip that Saint Peter's CAUTION Youth will be embarking on this summer.
- † April 18<sup>th</sup> Nita Matthews will be our guest and will be sharing her insights into the Via de Cristo experience and what it can offer us at Saint Peter.
- † April 25<sup>th</sup> Come find out more about the foster care program through Lutheran Family Services and this blessing that we at Saint Peter help to support - Heidi Hendricks, Tom Acree, and Karen Wiesjahn presenting.

In May there will be additional Adult Ed opportunities during the first two Sundays in May. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Presenter Appreciation Day during the Adult Education hour, to celebrate and thank all of the presenters who shared their insights, teaching, and time with us during this year. All are invited each Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in the Narthex!

Peace,

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

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## "One Year to Live" Men's Retreat

### April 16-18, 2010 in Grant, Colorado

Men... do you ever feel like something is missing in your life? Do you sometimes feel isolated and alone? Are you searching for a higher purpose? Are you aware of certain patterns in your life that don't seem to be working? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, plan to attend the upcoming men's "One Year to Live" retreat.

The "One Year to Live" retreat is an opportunity for you to seriously look at your life, to make significant decisions and work with other men to hold each other accountable for those decisions. It is an opportunity to explore the difference the Christian faith can make in your life today, with your family, at your work and in the Christian community. You may not remember your last retreat, but you will never forget this one!

This retreat is a new approach to men's ministry. Developed by Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) and piloted in Denver, the retreat is now rolling out to the Saint Peter Lutheran congregation. Our weekend retreat is being held April 16-18, 2010 in Grant, Colorado. You will have the chance to create a "Band of Brothers" through outdoor adventure, fellowship, and a deeper walk with Christ.

Please contact Jerry Paul for registration information at 303 956-7821 or email Jerry at [jpaul@essentialinvestment.com](mailto:jpaul@essentialinvestment.com), or sign-up at the registration table in the Narthex.

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## “We Run So They May Walk”

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Selian Lutheran Hospital Run/Walk  
Saturday, June 5, 2010

The money raised will support Selian Lutheran Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Arusha, Tanzania, and several affiliated ministries, including home hospice care.

The event will begin and end at Saint Peter. Registration begins in April and the fee is \$20 per person - additional family members \$10 each, children under 5 years of age are free. Registration includes a t-shirt, snacks, drinks, and goody bag items for all participants!

Participants and members of Saint Peter are invited to line up sponsors for this event – all contributions will go to Selian and are tax-deductable.

Suggested sponsorship levels:

\$10	Basic immunizations for 2 children
\$25	Basic immunizations for 5 children
\$50	Basic immunizations for 10 children
\$100	Basic immunizations for 20 children
\$200	Surgery for 1 child to correct the leg deformities of skeletal fluorosis
\$600	Surgery for 3 children to correct the leg deformities of skeletal fluorosis
\$3500	Operate Selian Hospital & clinics for one day

It will be a fun event for all ages – new this year is a 1K fun run and other activities for children (bouncy castle!). We are also hoping to have live African-style music. Please plan to participate, and encourage family, friends, and neighbors to join you!

We are still looking for more commercial sponsors. If you know of any potential sponsors, if you would like to help with the event, or if you have questions, please call one of the team members listed below:

General Information:	Carol Mayer	303 470-1205
Registration:	Karyl Meyer	303 740-6989
Race-Day Events:	Sharon Stokes	720 733-6194
Publicity:	Terri Mohrhaus	303 694-3667

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## Preschool at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The preschool at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Littleton, Colorado, is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. This accredited preschool program offers the highest quality early childhood education, rooted in a Lutheran understanding of the Gospel. Visit us at [www.holytrinitylutheranpreschool.org](http://www.holytrinitylutheranpreschool.org) for more information or call our Director of Preschool Ministry, Christie Baroody, to schedule a tour, 303 798-1356 x 18.

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## Ministry Team

### Leaders

*Habitat for Humanity*

Vicky Simpson

*Holly Heights*

Open Position

*Host Families*

Marshall Roth

*Pray & Crochet*

Jenny Von Stroh

Carmen Faaiu

*Property Team*

Steve Haigh

Bill Hunter

*Selian Lutheran Hospital Team*

Susan Howell

*Servant Events*

Laura Guthals

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

Annie Harnett

*Stephen Lay Caring Ministry*

Donna Burman

Steve Onody

Lynn Sherpe

*Sunday School*

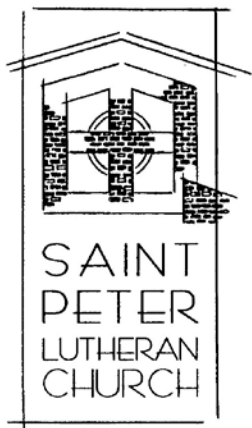
Laura Guthals

*Tech Team*

Steve Flessner

Rick Brydum

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## Covenant Cupboard

An Arapahoe County designated food agency located at:

### Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

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

## Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

### Pick up Produce

Various times during the week:

Call Walt Meyer  
303 740-6989

### Pack Produce

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

### Help with Distribution

Fridays  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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

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## "Next Opportunity Group"

The Next Opportunity Group is a support/networking ministry for the unemployed and underemployed. The group meets every other Saturday (this month on April 3 & 17) from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex. The group's membership has evolved from being primarily Saint Peter members to mostly non-members who have learned of it through friends or family. We welcome anyone including members who simply want to show their support and offer networking opportunities.



Members provide one another with emotional support and job search ideas and suggestions to each other. In addition, guest speakers on resume writing, interviewing skills and other topics of interest join the group. We focus extensively on networking skills and using technology tools such as LinkedIn to gain an edge in today's competitive job search environment. If you or someone you know could benefit please contact Jerry Paul at [jpaul@essentialinvestment.com](mailto:jpaul@essentialinvestment.com) or David Hueser at [davidhueser@gmail.com](mailto:davidhueser@gmail.com). In addition, if you become aware of job opportunities please contact us.

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## Upcoming RLTC Camps & Retreats

### Men's Fly Fishing Retreat

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is hosting their Spring Men's Fly Fishing retreat April 22-25, 2010. There will be fabulous food, meaningful worship, and great fellowship. It will be worth taking a few days off from work to be recharged in your faith. Pastor Dave Risendal will be our spiritual guide for the weekend. This retreat will include some of the finest fishing on the Arkansas River. For more details on this retreat, go to [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org).

### Annual Women's Retreat

April 15-18, 2010, Rainbow Trail Lutheran camp will host its annual Women's retreat. Join Bible Study leader Michelle Okes and other wonderful Christian women for a weekend of fellowship, learning, laughter and fun in God's beautiful creation. For more details and a registration form, go to [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org).

### Memorial Day Work Weekend

Come and join over 100 people May 28-31, 2010 to help make Rainbow Trail's site the best possible. We will make major improvements to our site including finishing the Trex decking on the porch, replacing the railings near Bristlecone Lodge, installing water lines, and upgrading one of the cabins across the creek. There is no charge for the weekend but a reservation is a must. Contact Dave at the Canon City office at 719 276-5233 to reserve your spot!

### Youth Summer Camp

You can still register for Rainbow Trail Summer Camp! Though many of the weeks of camp at Rainbow Trail are full for the coming summer, there is still room for those of you in grades 4-6<sup>th</sup> and in middle school! Spend a week of fun and growth as part of a great Christian community in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains. Fill out a registration form or register on-line. Go to [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org) to register or for more details. Weeks are filling quickly, so register soon!!

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From the President of the Congregation

## What Can I Tell You That You Don't Already Know?

I can report that our finances are in good order, the Exterior Makeover project is underway, our Leadership Teams are fully staffed, and on March 21<sup>st</sup> we welcomed 9 new families as members of Saint Peter - 2010 is looking like it could be a banner year, but I think you are probably quite aware of these things. That's good, because I'd rather talk about the bigger picture. I'd like take this time to once again consider who we are, what we do, and why we do what we do.

About two years ago when I first became your President I asked a question that I hoped would set the context for where I hoped we could go, "What difference does it make in my life and for those around me that I am a Christian?" We had come out of a couple of financially challenging years. I wanted us to better understand and appreciate what it is that our faith had in store for us instead of fretting about whether we fell short of our budget. I wanted to get past budgets and instead become so faithful in our monetary support that we could focus our energy on the business of being a church, on the business of our personal faith and how it could impact our community and the world. I wanted to see Saint Peter become more than a place where someone would just go once a week because they were "supposed to." I hoped and prayed for something deeper and more meaningful. In these past years I see that God has answered my question through the people of this congregation week after week after week. I see it answered in our worship and praise for the Lord every Sunday morning and in the leadership and preaching of Pastor Dave. I see it answered in the way we try to care for each other. I see it the way people dig deep to support Saint Peter financially in these tough economic times. I see it in our support of our youth of all ages. I see it in our support of Habitat for Humanity, Selian Lutheran Hospital, Covenant Cupboard and our many other outreach ministries. I see it in our dedication to learn the Word of God. I see it in the exceptionally warm and welcoming spirit that we extend to our guests every Sunday morning.

Are we the best we can be? Are we perfect? No. Lord knows I am not... but it is so gratifying to be part of a community of faith where we are trying. Where the Holy Spirit is moving. Where Jesus is Lord.

God's Peace to You,  
Andy Nakatani,  
Congregation President

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### Useful Links

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELCA  
[elca.org/](http://elca.org/)  
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### StPLC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you are hurting or if you know someone who is, we hope you'll prayerfully consider a care receiving relationship with a Stephen Minister. For more information contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

**Donna Burman**  
303 619-6448

**Steve Onody**  
303 883-7826

**Lynn Sherpe**  
303 921-5355



# Worship & Music

## **Alleluia Ringers**

April Schedule:

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Dress Rehearsal  
(No Rehearsal on April 1, 8 & 15)

April 4<sup>th</sup>  
(Easter Sunday)

Play at 1<sup>st</sup> Service

April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Rehearsal at 6:40 p.m.

April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Rehearsal at 6:40 p.m.

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## **Join the Woodwind Ensemble!**

Contact Steve Howie for more information.

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## **Holly Heights Ministry**

The third Sunday of each month. Please contact Steve Howie if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

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## **Brass Ensemble Looking for New Players**

If you currently play, or even if it's been a while, the brass ensemble is looking for you! We will begin rehearsals on Monday evenings in April.

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## **Openings in Sound and Light Team**

Are you fascinated with electronic gadgets? Do you have a good ear and an eye for detail? Are you a high school student or adult? Do you attend worship at Saint Peter at least once per month?

If so, then the Sound and Light Team wants you! We currently are looking for one or two more people to become members of the team to help run sound, recording, and more at our worship services. Training will be provided, so don't worry if you don't know how to run a mixer or any of the other "stuff" in our sound desk. We have started recording services and will also have new challenges outside, so new members to the team are welcome!



The commitment for this team is to be at a minimum of one service per month to run the sound, attend quarterly ongoing training sessions, and possibly do other cool things with lighting for dramas or running PowerPoint presentations. If you are interested in being part of this fun group, please speak with Rick Brydum ([rickbrydum@stplc.org](mailto:rickbrydum@stplc.org)) or Steve Howie ([showie@stplc.org](mailto:showie@stplc.org)).

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## **Assisting Ministers STILL Needed!**

More assistants are needed to help lead worship. Are you ready to take your worship experience to the next level? Are you ready to help others find greater meaning through worship? Become an assisting minister! The primary role of an assisting minister is to help lead the congregation in prayer. SINGING IS NOT NECESSARY.

If you are interested in helping lead our worship and in helping people connect with God, please contact Steve Howie for more information. YOU CAN DO IT!

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## **Songs of Hope Soirée**

### **Annual Benefit Gala**

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado cordially invites you to the 2010 Songs of Hope Soirée Annual Benefit Gala. Please join us for an evening of fabulous food, drinks and musical entertainment on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at The Inverness Hotel and Conference Center, Englewood. The proceeds from this event will support the LFS programs, such as foster care, adoption services, refugee and senior outreach services and serve more than 40,000 people in 2010. Please register online at [www.lfsco.org](http://www.lfsco.org).

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# Ministries at StPLC



From the Minister of Music

## Celebrate the Risen Christ!

The time between Christmas and Easter seems particularly short this year as Easter is already upon us. Perhaps it's just that Daylight Savings Time comes earlier now, but I'm struck with the passing of seasons, the increase in daylight, and, of course, the incredible surge of musical activity during this time of year!

Easter Sunday will be highlighted with an incredible musical offering by our ensembles at both services. Our 8:30 a.m. service will include the Jubilate Choir, organ, instrumental ensemble, and handbells. This is our traditional service and will feature many beloved Easter melodies such as "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", and "Crown Him with Many Crowns".

Our 10:45 a.m. contemporary service will be led by the Worship Band and will feature contemporary takes on favorite Easter Hymn tunes.

For Easter season, our liturgies change to the familiar "Now the Feast" for first service, and to the "Mass of Glory" at the second service. It will be exciting to look out the East window each week and see how the work on the courtyard is progressing as we anticipate worshipping outside during the summer months for first service, hopefully in the new courtyard!

In other music events, the brass, string, and woodwind ensembles should be up and running by late April. If you play a brass, string, or woodwind instrument, we would love to have you join one of the groups! We will rehearse on Monday nights throughout May and into summer and plan to be part of worship services as soon as possible.

Finally, the Festival Choir will be forming again during April to start work on a new large, contemporary work. I'm still figuring out the details, but hope to have it coincide with the dedication of the building project...stay tuned!

What a wonderful year 2010 is turning out to be at Saint Peter! Make sure to get involved with all that's happening to the Glory of God through music ministry!

Peace,

Steve Howie,  
Minister of Music

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## Jubilate Choir Schedule

April 4 (Easter Sunday)  
1<sup>st</sup> Service

April 11 (off)

April 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

April 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Service



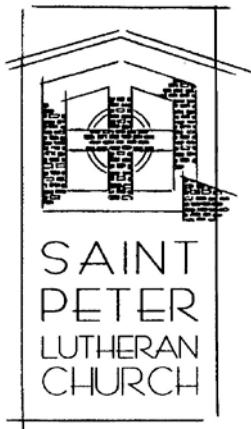
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## Attention String Players!

The string ensemble is re-forming and will begin rehearsing Monday nights in late April. If you are interested in joining, please contact Steve Howie.



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# Fourth Annual CAUTION Pancake Breakfast

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

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



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## Youth Crew

Karen Dehmlow,  
CAUTION High School  
and Beyond  
Coordinator

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## “CAUTION” E-mails

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



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## “CAUTION” Meeting Schedule

\*Sunday morning  
worship

\*Sunday School

\*Active participation  
and leadership of the  
StPLC catechism  
program



## Prayer Vigil



*There are no dances for dark days.  
There is no music to bellow the pain.  
The best we can do is to remain  
still and silent  
and try to remember the face of God  
and how to kneel  
and how to pray.\**

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

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

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

\* *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, Ann Weems

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## Covenant Cupboard Ingathering Day



Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will be Covenant Cupboard ingathering day. So plan on inundating the wagon on that Sunday. Remember that diapers, baby food, formula items are always needed. In addition, The Covenant Cupboard is planning to give out personal care bags to mothers on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Friday before Mother's Day. So be thinking about this as well. We will have more information on this in the weeks to come. If you have questions, see Walt Meyer, Chuck Wood, Carol Mayer,

Karyl Meyer, Diane Reimer or Terri Mohrhaus.

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## "Head to Heart" Catechism Ministries

April is our last full month in this year's Catechism schedule. But we're excited about our April 16 "Friday Night Blast." We'll be considering four Hot Topics: "Sex and Love" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13), "Drugs: Your Body Is a Temple" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), "Media and Materialism" (Isaiah 55:10a), and "God and Science" (Job 11:7-12).

Catechism Leaders will huddle in Dawn Brodin's home at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. And we'll take on another Hot Topic: "War and Peace" (Romans 5:12) at 6:00 p.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

Catechism is a three-year course of study for youth in grades 6-8, and leads to welcoming them into adult membership in our church. If you are interested, please call the church office for additional information.

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## Caring for Each Other...*Reflections by Lynn Sherpe*

As I stood waiting for the light rail train on a cold and rainy Saturday afternoon in Portland, I was lost in thought. My mind raced as I reflected back on my week long training to become a Stephen Minister Leader. I was on an emotional rollercoaster! There was so much excitement and eagerness to get back home to join our Stephen Minister team to help build and support our current lay caring ministry. I also felt overwhelmed and scared; did God give me the gifts needed to carry out this awesome ministry?

It took me a few minutes to notice the gentleman standing a short distance from me at the light rail station. When we made eye contact he gave me a slight smile and nodded his hello. Within a few seconds I was having a conversation with Mr. Bils. When the train arrived I was surprised to learn that he was headed to the same destination. He settled into the seat next to me and an instant friendship was kindled.

Mr. Bils was a very proud man and full of life! He talked about the sadness he felt because his oldest three children were having financial difficulties and the delight in his heart knowing that his youngest daughter was a successful officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. He spoke of the love he has for his two wives, even though both relationships ended in divorce. Pride lit up Mr. Bils' face as he described how he fought for his country in the Vietnam War as an Army Paratrooper. I saw the bullet wounds that scarred his leg, arm, and shoulder from being shot three times. He continued to reminisce with me about his past memories until we reached the airport. He insisted that he escort me safely to the United Airlines ticket counter. It was there that we said our good-byes.

I watched with tears streaming down my face as Mr. Bils disappeared down a long hallway. Aside from the clothes he was wearing, he carried everything he owned in a small bag. This included two tennis racquets (he used to teach tennis lessons), a harmonica (for playing on the street corner) and a wallet filled with pictures, cards and memories. I truly had been in the presence of God; just one look into Mr. Bils' eyes confirmed that!

God calls all of us to care for each other; Mr. Bils was certainly there for me. I was touched in ways I can't even put in words. Through God's love and grace I know that I am called to care for others. Do you hear that calling in your life?

Saint Peter Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation! We invite you to learn more about this ministry by talking to one of our Stephen Leaders [Donna Burman, Steve Onody or Lynn Sherpe – see sidebar on page 7], Pastor Dave or any of our Stephen Ministers.



## Fellowship Hosts Needed

You can sign-up individually, as a family or with a friend. It's a great way to get to know people, and its fun and easy...just provide snacks for everyone to enjoy with lemonade and coffee during the Sunday School hour. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter or you can speak with Jeaneane Engel.

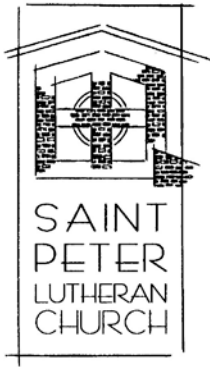
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## Easter Lilies

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

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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

### September – May

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service  
9:40 a.m. Youth & Adult Education  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

### June – August

8:30 a.m. Outdoors Communion Service  
10:00 a.m. Indoors Communion Service

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## Our Mission Statement

**We Are Welcomed** into God's Love  
just as we are

**We Are Sent** into God's World  
to be a reflection of Christ's love

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* [Romans 5: 1, 8]

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* [St. Matthew 28: 19-20]