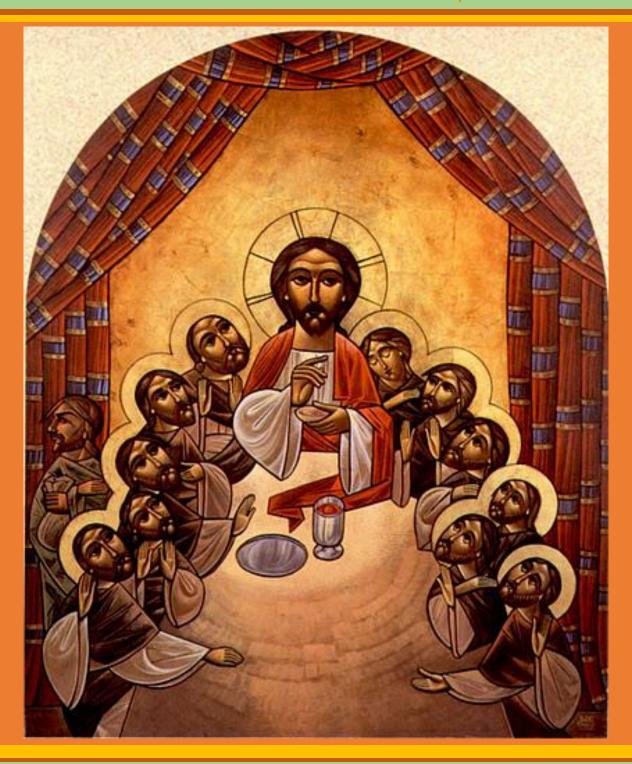
ST. PETER'S KEY

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

LENT / MARCH 2023



"Almighty God, ... Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls ..."

The Book of Common Prayer



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ST. PETER'S

St Peter's Anglican Church LENT / MARCH 2023 **Loveland, Colorado 80538**

CONFIRMATION MARCH 12TH - One service at 9:30AM!

LENT CALENDAR - MARCH

- 1 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 2 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 4 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 5 2nd Sunday in Lent Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth Education
- 5 Chalice Bearer Training after service
- 5 Outreach Committee Mtg in Library
- 8 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 9 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 11 Zeteo Box Packing 9:00AM
- 11 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 12 3rd Sunday in Lent Services 9:30AM. No Youth & Adult Education!
- 15 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 16 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 16 Vestry Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 19 4th Sunday in Lent Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education
- 22 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 23 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 25 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 26 5th Sunday in Lent Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education
- 29 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 30 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom



The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, and is a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great feast of the resurrection. It began in the early days of the Church as a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness.

SAINT PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Biblically-Based Anglican Community Sunday Service at 8:00 &9:30 AM Dr. Russel Thye, Senior Warden Mr. Dennis Llewellyn, Junior Warden Mrs. Elizabeth Baugh, Administrative Assistant

HEAD of the CHURCH: JESUS CHRIST

The Most Reverend Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop **Anglican Church in North America** The Right Reverend Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop, International Diocese The Reverend Matthew Rucker, Rector The Reverend William Easterling, Assisting Priest

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PHOTO HAPPENINGS







ST PETER'S MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES PACKED ABOUT 1,000 MEAL PACKETS FOR FMSC AT SLAMINE FAMINE AT THE RANCH!







CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MARCH 12TH



Join in with the congregation at Saint Peters on Sunday, March 12th, as Bishop Trevor Walters makes a return trip to Saint Peters to confirm, through the Laying of Hands, fifteen candidates. In addition, he will receive (transfer) another ten members into the Anglican Church in North America.

On this special Sunday there will only be one service beginning at 9:30AM. Following this service will be a reception in recognition of those confirmed and received, and also in recognition of Bishop Walter's visit.

A SPECIAL PARISH BRUNCH WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE ON APRIL 9TH!

JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS HOT STOVE



"The devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan!" Matthew 4:8-9

We now find ourselves in the season of Lent, but another season is soon to begin in the world outside of the church, a season which I am far too invested in, the Baseball season. During the cold winter months whose difficulty is compounded by the absence of competitive baseball, the only connection to my favorite pastime is what is called "the hot stove" by Baseball fans. The "hot stove" describes the offseason when players and prospects are swapped between teams based on the needs, payrolls, and hopes for the future of the respective franchises. When more

players are being traded, the hot stove is "heating up," and when fewer players are switching teams the hot stove is "cold." We begin every Lenten season on the First Sunday of Lent remembering Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, by reading either Matthew, Mark, or Luke's account. In order to grasp the meaning of the temptation narrative, I find it helpful to imagine the three temptations Jesus faces as resembling Baseball's "hot stove." What is the tempter willing to trade with Jesus so that Jesus will exchange his divine mission to die and rise again in Jerusalem, and what should the tempter's proposed trade packages inform our own desires as followers of Jesus?

The first trade the tempter proposes is bread in exchange for Jesus' intimacy with God the Father: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Jesus is hungry, what would be the harm in turning stones to bread? "Man shall not live by bread alone," Jesus responds, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The tempter offers bread in exchange for Jesus to use his power in a way that would forever change the identity of Jesus as the one who finds power in powerlessness, the one who is otherserving and not self-serving, and the one who is nourished by life with the Father. Jesus declines the trade.

The second proposed trade is a circus: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down," from the Temple, and prove to Jerusalem that you are who you claim you are, Jesus. The tempter now knows that Jesus likes to quote the Bible, so he sprinkles his trade offer with Bible verses from the Psalms, "you will not dash your foot against a stone." From the top of the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus could look down and see God's holy city occupied by a Pagan army, ruled by a corrupt and godless puppet government. Were there ever a moment that fits the description of a "Bonhoeffer moment," when anything goes to remedy a bad political situation, this is it. What an opportunity Jesus has to provide decisive evidence that he is the true King of Israel, and force the corrupt pagans and half-Jews ruling God's holy city to bend the knee to him or suffer the consequences. The trade on the table is a grand display of proof in exchange for testing God. Jesus declines that trade.

Finally, the tempter puts his best chips out on the table, and proposes a blockbuster trade, power in exchange for worship: "the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Imagine for a moment a world in which Jesus is King. Every bit of bad news you have heard over the past week, month, year, and years never even happened. Abortions are banned. Drug deaths do not happen. I invite you to even embrace your delusions that Jesus' kingdom will resemble the world after your side has won every point of conflict in the culture wars. Whether our ideal world is an episode of "Leave it to Beaver," or some version of a progressive utopia, the devil is willing to give it to us, and declare it a victory for himself. Life in our ideal world is victory for the devil, if it means separation from God once our ideal life ends. If the devil is willing to include power in a trade package with Jesus, one which Jesus declines, why are we always so eager to always accept

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FR. MATT'S COLUMN CONTINUED

that trade? Once again, for the last time, Jesus declines that trade. The wilderness hot stove is ice-cold.

The only power that the tempter truly cares about in the end is the power he is subtly and constantly trying to steal from Jesus and his followers, the power that he wields to separate humanity from God through death. That is why the tempter is willing to give so much up to Jesus, because he cannot afford to have Jesus go to the cross. The cross is the one place where the only power the devil cares about is stolen from him. As it is with Jesus, the tempter can and will offer us generous trade packages in exchange for looking away from the cross. Do not imagine that all it takes to turn down a trade package from the tempter is not worshiping him. To turn aside from the power of the cross for one moment is devil worship. Bread, a circus, and power. If this is what the tempter is willing to give us in exchange for the cross, why are we so eager to accept that trade?

Consider instead accepting another trade from the hot stove of grace: our faith in the power of Jesus Christ's cross alone, in exchange for life with God in and through Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Fr. Matt



SAINT
DAVID'S FEAST
DAY
March 1ST



SAINT
PATRICK'S
FEAST DAY
March 17TH

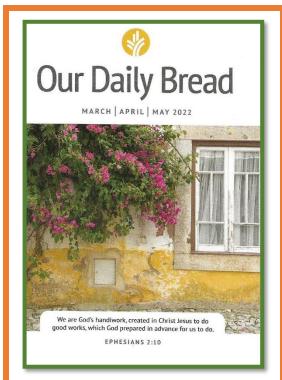




May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.

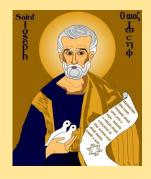
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall - You also do not walk alone.



SOON TO BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDANCE FOR MARCH, APRIL AND MAY. PICK-UP A FREE COPY IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX!

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Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAINT JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY IS MARCH 20th

O God, who from the house of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son and the husband of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through Jesus Christ thy son our lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.





THE FOOD BANK IS
RUNNING OUT OF
FOOD! PLEASE HELP
WITH YOUR SUNDAY
DONATIONS!

ST PIRAN FEAST DAY IS MARCH 5th







Saint Piran is thought to have been a monk from either Wales or Ireland who made his home in northern Cornwall. There are several legends about Saint Piran that include one of him having a mill-stone tied around his neck and being cast into the sea. The sea immediately went calm, and Saint Piran was safely washed up on to a beach in Cornwall. Another legend says that since the Roman times the methods for smelting tin had been lost in Cornwall and that it was Saint Piran who rediscovered the process. Apparently, the stone he was using as a hearth-stone contained tin and the tin smelted out of it into a pool that formed a white cross. It is from this legend that his flag was designed. The saint's flag is that of Cornwall in the United Kingdom. It is thought that he died in AD 680. He is the patron saint for tin miners and for Cornwall, and his feast day is celebrated on annually on March 5th.

ZETEO LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



A NOTE FROM MARNIE AFTER A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH KATE IN FEBRUARY

Kate is continuing to explore places that Zeteo could move to and will be visiting the Clark Air Force Base area 3 times this month to see what possibilities it might have. Although Kate is convinced that the move is necessary, she also knows it will be very difficult. She may have to negotiate things with the local government in order to move, but is standing firm on the point that all the Zeteo children will move with her. She is looking to move to an area of need and yet where she will be close to medical services for the children.

A relationship is starting to take place between Just Projects international (JPI) and Zeteo, although nothing is official at this point. JPI is known for its work to end child trafficking although they don't have much experience with the long-term treatment of the trauma that it causes. Kate is hoping to help educate them in the TBRI program that she teaches in return for their helping her with local government issues, legal issues, and the many Pilipino\resources that they have. The possibility that this could be a win-win situation for both sides is very exciting. More information on JPI can be found on their website: https://www.justprojects.org/

One of the exciting new things going on is that Ruby, Daisy, Samantha and Olivia are living together in one of the houses. Interpersonal relations are extremely important with the trauma they have all been through and this will hopefully end up a therapeutic environment for them. At present it seems to be at the least, interesting! Preschool and kindergarten are going very well and the children are enjoying it. Ezekiel had a visit with the surgeon last week, and is doing fairly well. Unfortunately, he is not able to wear an ostomy appliance and Kate has asked us to send high absorbency feminine pads (maxi pads) so they can use them to absorb his urine. The usual colds, GI bugs and rashes are alive and well at Zeteo!

Kate is trying to adopt Bart and Anna but this is an ongoing struggle because of local laws which don't always make a lot of sense. She told me she wants very much to visit us, but 2 visas are keeping her from coming- visas for Bart and Anna. Please pray for this.

Our next Zeteo box packing day is Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00AM, at the church. Zeteo and the Zeteo Team are very appreciative of your support and donations. Please join us on March 11th. Our team is small and we could use any help we can get on that day.

Bishop's Well Lent Project

Quenching Poverty, impact for a lifetime in 40 days.

A well of resources for effective projects & urgent needs globally.

BEGINS FEBRUARY 22nd, 2023

- During Lent, help quench poverty with your generous & sacrificial giving
- Funds are deployed to meet needs in a timely manner
- 100% of designated funds dedicated to the projects (no admin fees taken out)

ENDS APRIL 9th, 2023

What to do next:

- Write a check to the church with Bishop's Well in the memo line for the fund you collected
- Give your check in the offering or to the church office by APRIL 16th, 2023

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the lifegiving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BOX NUMBER 75 SHIPPED TO ZETEO!

The Zeteo Missions orphanage in The Philippines has been a support project for the congregation of Saint Peter's since 2018. To date 75 boxes of support supplies have now been shipped across the Pacific Ocean to Zeteo, taking up to two months to arrive at the mission via ship. The contents are always varied depending on the desires from the mission, and what the people of Saint Peter's actually donate. Items requested are generally those not available in The Philippines or available only at extreme prices.

Please understand that what is sent from Saint Peter's is GREATLY appreciated by the staff and children at Zeteo. In reality, these boxes are more than appreciated, they can be critical to the mission's day to day operation.

Your support on a monthly basis of providing items for Zeteo continues to be important. Please be generous in what you can supply, and please join with the Zeteo Team for box packing which is usually on the second Saturday of each month. The photographs below are the children Saint Peter's is supporting. Saving them from their terrible circumstances, and doing what we can to give them a chance in life, is truly the Lord's work.





SLAMMIN' FAMINE PACKS 544,000 MEALS!



Saturday, February 21st, a couple hundred volunteers descended on the Ranch Events Center for the 8th Annual NOCO Slammin' Famine Event. Over three days an estimated 2,600 volunteers gathered to pack 544,000 meals that are distributed not only worldwide, and in the USA. The meals are assembled for Feed My Starving Children who works efficiently with other groups to distribute massive amounts of food where there is a need. This has included recently in Poland for Ukrainian refugees, and also after natural disasters, major tornados and hurricanes in the Americas.

There were 17 people, all wearing cool food service hair nets, from St. Peter's, plus adult children of parish members and another 18 volunteers who staffed our two packing stations. 34 cases = 1,224

packages = 7,344 servings = 20 Children were provided one nutritious meal each day for a year! Our entire 2-hour shift packed 292 cases or enough meals to provide 1/meal a day for over 182 children. Thank you to Kathy Porter for organizing St Peter's participation!



ST PETER'S SHIELD LOGO STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Place them on your water bottle, car side window, notebook cover, laptop or wherever! Available in the narthex for a low cost of \$1.00 each. Profits will go into the church college matching fund!





Chalice Bearer Training Sunday, March 5th, following the 9:30AM Eucharist

All who are interested in serving as a chalice bearer for our services should contact *Liz in the office* expressing their interest.

The ministry of chalice bearing is only suitable for those who have been confirmed.



A THANK YOU TO LIZ!

Elizabeth Baugh, our parish Administrative Assistant, will be moving on to a new job with the beginning of March. She has been with us since early 2021 and has served the parish with skill and expertise during this period. Liz will be missed! We wish her continued success and guidance by the Lord in her next journey.

MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE - YEAR A

If you are not able to serve on the assigned date, please find a replacement, and let me know by Wednesday of the assigned week. 970.292.8595 or elizabethb@stpetersloveland.org

Date Proper	March 5 th 2 nd Sunday in Lent	March 12 th 3 rd Sunday in Lent	March 19 th 4 th Sunday in Lent	March 26 th 5 th Sunday in Lent	
8 AM Reader/ Intercessor	Thomas Maeda	N/A (one service only)	Lynda Stoops	Terry Dunn	
1st Lesson (OT) Readers	Genesis 12:1–9 Johnny Moore	Exodus 17:1–7 Andrea Smith	I Samuel 16:1–13 Doug Edmiston	Ezekiel 37:1–14 Leslie Erickson	
Psalm	<u>Psalm 121</u>	<u>Psalm 95</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Psalm 130</u>	
2nd Lesson (NT) Readers	Romans 4:1–17 Phil Fisher	Romans 1:16–32 Andrew Forrester	Ephesians 5:1–14 Kathleen Edmiston	Romans 6:15–23 Gary Eifert	
Gospel	John 3:1–16 Deacon or Priest	Matthew 14:22-33 Deacon or Priest	John 9:1–13, 28–41 Deacon or Priest	<u>John 11:1–44</u> Deacon or Priest	
Intercessor	Will McKamie	Marnie Dent	Scott Cook	Mary Anne Paul	
Usher(s)/ Greeter(s)	Kirstin Moore & Russ Thye	Andrea Smith & Marnie Dent	Denny & Mary Ann Llewellyn	Mike Bertolette & Scott Erickson	
Acolytes	Jack Moore & Nea Thye	Janner Forrester & Theo Maeda	Isaac DeLorme & Titus Maeda	Esther Alvarado & Asa Forwood	
Flowers	*No flowers in Lent	*No flowers in Lent	*No flowers in Lent	*No flowers in Lent	
Altar Guild	8:00 - Lynda S. 9:30 - Kristi B.	8:00 – N/A 9:30 - Mary Ann L.	8:00 – Kristi B. 9:30 – Kathleen E.	8:00 – Sam A. 9:30 – Lynda S.	
Livestream	Lander Hultin	Rourke Alvarado	Adam DeLorme	Samantha Alvarado	
Nursery	Bethany Fisher & Alethia Thye	Beverly Dunn & Grace DeLorme	Will McKamie & Carole DeLorme	Madeline Rucker & Nea Thye	

St. Peter's Anglican Church Calendar: MARCH 2023								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		₩ Wedding Anniversary ★ Birthday	ST DAVID Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM Lynda S. EMBER DAY	ST CHAD Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom Doug H. & Libby M.	Rector's Day Off	4 TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM Barbara W. EMBER DAY		
5 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH EDUCATION & CHALICE BEARER TRAINING! Outreach Com Mtg	ST PIRAN	7 ★ Augustine F.	ST FELIX Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM	9 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	Joseph G. Rector's Day Off	VESTRY RETREAT ZETEO BOX PACK 9AM TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM		
3 rd SUNDAY IN LENT CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP WALTERS	13 ★ Adam D.	14 ★ Mike B.	Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM Pat O.	Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	ST PATRICK Rector's Day Off	TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM We Kathy & Pete P. Clive M.		
4 th SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED	20 ST JOSEPH	21	Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM Kristi B. & Russel D.	ST GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	Rector's Day Off	Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM		
26 5th SUNDAY IN LENT Passion Sunday 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED Marnie D.	27	28	29 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM	30 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	31 Rector's Day Off			