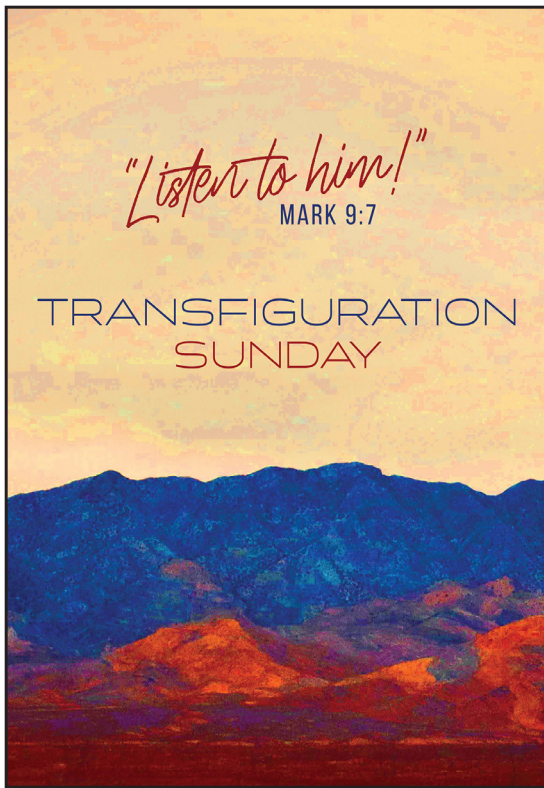


# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## "THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED; LISTEN TO HIM!"

"*This is my Son*": the second of three decisive acclamations of Jesus' unique identity in Mark. The first is at his baptism (1:11); the last, at his death (15:39). In all three episodes the atmosphere is ... revelatory. The curtain is drawn away from normal appearances, allowing us a glimpse of God behind them ... Jesus is "transfigured": metamorphosed in raiment that is "dazzling white" (Mark 9:3). No



one on earth looks like this: such radiance, *kabod*, is God's very essence. Here Mark is dramatizing what the Fourth Gospel claims of Jesus: "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it*" (John 1:5).

"*This is my Son, the Beloved*" (Mark 9:7). The speaker is God. In Mark no one else is designated "God's Son." Not Moses. Not Elijah. Not John the baptizer. None of Galilee's other itinerant preachers or exorcists. Only Jesus is the beloved (*agapetos*) Son, as Isaac was to Abraham: "unique," "one-of-a-kind." A father's love for such a son is fathomless, precisely because there is no other.

"*Listen to him!*" (Mark 9:7). For the first and only time in Mark, the voice from heaven orders Jesus' disciples. Are we listening? Igor Stravinsky said, "To listen is an effort, and just to hear is no merit.

A duck hears also." If this is true of music, how much more does it bear on Jesus' commands? It is one thing to admire the Messiah; to obey him is something else: "*Follow me*" (Mark 1:17; 2:14). "*Pay attention to what you hear*" (4:24). "*Do not be afraid, only believe*" (5:36; 6:50). "*You give them something to eat*" (6:37). "*It is what comes out of a person that defiles*" (7:20). "*Deny [yourself] and take up [your cross] and follow me*" (8:34). "*But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first*" (10:31). "*Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all*" (10:44). "*Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone*" (11:25). That's just from Mark!

Are we listening? Are we heeding the words and reflecting the glorious light of the Beloved Son?

Excerpted from "Commentary on Mark 2:2-9" ([Working Preacher](#))

### LESSONS FOR TODAY

II Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50: 1-6  
II Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10 (10)  
I Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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

## FAMILY MINISTRIES CELEBRATES ST. VALENTINE'S DAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY TOGETHER!

It may seem illogical to combine these two, and yet, since they are on the same day, this year, let's take a look at some connections.

- Throughout Lent, we journey with Jesus as he shows us what love in action looks like.
- Valentine's Day at its core is a celebration of love.
- The Ash Wednesday cross of ashes can remind us of the baptismal cross of oil. From LOVE we come, and to LOVE we return.

Our Sunday Funday children have tied fleece heart-shaped pillows to be given to a chosen Saint Peter person, not a family member, with whom they feel a special connection. We also have goodie bags available to everyone today. We are hoping anyone who would like to, will take an extra to give to someone. It is our way to be like Jesus and focus on connections and relationships, while spreading love wherever we go. ❖

## SUNDAY FUNDAY

Today is Transfiguration Sunday and we are taking a look at what it means to be transfigured, and how we can learn to listen to and trust in God, in our daily lives. ❖

## LENT CALENDARS FOR ALL AGES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY!

Throughout the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to Pray, Fast, and Give.

**Pray** for the vulnerable and those on our StPLC prayer list

**Fast** in solidarity with the homeless and hungry

**Give** generously of your time, talent, and/or treasure

Our Lenten Calendars are simple to use and feature a different focus each day. It can be used individually or with others. They are available in the outside bin and in our worship space. We begin this Wednesday, February 14 on Ash Wednesday! ❖

## MOTORIZED MINISTRY

Motorized Ministry has these dates available for drivers: March 3, 10, and 31 (Easter). Please let Ms Mary know ASAP if these or any dates in April (except the 21st) work for you! Thank you. Contact [mpratt@stplc.org](mailto:mpratt@stplc.org) or 303 770-9300 ❖

## LOOKING FOR LECTORS

Do you love to read scripture? Please consider being a lector. We love to include our children as well as adults. Ms Mary is happy to work with you especially if it is your first time. Please contact Steve Leighton [leightonss@hotmail.com](mailto:leightonss@hotmail.com) or Ms Mary [mpratt@stplc.org](mailto:mpratt@stplc.org) and we'll get you on the schedule. There is great availability in April and May! ❖

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Steiner - Sunday  
Sara Orino - Wednesday  
Caroline Brodin is 14 years old  
Saturday

### BAPTISMS

Bruce Stokes - Tuesday  
Logan Mattingly - Tuesday  
Lynn Sherpe - Friday

### ANNIVERSARIES

Cory & Stacy Budaj  
Saturday - 28 years

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

### MINISTER

Pastor Mike

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Terri Mohrhaus

### LECTOR

Mary Pratt

### HOSTS

Paul Family

### ALTAR GUILD

Gerry Rasel

### COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP

Shawn O'Keefe

### NEXT WEEK'S LEADERSHIP REP

Steve Leighton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## STRATEGIC PLANNING

This is an exciting time for Saint Peter! Join us in the journey to live out our vision, mission and values.

The Council hosted a Coffee and Conversation on January 28 to discuss the new strategic plan goals. The next phase of the process will be to develop and implement creative ideas to achieve those goals. Do you have creative ideas to help make our worship services more vibrant? Consider joining the Worship work group to share your ideas! Do you have a Bible study or faith-based book you would like to explore in an adult faith forum? Share your ideas with the Faith Formation work group.

Join one or more our these work groups to share your ideas:

- Faith Formation • Personnel • Property • Stewardship • Worship • Mission (Service) • Evangelism & Outreach

We are going to do this together -- and not all at once. It's going to transform us and how we welcome people and make a difference in our community.

If you have questions or would like to help please contact a Council member or email [Council@stplc.org](mailto:Council@stplc.org).

## FAMILY MINISTRIES GOES GLOBAL

Saint Peter is participating in the [Lutheran World Relief's](http://www.lwr.org) "A Season of Hope." We will assemble Personal Care Kits for distribution. Last year, 123,920 Personal Care Kits were delivered to 13 countries through LWR! You can help put God's love into action for those across the world who are suffering. Starting February 18, we will collect one item per week in boxes in the narthex.

**NEXT SUNDAY (Feb 18) Please consider bringing a new light or medium-weight towel in a dark color (20"x40" - 52"x27"). Towels need to be new and not the more expensive fluffier towels, so they can be easily hand washed and air dried.**

We'll also be collecting bath-size bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, sturdy combs, and nail clippers throughout Lent. If you prefer, monetary donations are welcomed at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

## ANNUAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 25, 10:15AM**  
**Worship Center**

Come reflect on 2023 ministry accomplishments, affirm plans for 2024 and elect a slate of leaders to guide our life together.

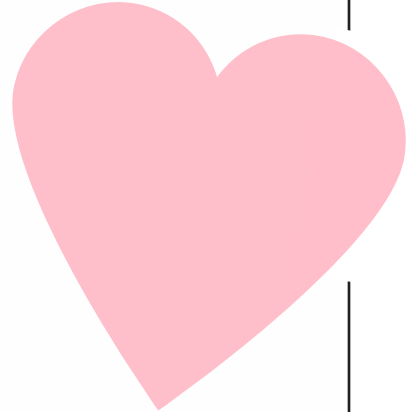
**All members are requested to attend.**

Friends and Guests: you are welcome too! Come and learn what God is accomplishing among us. Childcare available!



# LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- 2.14 ASH WEDNESDAY (7PM)
- WEDNESDAYS 2.21 - 3.20 SOUP SUPPER (6PM)
- WEDNESDAYS 2.21 - 3.20 LENTEN 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)



## COVENANT CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

EACH FRIDAY  
NOON-4PM

sign up today!

[tinyurl.com/2024CCFP](https://tinyurl.com/2024CCFP)



Saint Peter Lutheran Church has been a vital part of the Village Resource Center since 2014.

The VRC is supported by 6 Greenwood Village area churches. This ecumenical team of churches has financially served over 400 families. The goal is sustainability for families and connections with other community services. A goal in 2024 is to grow the Board - new ideas and new opportunities! For more information, reach out to Sharon Stokes.



PRAYER CONCERNS (\*NEW THIS WEEK)

<b>*Raymond Stackpoole</b>	Long time friend of Steve Leighton	Diagnosed with cancer. Prayers of support and healing.
<b>*Karyl Meyer</b>	Saint Peter Member	Health concerns. Prayers for healing and comfort.
<b>*Derek Meyer</b>	Son of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Struggling with health issues. Prayers for healing.
<b>*Family and Friends of Jim Bailey</b>	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Completed life's journey. Prayers of comfort and peace for Jim's family.
<b>*Andy Frampton</b>	Friend of Dave & Jan McGaw, son of Dave & Marty Frampton	Prayers of support as he waits on results of various medical tests.
<b>*Family and Friends of Alice L. Michaelis</b>	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.
<b>*Olivia</b>	9 month old daughter of Ken Gerhart's nephew	Diagnosed with a neuroblastoma. Prayers of hope, support and healing.
<b>Family and Friends of Jaxon Feeler</b>	12 year old friend of the Clair Family	Jaxon died unexpectedly on Jan. 17. Prayers of support and comfort for Jaxon's parents, family and friends.
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Andy Nakatani</b>	Saint Peter Member	Completed his baptismal journey on Jan. 21. Prayers of comfort for his wife, Nadine and their children/grandchildren.
<b>Samuel Daniel</b>	Father of Darlene Beals	Recovering from hospital stay in Atlanta, GA. Prayers for healing and strength.
<b>Raetyn</b>	Granddaughter of Cathy Bunch	Experiencing life struggles.
<b>Cherril Serdy</b>	Friend of Gerry Rasel	Cherril was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Prayers for healing and strength.
<b>Family Reconciliation and Forgiveness</b>	Children of Will & Darlene Beals	Praying for forgiveness and healing estranged family members.
<b>Nicki Sperekas</b>	Friend of Barb Hinchey	Prayers of thanksgiving for successful breast cancer surgery. Prayers for continued treatment and healing.
<b>Stan Martin</b>	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.
<b>Nina Schafer</b>	Friend of Jan McGaw	Prayers for strength after diagnosis for recurrence of breast cancer.
<b>Helen Merle</b>	Mother of Karyl Meyer	Health issues. Prayers of comfort, healing and support.
<b>Jeff Summerton</b>	Brother of Jed Summerton	Struggling with several health issues. Prayers of hope, strength and peace.
<b>Dottie Summerton</b>	Jed & Allison Summerton's sister-in-law	Prayers for peace and comfort for Dottie and her family as she nears end of life.
<b>Matt Knopf</b>	Friend of Adam & Brittany Hass	Diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in his lymph system. Prayers as he begins several months of chemo.
<b>Wil &amp; Elizabeth Vogel</b>	Saint Peter Members	Health issues. Prayers for healing, comfort and peace.
<b>Karen Koenig</b>	Judy Sickinger's Sister	Health issues due to cancer. Prayers of comfort and support.
<b>Shirlie Walters</b>	Kami Mach's Mother	Prayers for comfort and support as she continues to deal with low-functioning kidneys.
<b>Roger Hoyer</b>	Lori Williams' Uncle	Health issues. Prayers for strength and healing.
<b>Donna O'Keefe</b>	Shawn O'Keefe's Mother	Experiencing heart issues. Prayers for healing.
<b>Robert Bunke</b>	Jim Bunke's Father	Health issues from congestive heart failure. Prayers for comfort.





# OUR UPCOMING WEEK

<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online
10:15 a.m.	D.E.S.I.G.N. Meeting (WC)
3:00 p.m.	Outside Group - Piano Recital
<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	MONDAY
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>	TUESDAY
7:30 a.m.	BNI Meeting (FH)
<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	WEDNESDAY
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Conversation Onsite (FH) and Online
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study Onsite and Online (FH)
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service Onsite (WC) and Online
7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal
<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>	FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer at Covenant Cupboard 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2024CCFP">tinyurl.com/2024CCFP</a>
<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>	SATURDAY
10:30 a.m.	The Saint Peter Stitches (Narthex)
11:00 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online



## 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](https://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