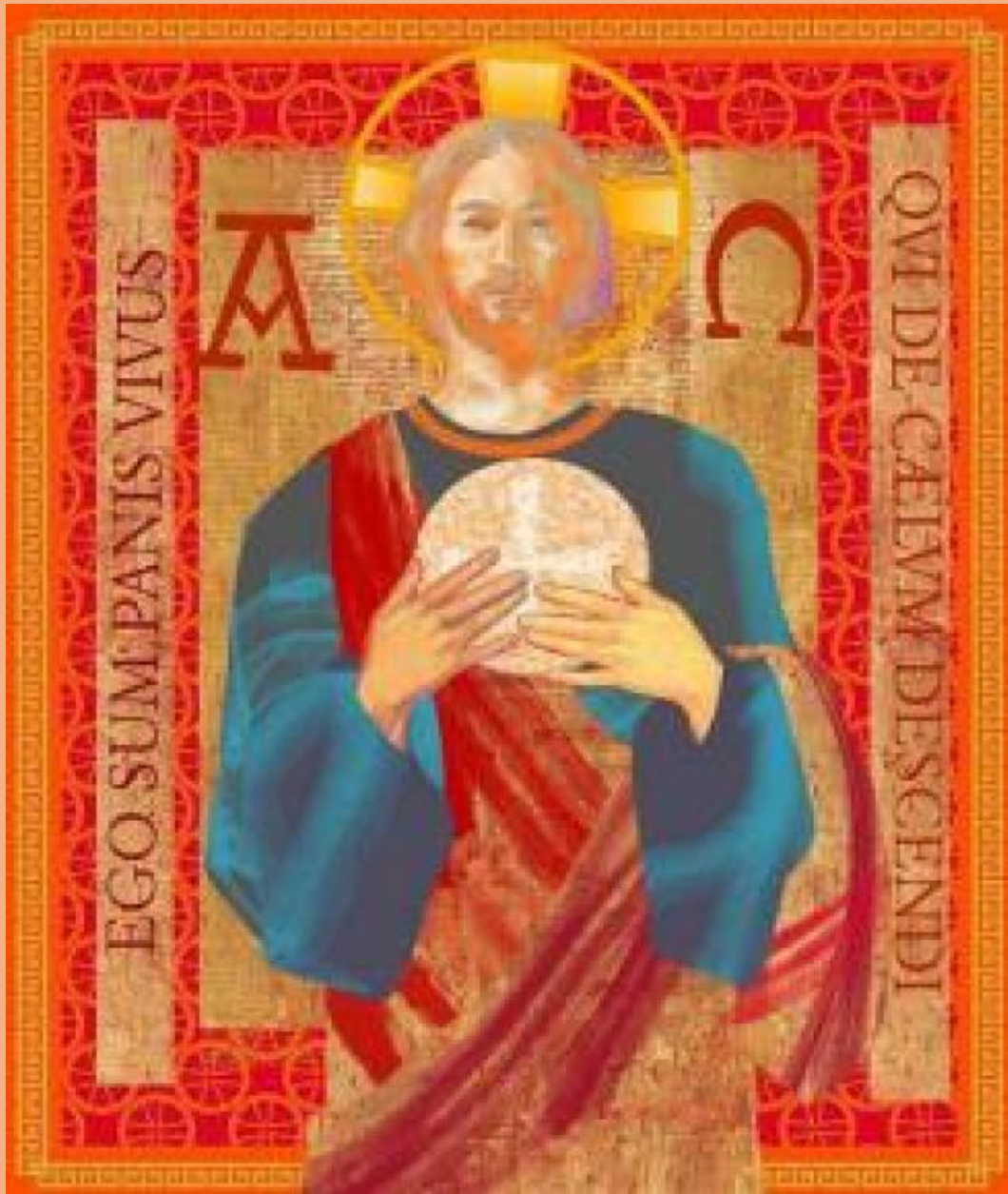


ST. PETER'S KEY

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023



"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22



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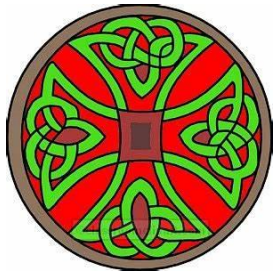
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St Peter's Anglican Church **September 2023**
Loveland, Colorado 80538

For summer's passing and harvest home we thank you Lord.

ORDINARY TIME CALENDAR for September

- 3 -14th Sunday Pentecost Services 8:00 & 9:30AM
- 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- 6 - Fr. Matt's Study Group 1:00PM
- 7 - Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 9 - ZETEO Box Packing 9:00AM
- 10 - 15th Sunday Pentecost Services 8:00 & 9:30AM
- 10 - Chili Cook-off Annual Picnic
- 13 - Fr. Matt's Study Group 1:00PM
- 14 – Holy Cross Day
- 14 - Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 17 - 16th Sunday Pentecost Services 8:00 & 9:30AM
- 9:30 service will be an instructed Eucharist!
- 20 - Fr. Matt's Study Group 1:00PM
- 21 - Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 24 - 17th Sunday Pentecost Services 8:00 & 9:30AM
- 27 - Fr. Matt's Study Group 1:00PM
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CHILI & PIE COOK-OFF ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 10th
Following the 9:30AM service!



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. Sharon Jacobs, Administrative Assistant

Website: stpeteronline.org/

4044 Duffield Avenue, Loveland CO 80538

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



ZETEO TEAM PREPARING FOR COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SEPTEMBER SHIPPING. PACKING THE JULY BOX TO ZETEO.



A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR JOANNE TAYLOR WAS CELEBRATED WITH A COLORFUL SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CAKE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH!

THANK YOU TO THE MAEDA FAMILY FOR NEW PLANTS!

JR WADEN DENNY GIVES THE NEW MOWER A TEST.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord...
glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises,
doing wonders?

- Exodus 15:11

HOW TO ABUSE THE BIBLE AND PEOPLE: "The Matthew 18 Principle"



"Like a thornbush in the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of a fool." Proverbs 26:9

Have you heard this story before? A prominent Pastor is publicly accused of impropriety or abuse. Upon the impropriety or abuse being made public, the Pastor's response is not to take responsibility, or apologize, or even to deny the accusation. Instead, the Pastor laments that the accuser did not follow the "Matthew 18 Principle," attempting to turn the abuser into a victim, and a victim into nothing more than an accuser seeking to undermine Christian ministry. For those who are not familiar with the "Matthew 18 Principle," it teaches that any accusation made against a member of a Church— but in practice the Church's leadership— is to follow exactly the procedure laid out in Matthew 18:15-20 a procedure that, in principle, sounds "Biblical," but in practice is anything but Biblical. Never mind that more often than not victims have actually attempted to follow this procedure, only to be met by structures at the Church designed to protect anyone but the accuser, forcing them to go public. Perhaps you, like me, have heard this story before. I know that some of us at St. Peter's have actually lived this nightmare. Abuse of Matthew 18:15-20 goes hand-in-hand with abuse in the Church.

On September 10th, Matthew 18:15-20 will be our Gospel reading. Proverbs 26:9 reads: "Like a thornbush in the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of a fool." It is my contention that Matthew 18:15-20 has become a thornbush in the hands of abusers, and institutions seeking to protect only themselves. In light of the abuse of both this passage and victims in the Church, I want to propose a serious reconsideration of how we are to apply Matthew 18 in our corporate life together in Christ.

As with any passage of Scripture, Matthew 18:15-20 must be understood in the context of what is taking place in the larger movements of Matthew's Gospel. Matthew 18 begins with the disciples asking Jesus who will be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus picks up a child, and says that a child is the exemplar of greatness by the standards of the Kingdom of Heaven. What follows through the rest of Matthew 18 and Matthew 19 is a vision of the upside-down ethics of Jesus' Kingdom, *directed specifically at leaders of the Church*. While the Church has leaders and a leadership structure, that structure is to prioritize the lost, the least, and the easily overlooked. In other words, the leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is to look nothing like the world. In light of the abuse of Matthew 18:15-20, the question we have to ask is whether an application of this passage which protects powerful people and institutions is in fact consistent with the larger purpose of Matthew chapters 18 and 19. The answer to that question is a resounding, "no!"

Any wise reader of Scripture knows that a healthy application of the Bible in the life of the Church cannot be legalistic or dogmatic. To the Christian who justifies the "Matthew 18 Principle," on the grounds that they are simply doing what the Bible says, I would ask the following question. How do you apply Jesus' injunction to cut off a body part that causes you to sin from Matthew 18:8? Unless you are missing eyes and appendages, it is reasonable to assume that you do not apply Scripture by just doing what the Bible says.

In light of that reality, consider whether it is even appropriate to follow Matthew 18:15-20 when any "accusation" is made. Yes, perhaps the Matthew 18 Principle is appropriate in conflicts between members of similar demographics and positions in the Church, but what about when the dynamics are such that an abuser can use a rigid obedience to the Matthew 18 Principle as an occasion to further abuse? Are all accusations the same, or should some accusations be handled differently than others? Are we really suggesting that Jesus gave this teaching in order to make victims of abuse go before their abusers, all while bearing the burden of justifying their accusations on their shoulders as a victim? If our answer to that question is "yes," the only reasonable follow-up question is this: do you have any idea who Jesus Christ is?

Scripture says a great deal in numerous places about handling conflict in the Church. To prioritize and dogmatically apply one passage over-and-against all others, and over-and-against the very character of God revealed in Jesus Christ in order to protect leaders and institutions and diminish the voices of those who have been harmed in the Church is demonic to the core. My prayer for St. Peter's relationship with Matthew 18:15-20 is that we would, as with all of God's revelation in Scripture, apply it wisely, appropriately, and with a consideration to the whole story of Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ. Perhaps then we would be the kind of Church Jesus envisioned in Matthew 18, a place where vulnerable people like children are not only safe, but the greatest.

In Christ, Fr. Matt

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24th

Sunday education will begin for our parish youth on September 24th after the 9:30AM service. Children will continue to learn and grow with "God's Big Story" curriculum that will include art and Taizé songs. Two class groups will meet with one in the northeast corner upstairs classroom and the other in the northwest corner classroom.



WELCOME —We are glad you are here— TIME FOR ANOTHER NEWCOMER'S CLASS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24th

Father Matt will be instructing a newcomer's class this fall beginning on September 24th. The class will follow the 9:30AM Eucharist service on Sunday and will continue for several weeks.

The class is designed for those who desire to become members of St. Peter's Anglican Church.



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24th

POETRY AND THE PSALMS

PRESENTED BY SETH FORWOOD

Adult education begins on Sunday, September 24th, following the 9:30AM Eucharistic service. This Sunday class will explore "Poetry and the Psalms" and it will be presented by our very own Seth Forwood. Be sure to grab your cup of coffee and find a good seat in the sanctuary for this adventure into Christianity. It is anticipated that the Sunday presentations will be delivered over four to five weeks.

In Dana Gioia's recent essay, "Christianity and Poetry", he argues that poetry is "an essential, inextricable, and necessary aspect of religious faith and practice." I understand that many at St. Peter's may not share Gioia's belief, but that will not stop me from trying to convince you of its truth! Starting with a broad survey of poetry's presence and function in Holy Scripture, we will then focus on the Bible's prayer book, the Psalms, and look at how they can be viewed as Hebrew Poetry, the prayer book of Jesus, and appreciated more fully as both poetry and prayer. Then we will look at two Poet/Priests, George Herbert, and Gerard Manley Hopkins, and how they use poetry to express their faith as well as how they echo the Psalms throughout their poetry. Finally, if we have time, we will look at some more contemporary poets who invite fresh expressions of ancient themes and images of the Psalms, displaying that Holy Scripture is not some collection of dusty old scrolls, but a living and breathing text that can be as alive in our hearts today as it was in our Hebrew forebears because it has been embraced, memorized, and alive in Jesus' heart 2000 years ago. Our study of poetry will simply be a route to plumb those depths together.

ZETEO MISSIONS UPDATE



In late July, a typhoon hit the Philippines and aimed itself directly at Zeteo. The roof on Kate's office was destroyed caving it into the structure. On the good news side, Just Projects International (JPI) and Zeteo have drawn up and are signing a five-year formal commitment of collaboration document. JPI will be providing Zeteo with political and legal expertise. In addition, Kate will be training JPI employees in The Philippines and parts of Asia in trauma care. A temporary JPI social worker has arrived at Zeteo and is helping to get them ready for their upcoming inspection from The Philippine Department of Social Work. Zeteo is also receiving help from a team of four from Iowa to assist with construction, the arrival of a mission worker with a teaching background, and an American presently working in Korea. And even better news is that a well-respected law firm in Manila will be assisting with legal issues for a small retainer fee.

Daily challenges continue to plague the mission as on one night in July heavy gunfire was heard nearby. Saari, the student from Pepperdine University, came down with a staph infection and had to be hospitalized. Also, the normal rainy season, flooding, and over flowing sewage continue to give concern. Please pray for Zeteo Missions and all the staff and children! Join us for Christmas box packing Saturday, September 9th at 9:00AM!



The children have been focusing on the *Bible* Story: "I am important to God". The focus recently was "We are so important to God that he knows how many hairs are on our head. That should make you feel very special, because you are. You are wonderfully made by God." The program is from "First Look", which is the Christian Education Program that Zeteo uses.

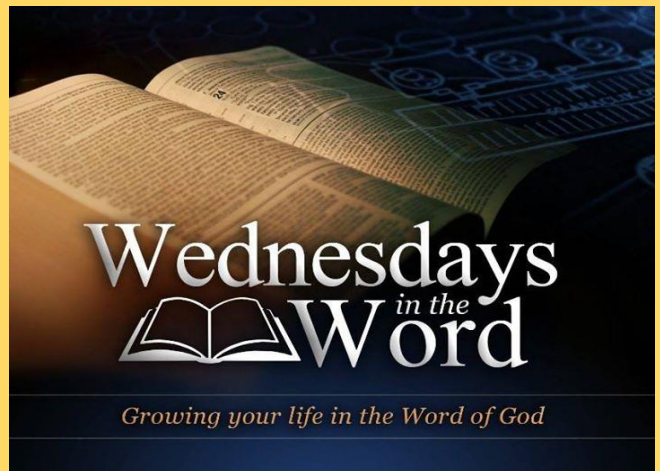
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP FORM YOUTH GROUP

St. Peter's is blessed with an abundance of young families, and stewarding the blessing of our young people means providing times for fellowship and spiritual formation for our young people. We would love to see a youth group formed in the future to meet that end. To get the ball rolling on the formation of a youth group please contact Fr. Mark to express your interest. Feel free to talk to him in person, telephone, text, or email.

Sunday Blessings

May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health
With a pocket full of gold
As the least of your wealth.
May the dreams you hold
dearest,
Be those which come true
The kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.

~ Irish Blessing



Growing your life in the Word of God

**1:00PM with Fr. Matt at St Peter's.
The study of the Book of Matthew.
You are welcome to join any and
every Wednesday!**



Please remember to support our own Robert Serunjogi's African "Robert's Village and School" in Uganda with your financial support. Donations to help with this orphanage in Robert's home town can be forwarded to this address:

**REACH %Brian Jones
222 West Street
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521**

**YOUR ZETEO
MISSION SUPPORT IS
REALLY IMPORTANT**



You are encouraged to make a cash contribution to ZetEO via the **Servants of Christ International (SOI)** website at:

www.servantsintl.org/missionaries/berg-kate-philippines/



**SUPPORT THE SAINT PETER'S FOOD BANK
EFFORT BY BRINGING CANNED AND BOXED
DONATIONS EACH SUNDAY AND PLACING
THEM IN THE FOOD BANK BASKET AS YOU
ENTER THE CHURCH NARTHAX. THANKS!**

SAINT JEROME'S FEAST DAY IS SEPT 30TH



Saint Jerome was born sometime between the years AD 331 and 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia, Italy. He died in Bethlehem on September 30, 420, after a long illness. Following his parent's wishes, he began his study of law in Rome where he indulged in reading his favorite author Cicero. It was during this time, after numerous visits to Rome's churches and catacombs, that he was baptized. He traveled widely through Europe and the East, and while on one of these trips he became ill and had a vision of being on the throne of Judgment. A voice asked him who he was, and his reply was that he was a Christian. The voice replied: "You lie. You are a Ciceronian." When Jerome recovered from his illness, he retired to the desert to live as a hermit. It was during this period for two to three years that he learned Hebrew. After leaving the desert, he went on to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest. He then traveled on to Constantinople and Rome.

Saint Jerome was not a popular priest in Rome as he criticized Roman clergy, and promoted the monastic life. His remembrance in the Church is that he translated the *Bible*, which was based on Greek, into Latin. He was eventually driven from Rome by the Roman clergy; and in the company of a wealthy aristocrat named Paula, he traveled to Palestine, Egypt, and finally Bethlehem. It is told that on one of his travels that he befriended an injured lion by removing a thorn from its paw.

Saint Jerome is the patron saint for archeologists, *Bible* scholars, librarians, school children, and students. The owl is considered a symbol of St. Jerome as it depicts his wisdom and scholarship. His feast day is celebrated on September 30th.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of
work.
We ask for strength to complete each
day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all. Amen.

SAINT JEROME'S CHRIST MERCY PRAYER

O Lord, show Your mercy to me and
gladden my heart.
I am like the man on the way to Jericho
who was overtaken by robbers,
wounded and left for dead.
O Good Samaritan, come to my aid.
I am like the sheep that went astray.
O Good Shepherd, seek me out
and bring me home in accord with
Your will.
Let me dwell in Your house all the days
of my life and praise You forever and
ever with those who are there.



TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Report Date: 7/31/2023 (2023 financial performance through June)

The purpose of this quarterly report summary is to give the congregation of Saint Peter's a view of our financial performance as compared to the budget that was approved by the Vestry at the start of any given year.

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over Budget</u>
<u>Total Income:</u>	\$150,987	\$159,017	\$8,030
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	\$150,675	\$155,984	(\$5,309)

Net Operating income: +\$3,033

Top Items Over Budget:

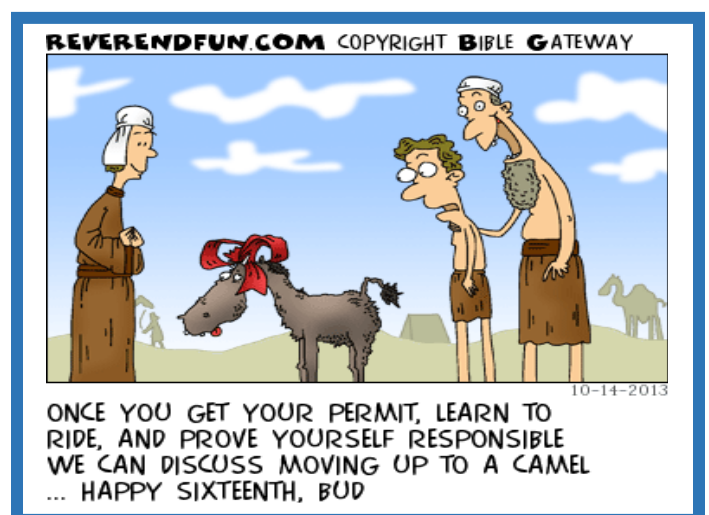
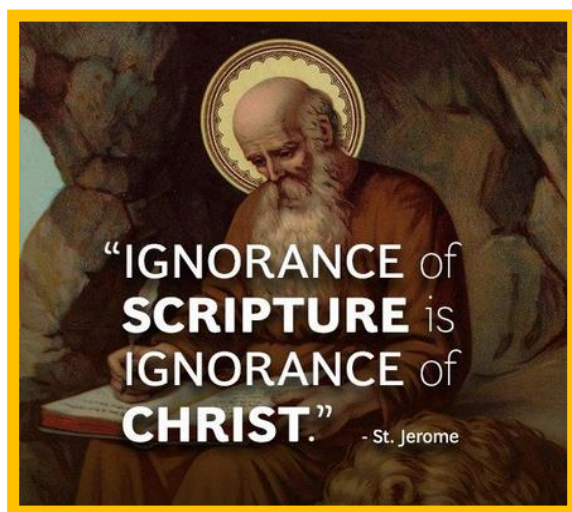
- Other General and Admin Expenses over by \$3206 most of which was made up of a payment of \$2500 to Grace Godly Response
- Payroll - over by \$4590 due to a new requirement from the ACNA that we stay one month ahead on Fr Matt's healthcare insurance premium. This resulted in two payments in January. The remainder was due to paying two Admin Assistants during the March and April transition from Liz to Sharon.
- Other overages were \$2136 for the Worship Program (new hymnals) and \$1 123 for the Discipleship program (Retreats and Conferences)

Top Items Under Budget:

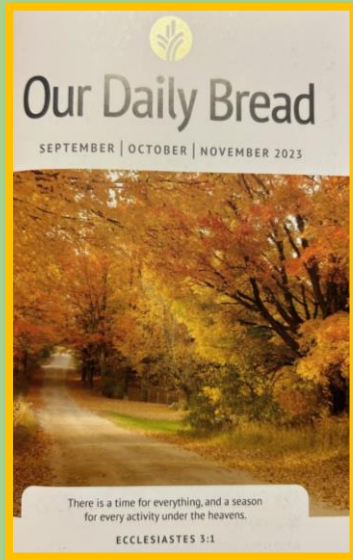
- Outreach - under by \$6279 but we expect to make this up toward the end of the year when we traditionally send out most of our gifts to our outreach partners.

Treasurer's Note: We had a big improvement in our total income (Donations to the church) in the second quarter of 2023. We went from being under budget by over \$14k at the end of March to being over budget by \$8k. This increase in income was somewhat offset by some of our expense categories exceeding the budget. Overall, we are just over \$3.9k to the positive (including interest income). This will quickly be consumed when we finalize the outreach donations in the second half of the year.

If you have any questions, please see Mike Cooper – Treasurer



THERE IS A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING - EVEN FOR READING OUR DAILY BREAD!



Pick-up your free copy this Sunday in the church narthex.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. WILLIAM ACKERMAN



Dr. Bill and his team of adults worked heartily to serve Loveland's Christian teenagers through weekly meetings, Bible studies, and around the state activities. After five years at St Peter's, the group stopped meeting in July as many of the adults have moved on to other missions and locations.

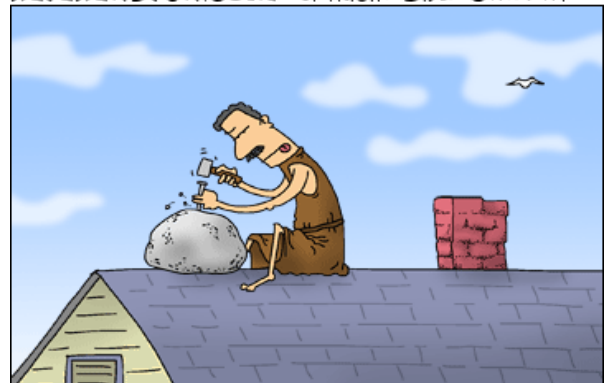
INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17TH



During the 9:30 Eucharist, Fr. Matt will lead an Instructed Eucharist, a service which walks through why we worship the way that we worship as Anglicans in the context of the Eucharist. Those who wish not to attend the Instructed Eucharist because of its length are welcome to attend the 8 am service, which will continue as normal. The building committee will have a brief update on recent progress following the Instructed Eucharist.



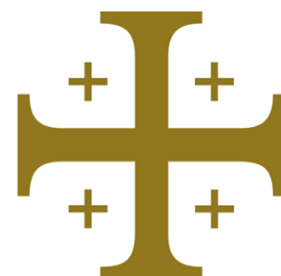
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(See Matthew 7:24-27)

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THE WISE BUT CONFUSED MAN BUILDS HIS ROCK UPON A HOUSE



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SERVICE SCHEDULE YEAR A

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement, and let Sharon in the church office know by
Wednesday of assigned week.

	Labor Day weekend	Church Potluck	Instructed Eucharist	Children/Adult Ed Begins
Date	Sunday, September 3, 2023	Sunday, September 10, 2023	Sunday, September 17, 2023	Sunday, September 24, 2023
Proper	14th Sunday After Pentecost	15th Sunday After Pentecost	16th Sunday After Pentecost	17th Sunday After Pentecost
8AM Reader Intercessor	Lynda Stoops	Marnie Dent	Terry Dunn	Anthony Alvarado
1st Lesson (OT) Reader	Thomas Maeda Jeremiah 15:15-21	Gary Eifert Ezekiel 33:1-11	Andrew Forrester Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7	Andrea Smith Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm	Psalm 26	Psalm 119:33-48	Psalm 103:1-14	Psalm 145:14-21
2nd Lesson (NT) Readers	Mary Anne Paul Romans 12:1-8	Mercedes Maeda Romans 12:9-21	Scott Cook Romans 14:5-12	Kathleen Edmiston Philippians 1:21-27
Gospel	<i>Deacon or Priest</i> Matthew 16:21-27	<i>Deacon or Priest</i> Matthew 18:15-20	<i>Deacon or Priest</i> Matthew 18:21-35	<i>Deacon or Priest</i> Matthew 20:1-16
Intercessor	Leslie Erickson	Phil Fisher	Will McKamie	Doug Edmiston
Usher / Greeters	Mary Anne Paul Mark Maeda	Denny Llewellyn Mary Ann Llewellyn	Kirstin Moore Scott Cook	Andrea Smith Ron Stoops
Chalice Bearer	Adam DeLorme	Phil Fisher	Johnny Moore	Lander Hultin
Acolytes	Luke DeLorme Logan Horlings	Esther Alvarado Augie Forwood	Jack Moore Libby McKamie	Titus Maeda Linnea Horlings
Flowers	Marnie Dent	Mary Ann Llewellyn	Mary Anne Paul	Emily Maeda
Altar Guild 8am	Lynda Stoops	Marnie Dent	Lynda Stoops	Kathleen Edmiston
Altar Guild 9:30	Kristi Bertollette	Mary Ann Llewellyn	Sam Alvarado	Kristi Bertollette
Live Stream	Ben DeLorme	Rourke Alvarado	Adam DeLorme	Sam Alvarado

St. Peter's Anglican Church Calendar: September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	♥ Wedding Anniversary	★ Birthday			1 Rector's Day Off ♥ Pat O.	2 
3 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 9:30AM	4  ST BIRINUS  LABOR DAY	5  ST TERESA of CALCUTTA	6 Fr Matt's 1pm Bible Study	7 7AM Bible Study Group via Zoom	8 Rector's Day Off ★ Grace A.	9 9:00 AM ZETEO BOX PACKING ♥ Christy & Michael H.
10 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 9:30AM PARISH PICNIC 	11	12 ★ Geoge F.	13  ST CHRYSOSTOM Fr Matt's 1pm Bible Study	14  HOLY CROSS DAY 7AM Bible Study Group via Zoom	15  ST CYPRIAN Rector's Day Off ★ Elizabeth S. & Maximus M.	16  ST NINIAN ★ Jerry W.
17 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 9:30AM Instructed Eucharist at 9:30 AM Service ★ Asa F.	18 ★ Theophilus M.	19  ST THEODORE of TARSUS ★ Ken D. & Andrea S.	20 EMBER DAY Fr Matt's 1pm Bible Study	21  ST MATTHEW the APOSTLE 7AM Bible Study Group via Zoom ★ Elijah D.	22 EMBER DAY Rector's Day Off	23 EMBER DAY ★ Evangelina M.
24 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 9:30AM CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS! ★ Russ T.	25  ST SERGIUS ★ Colin A. & Wendy F.	26 	27 ♥ Marnie & Russel D. Fr Matt's 1pm Bible Study	28 7AM Bible Study Group via Zoom	29  HOLY MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS Rector's Day Off	30  ST JEROME