

MARCH 10, 2024
fourth sunday in lent

Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

"FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH" (EPHESIANS 2:8)

Last week, Pastor Vera showed the kids two words: **OBEY** and **LOVE**. The question was: *Is God's love transactional? Are we only loved because we obey? Is conditional love the gift for our obedience? Or rather, does our love for God move us toward action, motivate us to love our neighbor and live in a way that is reflective of our powerful faith?*



Are we willing to allow the boundless grace from God to change our lives and the way we interact with others? Consider how refreshing and invigorating it feels to be made **"alive in Christ"** (Ephesians 2:5). Your faithful, loving actions and words are an important part of God's plan: **"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"** (Ephesians 2:10). While our works did not save us, putting our love and faith

into action allows us to be dynamic doers, creative and willing hearts and hands that accomplish God's work.

Perhaps when love nudges us to action, that is a reflection of God's own example:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). Or recall explained his powerful **one has greater love for one's friends"**

OR

the words of Jesus himself as he motivation to his Apostles: **"No than this, to lay down one's life"** (John 15:13). As we walk together

through this Lenten journey, celebrate and give gratitude for the immense love that sparked such sacrifice. And meditate on the love that energizes you to show up in faithful service to God and others. ✝



LESSONS FOR TODAY

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (10) or
Psalm 119:9-16 (11)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

SUNDAY FUNDAY KIDS FINISH MAKING BLESSING BOWLS

We have created a clay container that will hold our prayers, sacred symbols, names of people, water/oil for blessing, favorite scripture, pictures, journaling, reminders of Jesus and God and much more. Ask a youth how they plan to use their Blessing Bowl at home. You may be inspired to create one of your own, or one for someone else. ✦



FAMILY MINISTRIES GOES GLOBAL

We have just two more weeks of collecting items! Today, it's sturdy **COMBS** and on March 17, we'll collect **NAIL CLIPPERS**. Since this is a Lenten Project of Generosity and Care for Others, we will keep our wagons and box available until Palm Sunday on March 24. Collected items will be relocated to the room opposite the Nursery. As always, items are welcome at any time, and there is the option of donating monetarily to Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org). ✦



ALLELUIA STICKS ARE BACK!

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1). We have a Team of Volunteers working to make sure everyone who would

like to shake an **ALLELUIA STICK** can do so on Easter Vigil as well as Easter Sunday! If you can find the one you had 2 years ago, dust it off and bring it to church for both those worship opportunities, March 30 and 31! After the 10:45 a.m. Easter service, everyone is welcome to take one home! Let's make a joyful noise together as we celebrate the Risen Christ! ✦

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Glaser is 12 - Monday
Kay Gerhart - Tuesday
James Bainbridge - Wednesday
Dale Ammon - Thursday

BAPTISMS

Kay Gerhart - Wednesday

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

MINISTER

Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

ASSISTING MINISTER

Bruce Guthals

LECTOR

Laura Guthals

HOSTS

Steve and Denise Leighton

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Greene

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP

Steve Leighton

NEXT WEEK'S LEADERSHIP REP

OPEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement at the end of worship, please contact the day's leadership rep.

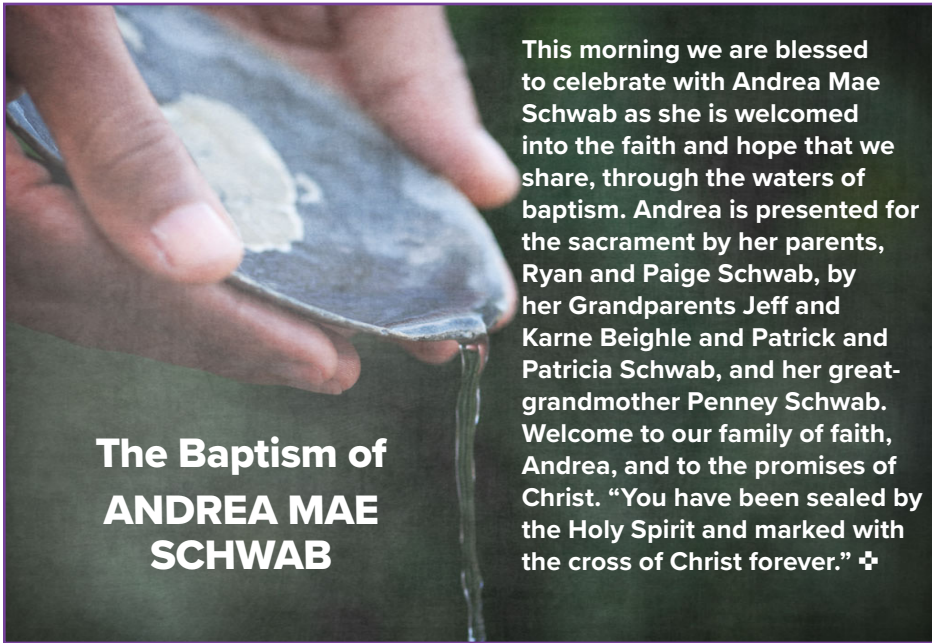
FAMILY MINISTRIES GOES GLOBAL

In partnership with Lutheran World Relief, we are building care kits for people around the WORLD who are suffering hardship.

Can you help gather basic supplies?

NEXT SUNDAY (March 17) please consider bringing nail clippers.

If you prefer, monetary donations are welcomed at www.lwr.org.



The Baptism of ANDREA MAE SCHWAB

This morning we are blessed to celebrate with Andrea Mae Schwab as she is welcomed into the faith and hope that we share, through the waters of baptism. Andrea is presented for the sacrament by her parents, Ryan and Paige Schwab, by her Grandparents Jeff and Karne Beighle and Patrick and Patricia Schwab, and her great-grandmother Penney Schwab. Welcome to our family of faith, Andrea, and to the promises of Christ. "You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." ✚



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION - MARCH 20, 4-5:30 P.M.

Is your child curious about receiving Communion? Do they have an age-appropriate understanding of what Jesus did on the cross and why? Are they able to read along and explain in their own words what this symbolic act of remembrance means to them? If you and your child are interested in learning more about this sacred tradition, plan to attend First Communion Instruction with Pastor Vera and Ms. Mary on Wednesday, March 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ✚

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION TODAY AFTER CHURCH

A safe space to ask questions about Pastor Mike's departure, express concerns, discuss the future, and be in community. ✚

"WE RUN SO THEY MAY WALK" 5K RACE

The days are getting longer, and the snow is melting! That means you have time to start training for the 16th Annual "We Run So They May Walk" 5K Race to support missions and ministry in Tanzania. Can you help to plan, support, volunteer or sponsor? Let Terri Mohrhaus know! Here's some exciting news: we have an opportunity to send another group to Tanzania. Our past trips have included safari and even hiking near the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Let Terri Mohrhaus, Valerie Watkins, or Carol Mayer know if you think you might be interested – dates are subject to the group's availability, so let's start planning! ✚



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES MARCH 13 AND 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

Come and enjoy a quiet, peaceful Lenten Meditation each Wednesday evening. ✚

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed; for those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. God of mercy, hear our prayer.



SPRING AHEAD!

"As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth" (Hosea 6:3). **Today we spring the clocks forward an hour.**

How will you celebrate the coming of spring? Maybe plant a little indoor terrarium? Take a walk

in the early evening sunshine? As spring peeks around the bend, remember the words of the Psalmist: *"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy"* (Psalm 96:11-12). ✚



BLANKETS FOR THE GATHERING PLACE

Thank you to *Jenn Stenbak* and *Jody Hinsey* for sharing their expertise at the **Women & Wealth Event** at StPLC on March 1st. We completed a total of 32 Crib Blankets and collected an amazing amount of hygiene products for **The Gathering Place**, a local non-profit that provides basic necessities and care to homeless women and children. These blankets will offer warmth and comfort to those managing challenging circumstances. ✚

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS 2.21 - 3.20 SUPPER (6PM)
 WEDNESDAYS 2.21 - 3.20 SERVICE (7PM)
 3.24 PALM SUNDAY (9AM)
 3.28 MAUNDY THURSDAY (7:30PM)
 3.29 GOOD FRIDAY (7:30PM)
 3.30 EASTER VIGIL (7:30PM)
 3.31 EASTER SERVICE (9AM)
 3.31 EASTER SERVICE (10:45AM)

FIRST FRIDAY

+ **FUN** +

5TH GRADERS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, JOIN US FOR DINNER AND GAMES!!

YOUR SIBLINGS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TOO!

HELP PREPARE RAINBOW TRAIL
 May 24-27

We have the tools – or bring your favorite tool kit and tool belt, cordless drill or just willing hands. Spend the weekend or spend a day! Call Mike DiLisa for details (303-908-8600).

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH STARTING APRIL 5
 6:00 TO 8:00PM AT SAINT PETER

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PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

*Marilynn Diver	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from Mar. 6 hip replacement surgery. Prayer for healing.
*William Riekema	Cousin of Lee Diver	William having health issues following double bypass surgery. Prayers for healing.
*Mike Sherpe	Saint Peter Member	Hospitalized after suffering heart attack. Had open heart bypass surgery on Mar. 7. Prayers for healing.
Judy Hoyer	Mother of Lori Williams	Recovering from surgery on Feb. 26 to remove a bladder tumor and ongoing health concerns. Prayers for strength and healing.
Trish Hoyer	Sister-in-law of Dave & Lori Williams	Prayers for comfort, strength, and healing during and post reconstruction surgery on Feb. 28.
Family and friends of Paul Moyer	Friend of Dave & Lori Williams	Paul completed his baptismal journey on Feb. 15. Prayers of comfort for his wife Betty and their children and grandchildren.
Family and Friends of Andy Frampton	Friend of Dave & Jan McGaw, son of Dave & Marty Frampton	Completed his baptismal journey on Feb. 13 after being diagnosed with Snovial sarcoma, a rare type of cancer. Prayers of comfort and peace for Andy's family.
*Tim O'Keefe	Brother of Shawn O'Keefe	Diagnosed with a brain tumor. Prayers for healing.
Raymond Stackpoole	Long time friend of Steve Leighton	Diagnosed with cancer. Prayers of support and healing.
Karyl Meyer	Saint Peter Member	Health concerns. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Derek Meyer	Son of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Struggling with health issues. Prayers for healing.
*Tammy Johnson	Friend of the Diver family	Diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Family and Friends of Alice L. Michaelis	Mother of Ruth Martin	Completed her baptismal journey on Jan. 30, one month shy of her 101st birthday. Prayers for reaffirming the hope and promise of our Christian faith.
Olivia	9 month old daughter of Ken Gerhart's nephew	Diagnosed with a neuroblastoma. Prayers of hope, support and healing.
Samuel Daniel	Father of Darlene Beals	Recovering from hospital stay in Atlanta, GA. Prayers for healing and strength.
Raetyn	Granddaughter of Cathy Bunch	Experiencing life struggles.
Cherril Serdy	Friend of Gerry Rasel	Cherril was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Prayers for healing and strength.
Nicki Sperekas	Friend of Barb Hinchey	Prayers of thanksgiving for successful breast cancer surgery. Prayers for continued treatment and healing.
Stan Martin	Saint Peter Member	Continued health concerns due to brain, lung and spine cancer. Currently undergoing radiation treatment on spine. Prayers of hope, comfort and support.
Nina Schafer	Friend of Jan McGaw	Prayers for strength after diagnosis for recurrence of breast cancer.
Helen Merle	Mother of Karyl Meyer	Health issues. Prayers of comfort, healing and support.
Jeff Summerton	Brother of Jed Summerton	Struggling with several health issues. Prayers of hope, strength and peace.
Dottie Summerton	Jed & Allison Summerton's sister-in-law	Prayers for peace and comfort for Dottie and her family as she nears end of life.
Matt Knopf	Friend of Adam & Brittany Hass	Diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in his lymph system. Prayers as he begins several months of chemo.
Wil & Elizabeth Vogel	Saint Peter Members	Health issues. Prayers for healing, comfort and peace.
Karen Koenig	Judy Sickinger's Sister	Health issues due to cancer. Prayers of comfort and support.
Shirlie Walters	Kami Mach's Mother	Prayers for comfort and support as she continues to deal with low-functioning kidneys.
Roger Hoyer	Lori Williams' Uncle	Health issues. Prayers for strength and healing.
Donna O'Keefe	Shawn O'Keefe's Mother	Experiencing heart issues. Prayers for healing.
Robert Bunke	Jim Bunke's Father	Health issues from congestive heart failure. Prayers for comfort.
Carol Hallstrom	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from surgery to stop GI bleeding. Prayers for healing.
Family and Friends of Jim Bailey	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Completed life's journey. Prayers of comfort and peace for Jim's family.

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

OUR UPCOMING WEEK

MARCH 10	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online Congregational Council Installation
10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
10:30 a.m.	Council Meeting
MARCH 11	MONDAY
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (FH)
MARCH 12	TUESDAY
7:30 a.m.	BNI Meeting (FH)
MARCH 13	WEDNESDAY
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Conversation Onsite (FH) and Online
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study Onsite and Online (FH)
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Mid-week Services Onsite (WC) and Online
7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
MARCH 14	THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal
MARCH 15	FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer at Covenant Cupboard 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (tinyurl.com/CCFP2024)
MARCH 16	SATURDAY
10:30 a.m.	The Saint Peter Stitches (Narthex)
11:00 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
MARCH 17	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online Congregational Council Installation
10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation



WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Greenwood Village. We are happy you are here.

ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance form that is passed around during the Children's Message. We promise not to share your information with any third parties or add you to our mailing list unless you request it.

CHILDREN

Children are invited to worship in the Worship Center alongside the big kids and the adults, even if they are noisy. Kids can help themselves to a "Busy Bag" that hangs on the Pencil Hook and hang out in the "Pray Ground" in the southwest corner of the Worship Center, too.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.
Mark 10:13-16

If you prefer, a staffed nursery is located next to the restroom down the hall. Nursery care during church is for infants through age 5. Care provided during Faith Forum expands to include kids in elementary school. **Guardians must sign children in and out.** Children are also welcome to take communion. A blessing can be provided in lieu of the meal if that is Mom or Dad's preference.

COMMUNION

You are welcome at the communion table regardless of your specific religious affiliation or age. If you choose to worship online and would also like to celebrate communion, you are invited to participate in this sacred act as well. Read more about at-home communion on our website here:

<https://bit.ly/36OSW5R>

WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Worship onsite/online

See stplc.org for access links

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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.

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