

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

WHAT'S UP WITH PASTOR MIKE...

HOW TO INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH



A few weeks ago, at the end of worship, I offered up a challenge to the congregation with something along the lines of this: "There are 75 people worshipping here today. Let's get to 100 by September. I challenge you to invite a friend to Saint Peter Lutheran Church."

And then...after I made that request, a member came up to me and said, "Pastor, we had over 100 in worship today!" To which I laughed and said, "Awesome. The challenge still stands AND I'll add a twist."

Our new goal: 125 worshippers by Sunday, September 10. Your challenge: Invite a friend AND a former member back to church, too.

Over the past month with Palm Sunday and Easter Celebrations as well as farewell and welcome events for Pastor Michael and myself, you've likely noticed how nice it feels to have a full sanctuary. But with the summer months ahead and my newness as a pastor surely wearing off, I implore you to keep up the good energy.

Between now and September 10, hold time in your prayers for this effort. If the Spirit moves inside you, invite a friend or acquaintance to worship with you. Call up that former member and invite them back.

Here are some simple pointers:

Just say it! I know it's hard, but don't overthink the process. Try saying, "Hey, what are you doing Sunday morning? Would you like to come to church with me? Pastor Mike is a hoot." Or some ordering of these words.

If not to worship, invite friends to a Bible study or a special event. Here are some more specific ideas:

- "Do you need childcare this summer? My church is hosting a Day Camp for young kids, and it's FREE this year."
- "I know you love to sing. There's a music bash happening at my church in August. Let's go together and singalong!"
- "I can see you are stressed. Want to try meditative walking on my church's labyrinth with me? It's something I've been wanting to do, too."

You and I are in this work together. Our church's continued resurgence is only going to happen when all of us share what we are up to on Sunday mornings.

Blessings!
✦ Pr. Mike

LESSONS FOR TODAY

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20 (8)
I Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4)
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Lifelong Learning & Loving
Give StPLC a Google Review
Property Team
This Week's Celebrations
Today's Worship Servants
Letter from the Council
Faith Day at the Rockies
StPLC Summer Camp
Prayers
Upcoming Week
Welcome Guests
Church Info

9300 BELLEVIEW AVE.
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
303-770-9300
WWW.STPLC.ORG
FACEBOOK • INSTAGRAM

**LIFELONG
LEARNING &
LOVING**

every sunday after worship

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

No LIFT or other activities planned.
Happy Mother's Day.

**NEXT SUNDAY DURING
AND AFTER WORSHIP**

You don't want to miss worship on
Sunday, May 21, because it will be
Confirmation Sunday! Plus, members

of the Castle Rock Chorale will join the Saint Peter Jubilate
Choir. Sunday School will meet for the final time this school
year, too.

HELP GET THE WORD OUT ONLINE

**HAVE YOU LEFT A GOOGLE REVIEW
FOR StPLC?**

Pastor Mike is right. The best way to attract visitors to Saint Peter is through
personal invitations. And the second-best way is with a Google Review!

If you haven't already left a review online, please take a couple minutes this
week to share with the online world what you think is special about our south
Denver church. It's free to do and will only take you a couple of minutes.

You can find instruction from Google here:

<https://support.google.com/maps/answer/6230175>. You can find the

Saint Peter listing here: <https://goo.gl/maps/nJyKAXX3fTiLpJHw8>. ✚



**Next property work day is next Saturday, May 20. Come by the church between
9:00 a.m. and noon to spiff up the landscape. Bring your gloves and favorite lawn
tools to help spread mulch, trim and more.**

**THIS WEEKS
CELEBRATIONS**

BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Skiles - Sunday
Eric Waggoner - Sunday
Adam Hass - Sunday
Elizabeth Vogel - Saturday
Valerie Watkins - Saturday

BAPTISMS

Annie Heath - Friday

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

**TODAY'S
WORSHIP SERVANTS**

MINISTER

Pastor Mike

ASSISTING MINISTER

Terri Mohrhaus

LECTOR

Vicki Simpson

HOST

Paul Family

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Greene

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP

Jerry Paul

NEXT WEEK'S LEADERSHIP REP

Allison Summerton

FUTURE WORSHIP SERVANTS

Please sign up to serve at

<https://tinyurl.com/worshipservant>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement you'd
like lifted up at the end of worship,
please reach out to the day's
leadership rep.

A LETTER FROM COUNCIL

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Last Sunday, the Transition Committee and the Call Committee met with the Council and Pastor Mike to share reflections of what we learned about ourselves and StPLC during the transition process. Many team members commented about how valuable the **Coffee and Conversation** gatherings were to building and strengthening our relationship with each other and with God. The team members recommend that Council host similar **Coffee and Conversation** each calendar quarter.

We also reflected on how important the commitment, communication and prayerful discernment of the Call Team was that led the congregation to Pastor Mike Vinson.

Please join the Council in thanking the Transition and Call Team members for their time and prayerful service in 2022 and 2023. The team members are:

TRANSITION TEAM

Pastor Michael Mortvedt, Pam Haigh, Adam Hass, Walt Meyer, Terri Mohrhaus, David Strezo, Allison Summerton

CALL TEAM

Darlene Beals, Nathan Gerhart, Steve Haigh, Brittany Hass, Gerry Rasel, Lynn Sherpe, Sharon Stokes, David Strezo

We are grateful for the prayers of encouragement and supplication of the entire congregation which helped the Holy Spirit connect the Call Team with Pastor Mike and helped the Holy Spirit lead Pastor Mike to StPLC.

Keep praying! Now that we have completed the transition process, please continue to pray for StPLC and for Pastor Mike Vinson as we begin our journey together. The below prayer was written in collaboration with the StPLC Council members.

Loving God,

Wrap your arms around Pastor Mike and the Saint Peter Congregation so that we might discern your will and share your Good News with our community inside and outside our building. Help us to work together for peace, understanding, forgiveness and hope. Please give Pastor Mike your strength and wisdom to help us all grow deeper in faith and our walk with you, Lord. We pray that Pastor Mike will find friendships and fulfillment and that he will feel the love and the joy of being part of StPLC. Amen. ✝



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAITH DAY AT THE ROCKIES ON AUGUST 20

Game against the Chicago White Sox on Sunday, August 20, starts at 1:10 pm. Concert by Hillsong UNITED following the game.

One ticket for \$20 covers both. Come join in the fun and fellowship with others from various churches around Colorado! We will participate in conjunction with our friends from Covenant Church DTC!

Contact Laura Guthals at guthals@msn.com or 303-641-5645 for more information or go to:

<https://www.mlb.com/rockies/tickets/specials/themes/faith-day>. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in the coming weeks. ✝

RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP

DAY CAMP 2023

WHERE: Saint Peter Lutheran Church

WHEN: July 10-13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Pre-K 9:00-12:00)

WHO: Kids entering Pre-K to 6th grade in Fall 2023

CONTACT: Andy Mohrhaus (mohrhaus.a@gmail.com) or
Mary Pratt (mpratt@stpfc.org)



Scan the QR code to register online.
Day Camp is FREE for all kids!



PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

Anne Hillestad	Friend of Davi and Russ Rowe	Advance MS as well as a very slow and complicated wound healing subsequent to surgery. Will have to stay in nursing care till late fall.
Julie Scott	Friend of Davi and Russ Rowe	Had suffered a series of serious and debilitating strokes due to her Type 1 diabetes. Can no longer live independently.
Janet Okerman	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of healing for a broken pelvis after sustaining a fall in a bike accident.
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.
Kasper Leonard Sherpe	1st grandchild for Lynn and Mike Sherpe	Newborn so of Chloe and Brian Sherpe. Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the birth of Kasper on Apr. 20
Bob Bunch	Cathy Bunch's Husband	Prayers for peace & a fast recovery at home after an assault in a parking garage.
Lee Diver	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from Apr. 17 knee replacement surgery. Prayers for healing.
Natalie	Karyl and Walt Meyer's Grandniece	Home & on new medication. Continued prayers of gratitude & for full recovery.
Family and friends of John Munro	Husband of Karyl Meyer's college roommate	Completed life's journey on Apr. 14 due to heart failure. Prayers of comfort for John's family.
Berit Dobrski	Friends of Saint Peter	Recovering from hip replacement surgery on Apr. 11. Prayers of healing.
Brie Beach and family	Friend of Annie Heath	Prayers for comfort and healing during cancer treatment.
Kathy Flynn	College friend of Jed & Allison Summerton	Diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Kathy Schramek	Sister of Allison Summerton	Life/health issues. Prayers of support.
Stan Martin	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor. Continued health concerns due to cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Kelly Fritz-Williams	Friend of Nate Gerhart	Recovering breast cancer surgery on Mar. 29. Prayers of healing.
Rob Reiber	Saint Peter Member	Continued health struggles. Prayers for Rob's healing & for Allegra's strength.
Mary Ekstrand	Mother of Deb Paul	Health issues. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Darlene Renevier	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing and comfort.
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 Vogel	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
Aron Jarrett	Lori Williams' Cousin	Recovering from reconstructive thoracic spine surgery, with a spine cancer diagnosis. Prayers for comfort, healing and strength.
Sharon Bruen	DJ Bruen's Mother	Living in hospice care.
Karen Koenig	Judy Sickinger's Sister	Health issues due to cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Dave Pellitier	Laura Guthals' Friend; Covenant Cupboard Volunteer	Prayers for peace and comfort as he undergoes difficult cancer treatments.
Shirlie Walters	Kami Mach's Mother	Prayers for comfort and support as she continues to deal with low-functioning kidneys.
Diane Acree	Tom Acree's Wife	In final stage of kidney disease. Prayers that a living kidney donor can be identified quickly.
Don Doehling	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for continued strength and healing.
Berniece Arsenault	Jackie Skiles' Friend	Prayers of comfort and support as she nears the end of her baptismal journey.
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.
Tom Eggold	Jackie Skiles' Friend	Prayers of support and comfort as he nears the end of his baptismal journey.
Robert Bunke	Jim Bunke's Father	Health issues from congestive heart failure. Prayers for comfort.

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

OUR UPCOMING WEEK

MAY 14	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online
10:15 p.m.	No LIFT

MAY 15	MONDAY
7:30 a.m.	Meditation Online
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting

MAY 16	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	BNI Meeting (FH)
6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting (FH)

MAY 17	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.	Jubilate Choir Rehearsal (WC)

MAY 18	THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)
7:00 p.m.	Chick Lit Book Club (CH)

MAY 19	FRIDAY
--------	--------

MAY 20	SATURDAY
10:30 a.m.	The Saint Peter Stitches (Narthex)
11:00 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (CH)

MAY 21	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Confirmation Sunday (Youth Room)

For any questions concerning details about an event, please check the Event Calendar on the StPLC website: www.stplc.org/calendar

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

However, if you and/or your child need a break, you can find an unattended nursery next to the restroom down the hall. 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. You can learn more about Saint Peter Lutheran Church's views on communion on our website at www.stplc.org/what-we-believe/#communion. 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

STAFF

Pastor Michael Jay Vinson
mvinson@StPLC.org

651-324-6962
(cell phone for after-business hours and emergencies)

Lynn Sherpe, Administrator
lsherpe@StPLC.org

Beryl Fanslow Wilson,
Minister of Music
bfanslow@StPLC.org

Arielle Wilson, Accompanist
awilson@StPLC.org

Mary Pratt, Family Ministries
mpratt@StPLC.org

Sara Lancaster,
Congregation Communications
slancaster@StPLC.org

Barb Hinchey, Weekly Editor
bhinchey@StPLC.org

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Allison Summerton, President
president@StPLC.org

Cathy Dundon, Vice President
vp@StPLC.org

Steve Haigh, Secretary
secretary@StPLC.org

Shawn O'Keefe, Treasurer
treasurer@StPLC.org

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