

Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please WELCOME the Castle Rock Chorale as they join our Jubilate Choir this morning for Sacred Choral Sunday worship!

FROM PASTOR VERA...

CALM YOURSELVES. BE STILL. LISTEN . . .

This morning I am sitting on the deck of a dear friend's home on Lake Norman in North Carolina. It's a quiet morning except for the cacophony of herons, osprey and other bird's songs that are native to North Carolina. My heart is full and my thoughts, though interrupted by the many conversations we have had, is with the good people of Saint Peter Lutheran Church. Mark and I are on a road trip that we planned last December. Taking time away like this always brings my heart to a quiet and simple place...live well...love fiercely...honor my spouse...serve with courage... and believe in and trust God. It's really as simple as that.

The meditation from Richard Rohr's *Center for Action and Contemplation* reminded me of simplicity this morning. The center's meditation quotes spiritual writer Paula Huston who asks us to consider how Jesus invited people to simplicity.

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear."

MATTHEW 6:25, NRSV



"When adopted with a whole heart and for a lifetime, simplicity leads to an often striking tranquility... At least some of the "good news" that Jesus brought had to do with this kind of liberation. The New Testament is filled with reassurances that this world is a safe place for us to be. Time and again, Jesus reminds us that God loves us and will provide what we need. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your

body and what you will wear," he says. "For life is more than food and the body more than clothing" (Luke 12:22-23)...

"Jesus doesn't promise that we will find this a comfortable way to live, but he does assure us that even when human life seems to be a terrible struggle, we are not alone. He says, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). In other words: Calm yourselves. Be still. Listen...

"The reasons I might have set out on this course of simplicity are myriad: it is better for the environment; it is "fairer" to the rest of the world if I adopt a simpler lifestyle; ... it is infinitely more enjoyable; I am a nicer person when I let go of things... I've found, however, that to sustain the experiment, ... I've had to anchor myself in a single central reality - my longing for God - and allow everything else to arrange itself accordingly." ²

In a couple of weeks I will take leave of my responsibilities at Saint Peter. My prayer is that even after I am "out of here," you would remind me of the concept of simple living and I will do my best to pray that you will find the good will and peace of simple living, too. God bless you dear friends with a simple, quiet Sabbath. ☸

² Paula Huston, introduction to *The Holy Way: Practices for a Simple Life* (Chicago, IL: Loyola Press, 2003), xiv, xv, xviii

LESSONS FOR TODAY

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 (4)
I John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 (6)
I John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS

"I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have" (Philippians 4:11). We are offering each child at Saint Peter a set of 3 jars, marked **GIVE**, **SAVE**, and **SPEND**, as well as envelopes for church giving. They are on the table closest to the *Family Ministries Info Board*. If this is something you would like to have at your home, please help yourself. There are many resources helping children as young as 3 years of age begin a habit of saving, giving, and spending that can pave the way to financial literacy while understanding that all we have are gifts from God. Please let Ms. Mary know if you would like resources that support this. ✚



SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday Funday will not meet today, due to our special Sacred Choral Sunday. We'll be together again on May 12. Ascension Sunday and Mother's Day! You won't want to miss it! ✚

CHEER SQUAD

Games this past weekend were not played because of our snow. As I hear of make-up games, I will let you know! Our StPLC kids are playing (ball and cello!) and singing their hearts out and are a lot of fun to see!

You've seen PHOEBE H. sing with the Saint Peter Children's Choir – now hear her with her Choir at Indian Ridge Elementary School, Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

JONAH H. is performing with the Laredo Middle School Orchestra, playing cello at Smoky Hill High School, Tuesday, May 14, 6:15 p.m.

Gracie D. will perform in a Laredo Middle School Choir Concert at Smoky Hill High School on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:15 p.m.

Grab some peanuts and crackerjack! MATTHEW G.'s baseball game is at 2 p.m. today at 17301 E Lincoln Ave. in Parker. He is also playing Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. at 5150 S Windermere St. in Englewood.

PIPER G.'s softball game is today at Falcon Park 9555 Fall Brooke Dr. in Highlands Ranch at 1:30 p.m. ✚

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PENTECOST MAY 19



Do you speak a language other than English? Would you share that gift with us on Pentecost?

We are seeking a variety of languages speaking the lesson from Acts on Pentecost.

If this is something you would like to do please let Ms. Mary know! The more the better!

mpratt@sptlc.org or 303-770-9300 ✚

CELEBRATIONS TODAY

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Swenson - Monday
Matthew Kleberger - Monday
Conner Kleberger - Monday
Ben Haynes - Tuesday
Payton Strezo is 15 - Tuesday
Gracie Davis is 14 - Tuesday
Nicole Schell - Wednesday
Kendra Clair - Wednesday
Christopher Vogelsong - Thursday
Mary Shull - Thursday
Chelsea Kranz - Saturday

BAPTISMS

Mike Sherpe - Sunday
Dale Ammon - Monday
Adeline Orlino - Monday
Karne Beighle - Tuesday
Rick Brydum - Saturday

ANNIVERSARIES

Max & Mary Ann Steiner
Sunday - 46 years

WORSHIP SERVANTS TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER
Mary Pratt

ASSISTING MINISTER
Steve Leighton

LECTOR - Jo Kurowski

HOSTS

Bruce and Sharon Stokes

ALTAR GUILD - Shelly Hunter

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP
Cathy Dundon

NEXT SUNDAY

MINISTER
Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

ASSISTING MINISTER
Steve Haigh

LECTOR - Annie Heath

HOSTS

Bruce and Laura Guthals

ALTAR GUILD - Susan Greene

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP
Steve Haigh



I was thirsty...

... and you gave me something to drink.

Matthew 25:35, NRSV

Another Successful **BLOOD DRIVE**

We had another successful Blood Drive on Saturday, April 27 at Saint Peter Lutheran Church with 28 donations. StPLC had 12 of those donations! Thanks to Jeff Beighle, Karne Beighle, Karen Clair, Ken Clair, Kendra Clair, Cathy Dundon, John Dundon, Dena Johnson, Angie Kleberger, Mary Pratt, Joel Waggoner and Dick Watkins. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 31 for the next blood drive that will be located at Hope United Methodist Church!



*If you give,
you will get!
Your gift will return
to you in full and
overflowing measure,
pressed down,
shaken together
to make room
for more and
running over.*

Luke 6:38a



Hair Donation **WIGS FOR KIDS**

Saint Peter Member Kendra Clair grew out her hair for TWO YEARS and donated 14" of it to Wigs for Kids.



Saint Peter LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 08-11 **DAY CAMP** **FREE!**

FUN AND CREATIVE FAITH EXPLORATION FOR KIDS K-GOING INTO 6TH GRADE

Volunteers wanted!
 Contact Mary (mpratt@stpfc.org)
 or Andy (mohrhaus.a@gmail.com)!

COLORADO ROCKIES
Faith Day

\$20 **1:10PM AUGUST 11**

ROX VS BRAVES

COORS FIELD
POST-GAME CONCERT FEATURING ZACH WILLIAMS

BUY TICKETS BY JULY 26 **CONTACT GUTHALS@MSN.COM**

THE RON LEIGHTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ron Leighton Memorial Scholarship is open to members who are (or will be) continuing their education in formal and accredited educational programs.

You should apply if:

- You are contributing to and involved in the life of the Saint Peter congregation.
- You have integrity and strong Christian values.
- You strive to be a positive role model for others.

Next Steps:
 Go to stpfc.org to print the application. Return the completed application to the Church office no later than June 2nd, 2024. You will be contacted and have the chance to wow the Scholarship Committee during a fun and informal interview.

Questions? Contact Lori Williams or Ken Gerhart.

PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

*Lori Williams	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from Apr. 23 lower back surgery. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Sharon Stokes	Saint Peter Member	Sharon fell and broke her left clavicle Friday evening Apr. 19. She is awaiting word from the surgeon regarding next steps.
Patricia and family	Mother of Pam Haigh's co-worker	Comfort for Patricia and her family as she nears the end of her life.
Margaret Eickhoff	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from a recent fall. Prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
Family and friends of Harold Uphouse	Father-in-law to Judy Sickinger's daughter, Jeanette	Completed life's journey on Apr. 5 after a long battle with MS. Prayers of comfort for Harold's family.
Erin	Friend & Co-worker of Jodie Davis	Diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Family and friends of Penny Dwyer	Mom of Hank & Amelia Dundon's friends, James & Becca	Completed life's journey on Apr. 7 after a long battle with cancer. Prayers of comfort, support and peace for Penny's family.
Family and Friends of Stan Martin	Saint Peter Member	Completed his baptismal journey on Apr. 3. Prayers for peace and comfort for his sons, Mason & Jake.
Family and Friends of John Loftis	Co-worker and friend of Dave Williams	Completed his life journey on Apr. 2 after struggling with several health issues. Prayers for comfort and peace for his family, especially his daughter and parents and for his friends.
Garth Donato	Friend of the community	An unhoused gentleman, known and loved in the community was hit by a car and died. Prayers for the community that loved him and mourns his loss.
Tim O'Keefe	Brother of Shawn O'Keefe	Diagnosed with a brain tumor. Prayers for healing.
Tammy Johnson	Friend of the Divers	Diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Annie Heath	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from Mar. 21 neck surgery to remove tumor. Prayers for healing.
Sabrina Foose	Friend of Allegra Reiber	Hope and strength as she continues to face emotional and physical challenges of being a parent and spouse while she needs frequent hospitalizations for lupus.
Katrina & Frank	Friends of Allegra Reiber	Responding to new health challenges which have changed work-life balance. Prayers for strength, balance, hope & respite amidst the exhaustion & struggle.
Troy Rushmore and family	Friends of Allegra Reiber	Extensive health issues and recovering from surgery on Mar. 29.
Mike Sherpe	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from Mar. 7 open heart triple bypass surgery. Prayers for continued 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.
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.
Olivia	9 month old daughter of Ken Gerhart's nephew	Diagnosed with a neuroblastoma. Prayers of hope, support and healing.
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.
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.
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.

OUR UPCOMING WEEK

MAY 5	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online
3:30 p.m.	Piano Recital - Yoo Piano Studio
MAY 6	MONDAY
MAY 7	TUESDAY
7:30 a.m.	BNI Meeting (FH)
5:30 p.m.	Men's Group
MAY 8	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.	Choir Rehearsal
MAY 9	THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal
MAY 10	FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer at Covenant Cupboard 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (https://tinyurl.com/2024CCFP)
MAY 11	SATURDAY
11:00 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
2:00 p.m.	Outside Group Piano Recital - Elana Newman Studio (WC)
MAY 12	SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online



[GOD]
SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS
AND ON THE UNRIGHTEOUS.
MATTHEW 5:45, NRSV

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 the parent or guardian'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