

# The Fisherman

St. Peter Lutheran Church

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*Prayerfully Prepared Just For YOU!*

*SEPTEMBER • 2011*



The LORD  
watches over the way of  
the righteous ...

Psalm 1:6, NRSV



# WELCOME!

*The Fisherman Newsletter* comes to you on a timely, regular basis with information, spiritual helps, and interesting news items about YOU and your church. If you have something notable to share, you need only **submit it by the 10th of each month** for consideration. If you have not received *The Fisherman* mailed to your home, and would like to be included on our mailing list, please contact the church office. Extra copies are available in the narthex while supplies last.

Want to help out with the mailing costs of *The Fisherman*? You have the opportunity to **DEDICATE** a mailing of a monthly issue **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** someone special, or as a **SPECIAL GIFT**. Our approximate cost for mailing *The Fisherman* is \$ 65.00 monthly. Your gift toward any portion of this cost is much appreciated! Let us know today if you are interested in giving to this ministry.

## ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

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**Shirley Roe, Artist-in-Residence**



## Thoughts from Pastor

# *Look to our Baptism... Daily!*

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As we go about our daily lives, can others tell that we are Christians? We may think this is an unnecessary question as we pull out of our driveways each

Sunday— at least hopefully we do – to come to St. Peter or our churches in other states to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

However, being a Christian is about more than even coming to worship Christ every Sunday. Worship is a wonderful beginning because our weekly worship helps us stay focused on God and the joys and strength that come from following Jesus. However, it seems that many times we tend to think that it is a given that those who are also Christian, or those who are un-churched, know that Christ is the center of our lives— but maybe they don't, or maybe Christ isn't our center.

In our session on Baptism in our “Faith and Fellowship” on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we talked about the fact that we don't think about our Baptism every day. In fact, truly we tend not to think of our Baptism until we see the word used in a hymn or until we have the blessing of a Baptism for one of our little ones in worship.

But Martin Luther saw our Baptism as the center of our Christian lives in following Jesus Christ. He said we should remember that we need to die each day to our sin, confessing those things that we know we have done wrong each day and asking God to forgive those sins which we are not aware that we have committed. God will then forgive our sins – if we are truly repentant – and remember them no more.

When we talk about Baptism we use phrases like “... gives us a new birth,” “... frees us from sin and death,” “... that those who are washed in the waters of Baptism may be given new life,” “You belong to Christ,” and finally -- “We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.”<sup>ii</sup>

In our Baptism we are made children of God, we receive the Holy Spirit through whom Christ Jesus and God the Father are always with us, God claims us as His, God knows us by name, and seals us with the Holy Spirit ... marking us with the sign of Christ's cross forever. Forever!

Luther calls this daily thinking about our Baptism our “daily dying and rising.” Trying to give some thought to our Baptism and how that makes us different from those who don't know our Lord Christ may help us to bear up in our struggles, and to truly be thankful for all that God has given to us – for apart from Christ, we all fall short of the glory of God.

When we remember Whose we are and how our Baptism makes this real for us, we can draw much strength from our gifts that God gives us through Baptism. Why not try to give some thought to how your Baptism has changed your life each day in order to be with God.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Lorrie*

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<sup>ii</sup>*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis, MN, 2006, pp. 227, 230, and 231.



# Embark on Your Journey of Generosity

Our journey of generosity is an adventure, measured not in miles, but in personal transformation and growth. Sometimes smooth sailing, sometimes uncharted waters – but always a course that deepens our faith and relationship with God.

## What's in Your Hand?

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What's in your hand that God can use  
to bring Him glory and praise?  
When you offer it to the Lord,  
He'll use it in special ways.

Moses offered a shepherd's staff  
God used to part the sea;  
And when he struck the desert rock,  
water poured out freely.

Your hand may hold an instrument  
that you can play and sing,  
A song of praise and worship  
to glorify the King.

Or in your hand may rest a pen,  
that you can use to write  
words of great encouragement  
to bring a friend God's light.

Maybe you hold a piece of bread,  
a cup of water, too;  
When they're offered to one in need,  
God will bless through you.

Though you may look at your hands  
and nothing is found there,  
When you lift them to the Lord  
He'll hear and answer prayer.

You may think, "My gift's too small,"  
but it matters not the size;  
When God looks at your open hand,  
your gift He multiplies.



**S**tewardship of service is at least as important as checkbook stewardship, but sometimes it is easier to write a check than to take the trouble to explore what you can do for your church and community with your "hidden assets"... Your skills and talents.

Your Stewardship Committee

# The People of East Africa desperately need our help!

The worst drought in 60 years has hit the region: Ten million people in Kenya, Ethiopia Somalia and Djibouti are affected. Crops have failed, livestock are dying, and families have no way to feed themselves.



**Somali woman carries fire wood at  
lfo camp in Dadaab** July 10, 2011.

Reuters/Noor Khamis, courtesy of  
AlertNet.org

We can help **Lutheran World Relief** (LWR) reach out to the people of East Africa. Tens of thousands of people are walking for 15 days by foot, to seek refuge at the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, but the camps were only built for 90,000 people. Right now more than 370,000 people are living in Dadaab with 1,300 new arrivals each day.

Because the danger of famine in this region is so high, LWR is rushing \$500,000 in immediate assistance to our partner, The Lutheran World Federation. LWF is working right now in the Dadaab refugee camps to help new arrivals and vulnerable populations access life saving services like food rations, shelter and other vital services.

But the needs are still so great. Your emergency gift today will help increase our response. Please join LWR in prayer for the people of East Africa and please give what you can to extend the compassion of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. **You may give through your church; please make checks payable to: St. Peter Lutheran Church, and on memo line write: "Africa drought."**

Lutheran World Relief is an international nonprofit organization that works to end poverty and injustice by empowering some of the world's most impoverished communities to help themselves. With partners around the world, LWR seeks to promote sustainable development with justice and dignity by helping communities bring about change for healthy, safe and secure lives; engage in Fair Trade; promote peace and reconciliation; and respond to emergencies. LWR is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, and has worked in international development and relief since 1945.

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

***"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!"*** Psalm 130:1-2



# St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

## Anne Myrtle Circle

All ladies of the congregation are invited to share in the fun and fellowship of the First Meeting of the Season on

**Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.** in Lau Hall. A Bible study, led by Pastor Lorrie, will be followed by a business meeting and refreshments.

## Happening This Month

### SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 11

**Nations Association** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month is “*Nations Sunday*,” when a CASH collection is taken to benefit this vital local ministry which provides food, clothing, educational opportunities, medical assistance, and much more for the homeless and needy in the Ft. Myers area.

## Looking Ahead...

### SUNDAY • OCTOBER 2

Love Offering collection of CASH gifts for Caloosa Conference women’s project, ***Daughters of Naomi*** – Home for Troubled Women, Fort Pierce, FL.

### SUNDAY • OCTOBER 9

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### WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 12

All ladies of the congregation are invited to share fun and fellowship at the meeting of the *Anne Myrtle Circle* at 9:30 a.m. in Lau Hall.

### SUNDAY • OCTOBER 16

As part of their annual “Thank Offering Sunday,” our St. Peter WELCA ladies will conduct all facets of the worship service today!

### SATURDAY • OCTOBER 22

All Ladies are invited to a Mini-Retreat here at St. Peter! “*Love Thy Neighbor*” will be the theme for this Fall Gathering of the WELCA Caloosa Conference. The Mini-Retreat will feature crafts, Bible study, fellowship, beach walking, and refreshments, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## Special Thanks


Big Hugs and Thank You’s to everyone for helping with our many WELCA ministry projects through your gifts and labor!

“...whatever you did for one of the **least of these**...you did for me.” Matthew 25:40.

## Questions?

Call Pat Modafari at [REDACTED]

## In Remembrance of ~ 9/11/01 ~



“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;”

*Psalm 46:1*

# Welcome to H.G. Fisher

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Next month H.G. will write his own introduction as he comes on board with us here at St. Peter as both our organist and choir director. In this article I would like to tell you just a little about H.G. and how the search committee has come to select him for this position.



Herman G. Fisher, Jr., better known as “H.G.,” has been directing choirs and playing organ since he was 14 years of age. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina. He graduated with majors in both Pipe Organ and in Choral Directing. He is also a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, where he received an STM degree, majoring in Theology.

He has a true love for the organ, but what probably spoke to us the most about H.G. is his love for his choirs. One can see the passion he has for choral direction when he talks about it. He truly sees the music of a congregation as a ministry, and together he, Shirley Roe, and I will continue to address our music as ministry as we have in the past.

H.G. will serve St. Peter as organist at all three of our worship services – our Saturday evening service and our two worship services on Sunday mornings. He is excited about working with our Artist in Residence, Shirley Roe, and is beginning to choose music that they can play, as well as music that will lift up the flute music of Courtney Eckmann.

As a professional musician, H.G. is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM). He is also a Member-at-Large of the Southwest FL Chapter Board of Directors for AGO.

While he was in college, H.G. received several awards including “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges” and Mu Beta Tau – an honorary music fraternity. He was the winner of the senior music award and graduated with honors.

As a full-time vocation, H.G. has been a banker most of his life, working primarily in trust and investments; he is now retired. He has one son and one daughter.

He has lived in Southwest Florida for 31 years and will be moving to Estero from Naples this fall. During most of this time he has served as organist and director, having directed adult and children’s choirs. He also has organized and directed a hand bell choir.

As we begin to welcome H.G. to our St. Peter family we give thanks to Muriel Hale for the deep dedication she has given our congregation in its music and through our choir. Those of you in our choir can be so proud of the hard work that you have done and the accomplishments that I can attest to in the few months I have been with you.

I am excited to begin this new season of music, and give thanks that H.G. will join us.

The peace of the Lord be with us all.

*Pastor Lorrie*

# Here's What's News!

## From the Search Committee for the Music Director

It is official! A new music director has been secured for St. Peter Lutheran Church. As the co-chair of the committee, I wanted to make a formal announcement that H. G. Fisher has accepted the job of music director for our church. He will be starting the first week of October of this year. H.G. will play the organ, direct the choir and oversee all music performances at our church.

The search took time and effort from several people, and I would like to thank them individually. First of all, the members of the committee; Pastor Lorrie, Courtney Eckmann, Roy Dagnall, and I made up the basic committee. We had outside consulting help from Robert Beane, Shirley Roe and John Renfroe, organist from Messiah Lutheran Church, Cape Coral. Everyone worked diligently and expediently to find the right individual for this position. I want to especially thank Pastor Lorrie for all her work in communication, document writing and correspondence with all the applicants involved. We also thank Jodi Hester for her assistance in helping Pastor Lorrie with the final contract preparation for H.G. Fisher.

I want to thank the council for working with us to get decisions made and final approvals adopted in such a timely manner. Your help made this a very rewarding task.

Please help me welcome Mr. Fisher, H.G., to our church family and wish him all the best in providing our congregation the spiritual music ministry that has so lovingly been grown and nurtured over the life of this congregation. May it continue to grace our services for the glorification of Jesus Christ at St. Peter. — *Jim Albinger*

## WELCOME New Member!



We are delighted to announce a New Member of the St. Peter Family of Believers – **RHONA DIAMOND**, who joined St. Peter on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Rhona is from Canton, MI, and has vacationed on Ft. Myers Beach since 1956. She moved to

the area full-time last year.

Rhona has three daughters and one son, 11 grandchildren and one great-granchild on the way! She was a letter carrier for 22 years before retiring here where “living has been the best!” She has been active on Monday mornings (Monday Work Day) helping in the kitchen and in the “folding” room.

When asked what made her wish to join with the believers at St. Peter, Rhona answered: “The times I was able to come to church I always felt welcome. I could always feel the Holy Spirit! In August of 2009 I met the Burrs and the “Holy Folders” and I knew I had a new family – I felt like I was already a member. Helen (Snell) started me making quilts; when I was sewing I felt so close to the Lord.”

Rhona’s favorite Scripture is: Matthew 7:7-8 (God listens to our prayers), and her favorite Hymn is: “He is Risen Indeed.”

Please say “Hello” to Rhona the next time you see her around God’s house! ☻

### Thought for the Day:

Have you ever stopped to think...  
And forgot to start again?

# Here's What's News TOO!

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## The St. Peter "Minnesota Connection"



**L-R, Back Row:** Dave Nelson, Dick Schultz, Ray Jones, Bob Stenerson, Richard Wellman, Don Sollars, Bill Figgins; **Front Row:** Sharlene Schultz, Karen Sollars, Linda Nelson, Sherry Wellman, Ellie Jones, Georgiann Stenerson, Cathy Figgins.

“Hi from Minnesota!” Again this summer we had our gathering of the “Minnesota Connection” from St. Peter Lutheran Church at Walker, MN. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 14 of us descended upon the Chase Hotel in downtown Walker for noon lunch. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> annual get-together. We had two new couples join us this year, David and Linda Nelson and Sherry and Richard Wellman. We missed some of the others who have been with us before – family, planned trips and medical got in the way of their joining us. We had a great lunch and lots of visiting at the beautiful restaurant “the 502” right on the shore of

Leech Lake. Hopefully more family from St. Peter will join us next summer as we gather. I will try to get organized a little earlier so your vacation plans will include a trip to Chase on the Lake at Walker– it’s a beautiful place to stay and enjoy a getaway!

(If you did not get notice of the gathering you may not have an email address listed in the church directory or I just goofed! Please let me know by email or snail mail to add your name to the “Minnesota Connection” listing. Greetings to all!

– *Georgiann Stenerson* and the MN Connection



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# Go Fishing

with St. Peter!

## TUESDAYS

September 13<sup>th</sup> & September 27<sup>th</sup>



Everyone is invited to go Deep-Sea FISHING on Tuesdays, September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until about 4:30 PM on *Captain Tony's Fishing Express*, located on your right just before you cross the sky bridge onto Fort Myers Beach.

The cost is \$48 each (Cash only, no checks or credit cards).

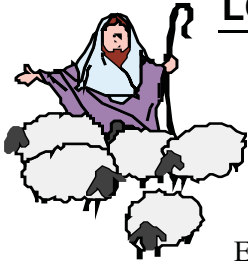
*Join the FUN!*

Please contact  
**BOB BURR** at   
immediately to  
reserve your spot or  
for more  
information!

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# Here's MORE News!



## LOSS in the FOLD

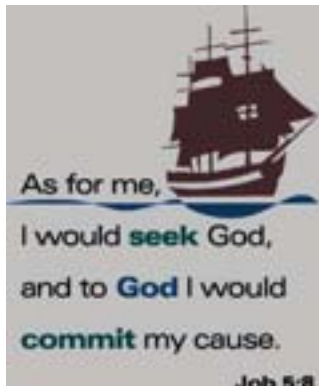
Our hearts go out to St. Peter Member **Louise Davis** on the death of her husband, **JAMES D. "JIM" DAVIS** (76), who passed on to Life Eternal on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Grand Lake, Celina, Ohio, after a prolonged battle with cancer.

Jim was a former Republican member of the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 81st District from 1985-1994. He was a teacher in the St. Marys school district for 28 years and served as president of St. Marys City Council.

Please hold Louise and the Davis family close to your heart in prayer during their time of mourning. Memorials may be made to St. Marys Community Foundation/Jim Davis Scholarship Fund, 146 E. Spring St., St. Marys, OH 45885.

## **Faith**

I will not doubt,  
though all my ships at sea  
Come drifting home with  
broken masts and sails;  
I will believe  
the hand which never fails,  
From  
seemingly evil worketh good to me.  
And, though I weep because those sails  
are battered,  
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie  
shattered,  
"I trust in Thee." – *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



## **Thank You!**

St. Peter Lutheran Church is very grateful for the generosity of the following friends, who very kindly contributed funds to produce and mail *The Fisherman* newsletter:

**Gene & Anna Aring**  
♦  
**"Speedy" & "Bunny" Spear**

## **GO GREEN – Step by Step**

Big environment. Big issues. Little you. If you feel as if there's not much one person can do to make a positive impact on the environment – just take a look at the new "Go Green" U.S. postage stamps. They illustrate simple things we each can do every day, with only a few small changes to the way we live.

Out of milk? Walk or bike to the store. Repair that drippy faucet – the noise was driving you crazy, anyway. Switch to energy-efficient light bulbs. Put on a sweater instead of turning up the thermostat. Sun dry your sheets – they'll smell wonderful!

Is it enough to make a difference? Absolutely. Recycling just one aluminum can reduces waste – and saves enough energy to run a computer for three hours. Multiply that by 10– or 200– cans. Simple insulation like caulking or weatherstripping pays for itself with reduced utility bills within one year. Properly inflating your car tires improves gas mileage by as much as three percent. You're not just saving the environment, you're saving – period. Suddenly small steps seem pretty big. Best of all, once you've started thinking – and acting – green, you'll feel proud that you've been part of a big change. "Home" just got greener. Thanks to you.

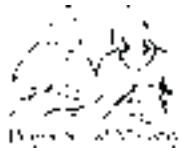
– *U.S. Postal Service*

# We Get Mail



July 30, 2011

To the Prayer Shawl makers of St. Peter,



This is to the one of your special ladies who made a brown and gold combination. It's really beautiful and well appreciated by me. Thanks!

Charlie Rudolph  
Ft. Myers, FL

August 16, 2011



Dear St. Peter Family,

Thank you all for your prayers during my long stay at the hospital and rehab. center. As I am home now and building up my strength, I especially want to thank you for the lap quilt which was given to me a few years ago – it has been such a constant comfort and reminder to me of God's love.

Martha Miller  
(Susan Frantz's mother)  
Ft. Myers Beach, FL

Dear Friends,

July 30, 2011

Thank you very much for sending "The Fisherman" each month. We enjoy knowing what you are doing as you serve our Lord.

In His love,  
Bunny & Speedy Spear  
Ft. Myers Beach, FL

July 27, 2011

To the Ladies of WELCA at St. Peter,

Thank you so much, all ladies of WELCA!! Your generosity of money, prayers, kindness and

care are contributing additional supplies (listening station journals, daily folders @ \$2.99 each, individual dry erase boards) to my 2011-12 class! God bless each of you for your continued love and support to help me "fly my wings" and give cherubs my best.

XOXO,  
Joy Kruger  
(Elementary School Teacher at Harlem Heights)  
Ft. Myers Beach, FL

August 12, 2011

Dear Members and Pastor Lorrie,

"At times like this, your support and comfort mean more than words can say."

Thank you for your cards and for the prayer shawl. I hope to get involved in church more – coming back in the Fall. Your prayers are wonderful, and may I be at peace.

Dot Louth  
Cleveland, OH

(From the August – October Newsletter)

A Few Words from President Kathy Miller:

I like to save the best news for last... are you ready? Our first baby born to Lifeline Family Center is getting his driver's permit! Logan turned 15 on August 1. His milestone birthday is our celebration of life! When speaking with Logan's Mom a few weeks ago my mind traveled over the past 15 ½ years we have ministered to young, frightened, pregnant moms through Lifeline Family Center. 117 young ladies over those years, 117 life choices, have taught me even more than we have taught them. What a tremendous journey it has been! Thank you for catching the vision and helping to make it possible.

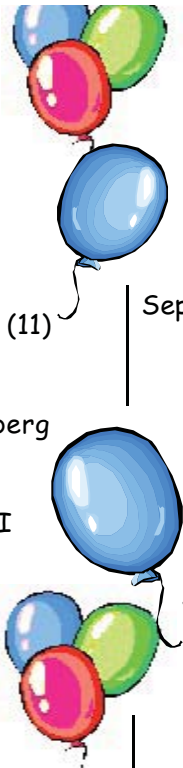
For life and Truth,  
Kathy Miller, Pres – Lifeline Family Center  
Cape Coral, FL

## BIRTHDAYS!

# HOORAY!

## ANNIVERSARIES!

September 2 Charles Hester  
September 4 Tony Andrus  
September 4 Lois Butcher  
September 4 Frances York  
September 5 Lyle Arneson  
September 5 Vic Berecz  
September 6 Larry Thompson  
September 7 "Chet" Hale  
September 8 Nancy Johnson  
September 8 Madison Matthew (11)  
September 8 Lucas Polk  
September 9 Dick Schultz  
September 9 Charlotte Soderberg  
September 11 Shirley Miller  
September 12 Nancy Bunton  
September 14 Roy Patterson III  
September 15 Dick Back  
September 15 Jan Lange  
September 16 Greg Dawson  
September 16 Gordon Jensen  
September 16 Alex Pecore  
September 18 "Larry" Zeigler  
September 19 Pat Jensen  
September 20 William Floyd Fraser(8)  
September 21 John Linebarger  
September 21 Sharlene Schultz  
September 21 Derry York  
September 23 Linda Beck  
September 23 Marilee Schoenewald  
September 24 Mabel Bonacker  
September 30 Keith Whitaker



September 1 - John & Laura Bond (54)\*  
\*Yours is a lasting love!

September 1 - David & Mary Anne Maiser (33)

September 2 - Larry & Judy Thompson (50)\*  
\*A Wonderful Milestone year - blessings!

September 4 - Jerry & Susan Frantz (35)

September 4 - Robert & Jacqueline (Lau) Owens (5)\*  
\*A Happy Milestone - Many More!

September 15 - Marion & Midge Debolt (60)\*  
\*You're in the Dictionary- under 'Lovebirds'!

September 20 - Ron & Pastor Lorrie Davison

September 21 - Bob & Brenda Miller (48)

September 21 - Bob & Evelyn Schroeder (65)\*  
\*WOW! You two are an Inspiration!

September 23 - Jack & Rita Hofmeister (55)\*

September 23 - Basil & Phyllis Morrison (61)\*  
\*Sweethearts all over again!

**W**e love to celebrate your special days with you! If you would like to see your name included on our Birthday and Anniversary list, please call the church office at (239) 463-4251.





# Take a Moment to **SAVE THESE ITEMS** to Benefit **WELCA Outreach Ministries!**

By **SAVING** or purchasing the following items, **YOU** can help with the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community. The Ladies of St. Peter Women of the ELCA **THANK YOU ALL** for your continued generous support of our many outreach projects:

## **PULL-TABS From Aluminum Cans –**

Benefit the Ronald McDonald House at Health Park and help to provide a place for the families of critically ill hospitalized children to find rest and comfort. The tabs are taken to Miami where they are sold and the money is used to help maintain this beautiful facility.

## **LABELS from CAMPBELL'S PRODUCTS and GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COUPONS –**

Benefit Heights Elementary and Beach Elementary Schools. Please save these labels in their entirety (whole labels) – **DO NOT TRIM!** The name of the soup, and the price code needs to be on the label or they will not accept them. The schools use these labels to purchase computers, sports equipment, musical instruments, and more! A complete list of accepted products is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## **SOAP, SHAMPOO & LOTION –**

As you travel, please collect the wrapped bars of motel **SOAP**, bottles of **SHAMPOO** and **LOTION**. These are distributed to Lutheran World Relief, Immokalee Friendship House, AIDS Task Force and other agencies in need.

## **Used POSTAGE STAMPS – Again!**

Yes, we **ARE** collecting your used postage stamps again! Your stamp donations will now benefit a publishing house in Argentina which is dedicated to writing and publishing Sunday

school materials in Spanish to spread the word of Jesus in 13 Latin American countries, Spain and the U.S.

Simply clip the stamps from all correspondence you receive, leave 1/4 inch border, and bring or mail them to St. Peter Lutheran – use the container in the narthex to deposit your donations. **POSTCARDS** – do **NOT** cut off the stamp from postcards; please save the entire card.

## **ITEMS for SALE to benefit WELCA Projects:**

### **ST. PETER CRYSTAL ORNAMENTS**

Beautiful Crystal glass, etched with the St. Peter building in a red velvet pouch, makes such a nice keepsake gift for anyone who loves St. Peter! Priced at just \$10 each, these will be sure to sell out soon.

### **RADA CUTLERY is the BEST!**

This is a high-quality and extensive line of knives and cutting tools, available for purchase from any WELCA member, or call Mary Lou Wright at 415-6626. There are several new items in stock, and others can be ordered. Proceeds benefit many WELCA outreach ministries

### **COOKBOOKS!**

Everyone **KNOWS** that Lutheran ladies can really **COOK!** You can purchase the St. Peter Lutheran Women of the ELCA cookbook, *KEYS TO GOOD COOKING* with thousands of tried and true recipes for only \$20 each! New Books already have inserted **ADD-IN RECIPES** of 106 new scrumptious delights; or for just \$5.00 each (+\$1.75 if we ship it for you) you may order the Add-Ins for books you already have! WELCA ladies will sell Cookbooks anytime – just ask one!

**Q**uestions about any of these projects?  
Please call Pat Modafari at [REDACTED]

## *MISSION STATEMENT of St. Peter Lutheran Church:*

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Led by the Holy Spirit, we go forth as a Family of Faith proclaiming and celebrating the life-giving and freeing power of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ to all people by:

**STRIVING** to provide time, facilities and materials for *all ages* through our **Education** programs so that God's children will have the opportunity to grow in the Gospel and experience God's presence in our midst.

**USING** our congregational gifts of location, compassion, generosity, friendliness, and inclusiveness to meet, through our program of **Evangelism**, the needs of our neighbors: seasonal visitors, the homeless, migrant workers, and young families. We will also continue our outreach to others in God's family, prayerfully meeting new challenges as they come to us.

**MAKING** our **Property** facilities accessible and appropriate so that in large or small groups, either worshipping or working, we will be able to grow in the Gospel through **Fellowship** and educational opportunities to provide support for those who are our neighbors.

**RESPONDING** in loving care and concern through the outreach of **Social Ministry** as we meet the needs of those in our area through material items and emotional support.

**GATHERING** volunteers to share the knowledge of St. Peter's local, national and worldwide ministries through appropriate **Stewardship** of time, talent and treasure so that we may respond to the needs of others.

**PROVIDING** a **Worship** experience through Word and Sacrament using historic and contemporary materials which will form a vibrant Liturgy for our growth in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### *Vision Statement*

As a Church Family of God,  
our vision is to create a loving, welcoming fellowship.  
Led by the Holy Spirit,  
we seek to become a beacon  
of the love of God in Christ Jesus.

### *Parish Bulletin Board*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** ..... **9:30 AM**

**HOLY COMMUNION**..... 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

**Church Workday** ..... *(All Hands are Welcome!)* ..... Mondays • 8:00 AM

**Church COUNCIL** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday • Sept 8 • 7:00 PM

**FISHING with St. Peter** .... *(Call Bob Burr to Reserve)* ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

**WELCA Anne Myrtle Circle** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday • Resumes Sept 14 • 9:30 AM

# Things Aren't Always What They Seem

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Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel, "How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold hidden in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it."

"Then last night as we slept in the farmer's bed, the Angel of Death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way we think they should. If we have faith, we just need to trust that every outcome is always to our advantage: We just might not know it until some time later.

**"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."**

**– Romans 8:28 NAS**