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In 2011 our Youth group, with the assistance of Judy Solt, began an on-line campaign sponsored by the Albertson's Community Partners program. The St. Peter Youth Group was awarded a \$1,000.00 grant to support their 2012 mission trip.

Pictured (left to right): Judy Solt, Hank Howard, Sam Howard, and Nicholas Thompson.

Youth Group members not pictured: Emily Hutchison, Austin Meeks, Austin Salness and Reilly Salness.

BIRTHDAYS:

- Rosemarie Hicks 2-1;**
- Isabelle Carrasco 2-2;**
- Teresa Johnston 2-2;**
- Denis Dhenin 2-3;**
- Jay Melnick 2-6;**
- Austin Meeks 2-9;**
- Emily Hutchison 2-9;**
- David Samp 2-15; and**
- Dianna Hutchison 2-25**



**If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please contact Laura Dhenin in the church office, thank you! **



*From Your
Pastor*

Dear Called Ones,

How does God make new and alive your vocation? Now you might be tempted to say: "Who me, I don't have a vocation. Isn't 'vocation' just about being a pastor?" In reality each and every one of us has a vocation, or a calling - not just those of us who wear funny collars on Sunday morning. Our vocations come to us through the waters of baptism; we affirm our callings each time we remember that we are baptized into God's family. Vocation is about living out one's identity in the family of God..

Luther famously wrote that God's people please God in the most trivial matters by remembering that it is God who calls each of us - a Christian cobbler does God's work by making good shoes, not by making shoes with a cross on them. Luther affirmed that what God expects of a carpenter is to make good tables. The parent who changes a diaper is doing holy work. Luther was the first of the reformers to lift up the vocations of everyday people as holy work dedicated to God's glory.

We often learn the reality of our vocation at an early age, in the family and during our early years through teachers, mentors, coaches. Who do you remember from your young years that embodied Christ's love in everyday tasks? For me it was my grandmother, Memere Trudell. When Memere was working in her garden, baking a pie, tucking in a small grand-daughter - you always knew she was doing it with great love. That is what vocation is all about.

So, how goes your vocation? How does God make your vocation fresh and new every day? I would love to hear your stories. It is in the sharing of our stories that we give testimony to our calling to join in God's mission to love and bless the world - one day at a time, one person at a time. Live out your vocation well because Jesus loves you - always has, always will. And that is the good news that shapes our identities as children of God. Called, blessed and sent!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Geri.

NEWS & EVENTS



Shrove Tuesday



Pancake Supper
February 21st, 6:00 pm

Burning of the Ashes to follow in the courtyard
(approx. 7:00 pm)

Congregational Meeting & Presentation of the Bulletin of Ministry Reports:

Sunday, February 26th
Immediately following worship.
Please join us for a potluck lunch, slide show presentation and door prizes.

Ash Wednesday

Worship and Imposition of Ashes

February 22nd, 7:00 pm

TAX HELP NM IS HERE!



TAX HELP NM SITE HOURS:
Tuesday* & Thursday: 6:00 - 9:00pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
**Site will be closed February 21*



THE GENEROSITY PROJECT OUR TABLE IS READY

“The Generosity Project” is a celebration of the generosity of God experienced in the life stories of individuals, congregations, Rocky Mountain Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We have great hope that the Generosity Project will:

- Grow a spirit of joyful generosity that strengthens giving from households to local congregations, to the Rocky Mountain Synod and the broader ministries of the ELCA.
- Grow faithful stewards in our homes and congregations through Bible study, prayer, cross-generational conversation and effective household faith practices.

In a three-hour session, we will move toward these goals through inter-generational exercises and resources on joyful generosity.

“The Generosity Project” is coming to St. Peter on Saturday, February 11th.

Given the focus on households of all configurations, we encourage all parents, children, teens and pre-teens, adults and young adults, wise elders, along with youth and stewardship leaders to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday, February 5th nearly 100 million Americans will tune in to watch the NFL Super Bowl; many will host or attend parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. On Super Bowl Sunday, our Youth Group will join more than 2,000 other Lutheran youth groups participating in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. This year, on Super Bowl Sunday the youth of St. Peter are asking for your donation in support of their Malaria Campaign.

Grief Recovery Support Group

Anyone who has experienced loss, recently or in the past, is invited to participate.

Facilitators are Gail Carter, LBSW and Rev. Anita Krueger. Sponsored by Landsun Homes.

The group will meet at 6:30 – 7:30 pm every Thursday in February and March at First United Methodist Church (207 N. Halagueno – use north door).



Reservations are not required.

For additional information call 234-5830.



Lutheranism 101

Want to know more about our identity as Lutheran Christians?

What is this Lutheran-thing all about?

Come to the Adult/Teen Lutheranism 101 class. Good for new members and old members alike.

Seven sessions begin Sunday, February 5, at 9:00 am. Pastor Geri will lead this class

Welcome Girl Scouts

St. Peter is the new home to Girl Scout Troop #12003.

They meet on Friday's 5:30 - 7:00 pm.



Where Girls Grow Strong™

God's Global Barnyard

This Lenten season our Sunday School children will be collecting donations and saving their coins in support of the ELCA Good Gifts program. The children would like to purchase a lamb and chicks. Every family in the congregation will be given a special coin box for coin collection during Lent. There will also be "chick" for purchase in the Fellowship Hall.



Please help us "fill our barnyard!"

Our children's Lenten focus this year is on our liturgy. They will learn about our worship service and how they can participate.



Birthday Cakes for Lakeview Christian Home

We have been invited to bake cakes for the folks at Lakeview Christian Home who have February birthdays. They need them on the morning of February 23rd. You can either bring them to the church that morning by 9:00 am or take them to the Activity Center yourself.

Please sign up to bake a cake—we need 5 regular cakes and 1 diabetic cake.

THANK YOU

for putting a smile on the faces of the Lakeview ladies and gentlemen!

NEWS & EVENTS

Congregational Council News:

Council officers were elected for 2012. The new officers include: President – Carolyn Olson, Vice President – Bryan Howard, Treasurer – LaVelta Jenkins, Treasurer apprentice – Kate Hanson, Financial Secretary – Judy Solt, Council Secretary – Candice Jierree.

Among the many routine activities of the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Council, this year the council will be reviewing and updating the church Constitution bylaws and continuing resolutions. By the late fall congregation meeting, members will be asked to review and approve all the proposed changes agreed to by the council.

The Rocky Mountain Synod has voted changes to the model constitution which also affects the constitution of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. These changes are mandatory for each local church to make. If you would like to see the mandatory changes, either pull them from the web site or contact Candice Jierree. She can provide you with a list of the mandatory changes to the constitution. (<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Secretary/Congregation-Administration/Model-Constitution-for-Congregations.aspx>)

Girl Scout Cookies on Sale NOW!

\$3.50 per Box

They have all of your favorites:

Thin Mints, Caramel Delights, Peanut Butter Patty, Shortbread and Peanut Butter Sandwich.

There are a few newer flavors as well:

Thanks-A-Lot (Shortbread with fudge back), Lemonade, and Shout-Outs (ginger snap).



Three of our St. Peter girls are members of Troop #12003:
Colette Dhenin, Isabelle Carrasco and
Kaleigh James.



Girl Scout Troop #12003

ST. PETER SAFE HAVEN TASK FORCE

In accordance with the 2010 resolution adopted by the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly for having each congregation become a Safe Haven for Children, Youth and Adults, and in accordance with the Safe Haven Guidelines issued by the Rocky Mountain Synod, Pastor Geri Cunningham has requested that a Safe Haven Policy be developed for St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is important to point out that the entire congregation of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church needs to intentionally decide to commit to becoming a Safe Haven.

A Safe Haven Team has been established to draft this policy for St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. You as the congregation will be able to see the draft policy and provide any input to it. However, in an effort to gain your commitment please note that the objective of the draft policy will be to capture the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, in Baptism, this congregation promises to support and pray for the baptized in a new life in Christ and is entrusted with the great responsibility to live together as God's faithful people; and

WHEREAS, Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me; and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God..." (Mark 19:14, Luke 18:16); and

WHEREAS, God calls us to be a cross-generational community where the gifts of one another are honored and all are free from fear and freed to live in faith; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to our ministry with families and outreach to our neighbors that we take seriously our responsibility to protect our children, youth, the frail and vulnerable so all may flourish physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually; and

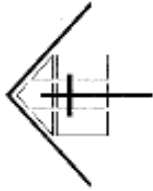
WHEREAS, we desire our families and our community to know we have made this a place where all persons are safe and we engage in ministry where all staff, instructors and leaders are caring and trusted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church as affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Synod will commit itself to be a Safe Haven for all children, youth, the vulnerable and their families by building Christ-centered, positive, trusting relationships that nurture the healthy growth and wellbeing of all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this congregation will create a Safe Haven Team to establish basic Safe Haven Guidelines addressing protection and safety of all persons involved in our congregational ministries and programs by the April 26, 2012 Synod Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this congregation will establish a plan to train all persons, including new members, who work with children, youth and the frail and vulnerable in our midst, to practice the Safe Haven guidelines and follow the procedure developed, and to hold each other accountable to one another and to the congregations Safe Haven Team.

If you disagree with any of these resolutions please speak immediately with Pastor Geri Cunningham since the Safe Haven Team will be meeting shortly to begin work on the draft policy.



Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church



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February ~ 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
9:00 am: Sunday School 9:00 am: Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Toddler Church *Souper Bowl of Caring*	5 1:00-2:30 pm: Line Dance	6 6:00-9:00 pm: Tax Help NM 6:30 pm: Christian Ed.	7 1:00-2:30 pm: Line Dance 5:30 pm: Worship & Music 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8 12:00-1:30 pm: CTHHS Luncheon 6:00-9:00 pm: Tax Help NM	9 5:00-7:30 pm: Girl Scouts	10 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Tax Help NM 9:30 am-12:30 pm: The Generosity Project	11 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Tax Help NM
9:00 am: Sunday School 9:00 am: Bible Study 10:30 am: Toddler Church 11:45 am: Cong. Council Mtg. 5:00 pm: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm: Youth Group	12 1:00-2:30 pm: Line Dance 4:00 pm: CTHHS Inc. Board Mtg.	13 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 4:15 pm: Service & Unity 6:00-9:00 pm: Tax Help NM	14 1:00-2:30 pm: Line Dance 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15 6:00-9:00 pm: Tax Help NM	16 5:00-7:30 pm: Girl Scouts	17 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Tax Help NM	18 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Tax Help NM
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Sunday Schedule ~ Winter

- 9:00 am: **Sunday School** (*Pre-k – 5th Grade*)
- 9:00 am: **Bible Study**
(*Adult, Teen & Young Adult*)
- 10:30 am: **Worship & Holy Communion**
- 10:30 am: **Toddler Church** (*2-4 years old*)
- 5:00 pm: **Youth Confirmation Class**