

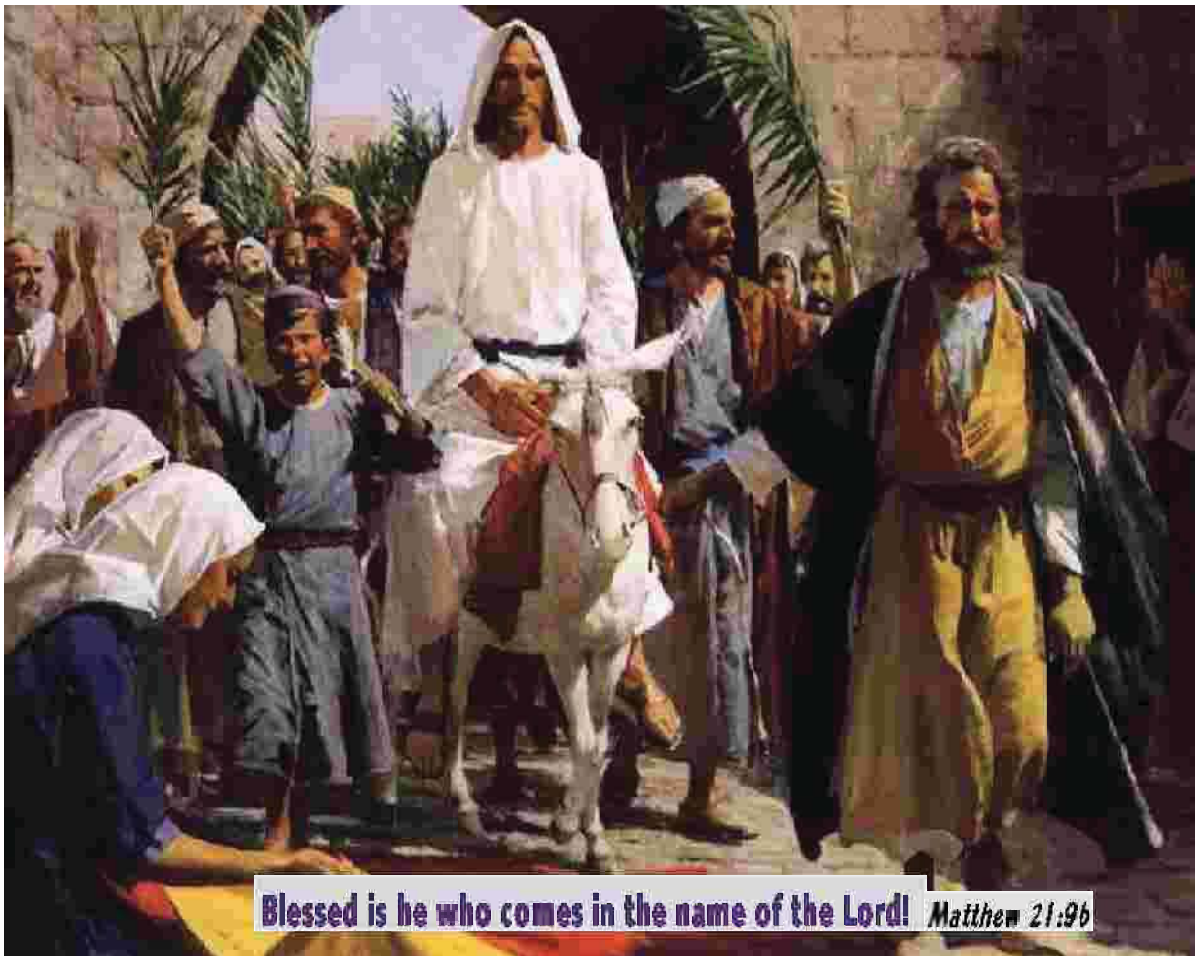
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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! *Matthew 21:9b*



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.

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9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Susan Frantz, Office Administrator (email: Susanstpeter@AOL.com)
Muriel Hale, Music Director
Shirley Roe, Artist-in-Residence

Thoughts from Pastor

The Journey



“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.” (ELW, p. 304)

The path through the time after Epiphany leads to Lent. We’re on a journey. And, the prayer above could certainly have followed Jesus and his disciples who were with him; and is a prayer for our discipleship and for our spiritual journey through Lent as well.

This prayer is our Christian story. Only by faith, through God’s grace, and as a result of Christ’s love can we follow the one who knows all things, who has faced the perils, and who has pressed on with courage to win the prize – forgiveness and eternal life for all of us. Jesus walked this path with good courage, as well as with human emotion, perhaps not always knowing where God would lead him next either – but knowing that God was with him and that God’s love for him supported him.

After Christ’s dying, rising, and ascending, the apostles continued their journey with the courage of Christ supporting them, his wisdom guiding them, and their faith connecting them. And so the same is true for us as we once again approach our journey into Lent – and our journey through Lent to the cross of Jesus Christ and on to the day when we remember our Lord’s resurrection. We go forward with the courage, once again, to continue to connect our lives with Christ.

Lent has long been the season of the church year that I respect the most. I say “respect” because it is permission giving to turn inward and to renew our relationship with God. In fact, it calls out to me almost

as a bidding ... to come and to spend time with God in prayer, in serving others, and in thanking Christ Jesus for what he has done to me.

It is also the time of the year to give thanks for and to reaffirm our identity as part of the body of Christ to re-commit ourselves to him. These two expressions of Lent give us the pattern to follow in our lives throughout the rest of the year.

Early on in the Christian life, Lent was a time for preparation and for learning about our faith, about prayer, and being in a relationship with Jesus Christ. It was a time to prepare for baptism. During this Lenten season may we remember that we are baptized children of God with all of the rights and responsibilities that go with belonging to God.

And may we continue to pray ... **O God ... Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.**

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Lorrie



A Word from Our President –

“But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.”

Isaiah 40:31

You may have heard of the “GEESE analogy.” It has been around a while and the phenomenon has been studied by researchers and written about in poems and articles. I love it and the lessons it teaches. Here is one version:

WHY DO GEESE FLY IN A “V” FORMATION?

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other’s skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the

production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one’s heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

As I have stated in previous articles, I need things that are practical and that can be applied to me today as I live my life in the best way that I can. *Sooo* – what does this mean to me as well as St. Peter Lutheran Church?

We share a common sense of direction and community as Lutherans at St. Peter. We pray that we will be wise enough to stay within the formation so we can get the benefit of mutual thrust. We further hope that we can swallow our pride and accept the help of others as well as recognize and give help where and when needed. There are many capabilities and talents in the St. Peter community. As we elect new people to our council there must be a willingness to take on the hard tasks and provide effective leadership. All of St. Peter must “blow our own horn” and repeat telling of the GOOD NEWS that surrounds us. Tell anyone you see and that will listen of the good things that are going on at St. Peter. We must continue to stand by each other in difficult times and situations. Agree to disagree but continue to forge ahead toward our long term goals and not ‘sweat the small stuff’ (it is all small stuff).

Let us trust in the Lord knowing that we will not become weary and weak.

Fred

Fred Schmiesing, Council President

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.



As we embark on our Journey of Generosity, it is important to keep in mind the significance of growth; the negative effect that the lack of growth can have on any organization, including the body of Christ, is clear. Most of us who follow professional football, even those who do not, have just suffered through yet another season of angst. Only one team emerged in the glory of victory. Only one team that began the struggle survived to achieve first place, to take home the Lombardi trophy signifying the epitome of the game.

Recall, mid-summer of last year, all the teams in professional football were starting out with the same goal in mind. But as always, the team that sets out to grow and continues to grow through the season, emerged victorious. That same lesson is applicable to the body of Christ.

It is essential that our church set a goal of growth, from the beginning, then continues to grow until, in the end, we capture the trophy for God. To be stagnant and fail to grow in our journey risks a road of regret, maybe even of not finishing the race. We have too many partners who depend on our generous giving to risk falling short of our goal, to name only a few: Harvest Time Ministries; God's Table; Grace Place' E.C.H.O. world hunger farm; Salvation Army; Lifeline Family Center; Local Mission development; tithe to E.L.C.A.; Lutheran World Relief and Disaster Relief; Immokalee Friendship House; Gabriel House; Lutheran Services Florida; OASIS Teen Shelter; Nations Association; Ronald McDonald House; St. Vincent de Paul of Ft. Myers Beach, and many others.

Your Stewardship Committee

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." *Hebrews 13:16*

Here's What's News!

NEW BABY in the Family!

We are delighted to announce the arrival of **LIAM JOSEPH WINNE**, newborn son of St. Peter members



Heather and Patrick Winne, and grandson of St. Peter member **Bill Beaulieu**. Little Liam was born on Tuesday, February 2, 2011 and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. May God continue to richly bless this young family!

Let's GO! and Ladies' LUNCH BUNCH Combined Outing

Let's GO! Fun excursions for St. Peter members and friends, and the St. Peter Ladies' LUNCH BUNCH will combine their outings to attend the matinee performance of **Church Basement Ladies—A Second Helping** at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Tickets, priced at \$39 each, include delicious buffet luncheon and may still be available – contact Sally Rudolph at [REDACTED] for more information.

Church Basement Ladies – A Second Helping is the hilarious sequel to "Church Basement Ladies," a sell-out musical celebrating church basement kitchens everywhere and the women that work there.

CONGRATS!

Our hearty "Congratulations!" to St. Peter member and Webmaster **CHARLES HESTER** for being honored by the presentation of the prestigious *Butch Anderson Memorial Award for Outstanding Service* by the Professional Photographers of Southwest Florida (PPSF) in February 2011. The detailed article which was printed in *The Island Sand Paper* February 4 edition is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Way to go, Charles!

Council Meeting Highlights... FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Following are HIGHLIGHTS of actions taken at Council Meeting. Final Minutes will be read and approved at the next monthly Council meeting, then posted on the narthex bulletin board.

- President of Council will appoint a committee that will look into organizations for distribution of monies from the Enduring Gift Fund.
- There was extensive discussion regarding the Facility Use Agreement. To adequately cover all items listed on the agenda, council continued the discussion on this topic following the end of the meeting.
- Council approved to have Doug Eckmann bring to the Finance Committee the possibility of having staggered CDs that come due throughout the course of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Schoenberg
Council Secretary

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:

Warren & Nancy Hoenie

WINK Home of Distinction Tour



February 17th–March 6th
Thursdays–Saturdays 10am–5pm
& Sundays 1pm–5pm

WINK-TV presents the Home of Distinction by Welcome Home Builders. This luxury home will showcase the latest in "green" building products and design trends during the public tour which will raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. The home will be open for tour Feb. 17-March 6,

Thursdays - Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Ronald McDonald House will receive all proceeds from tour ticket sales. Free **PARKING will be at St. Peter Lutheran Church, with shuttle service to the home.**

About the Home– This home was designed for those seeking to enjoy the casually elegant Southwest Florida island life style. Mediterranean in influence, the home employs efficient use of space and an open floor plan. The great room reflects the family-oriented concept of this project. Care was taken throughout the home to incorporate natural light and a flowing, cohesive design so that the home feels considerably more spacious than it's actual design. Enjoying the tropical beach setting with family and friends, many happy memories will be enhanced by enjoying the beachside outdoor living area.

The Ronald McDonald House® of Southwest Florida is a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children undergoing medical treatment, helping loved ones remain together as a family in an environment of comfort, compassion, strength, and support. The Ronald McDonald House Care Mobile is a state-of-the-art mobile pediatric health facility that operates year-round throughout Collier County. The Care Mobile visits areas where low-income children live and go to school. In 2010, The Care Mobile added monthly autism screenings to a full schedule of growth and development, dental, vision and hearing screenings as well as dental treatment and restorative care to children who need it. RMHC of SW Florida offers grant opportunities to qualified organizations providing service to children in the five county region. In partnership with local McDonald's restaurants and RMHC Global, matching funds are used to help support qualified local children's charities. The Scholarship Program provides high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a scholarship and receive financial assistance to attend college.

\$10 Admission Fee with 100%
benefiting Ronald McDonald House
Charities of Southwest Florida



WINK Home of Distinction Tour – visit: www.HomeofDistinction.com.

Our PASTOR is INSTALLED!

On Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Peter Lutheran Church sanctuary, Rev. Lorrie Davison was installed as our new pastor. The service was memorable and historic— with 16 clergy from ELCA churches and our neighboring Beach churches of other denominations, processing in vestments and robes; a Florida Gulf Coast University student brass quartet, organ, piano, Robert Beane’s tenor solos, Pastor Walter Schuman’s violin and our St. Peter Choir



Rev. Dr. Rita Gardner Tweed, Assistant to the Bishop “installing” Pastor Lorrie



The pastors gather to encircle, lay hands on and pray for Pastor Lorrie.

(the giant seashell she gifted to St. Peter); **Cathy Figgins** presenting Pastor Lorrie at the pulpit; **Pat Modafari** presenting Pastor at the altar; Jim Markusen processing as the Crucifer; seeing former Interim Pastor Walter Schuman and Pastor Richard Spengler again; *(Continues next page)*

giving a stirring musical experience; Pastor Rita Gardner Tweed, Assistant to the Bishop, preaching and installing our Pastor Lorrie; **Helen Snell** presenting Pastor Lorrie at the Baptismal Font



HISTORY in the MAKING!



LEFT, Muriel Hale, Music Director, directs the choir and instrumentalists while Shirley Roe accompanies on the piano.

BELOW, the clergy who participated from Ft. Myers Beach churches and Caloosa Conference ELCA Lutheran churches

More Installation MEMORIES...

Singing full-voice with our pewmates, all 159 of us (!); Jason Kurtz serving as Lay Worship Assistant; our three Lectors – Ron Davison, Jana Clevenger and John Linebarger; And finally, all of us enjoying a really delicious and relaxing dinner together (and fun clean-up!) – what wondrous memories of St. Peter History!!



Many thanks to our member-photographer, **CHARLES HESTER** and to new member **SHERRY WALKER** for photos contributed!

Here's What's News TOO!

LENTEN Mid-Week Worship

Beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY, March 9th, and continuing every Wednesday throughout the Lenten season at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., St. Peter Lutheran Church will conduct mid-week Lenten Worship services. Prior to the 7:30 p.m. Lenten worship, join us for a free (free will offering) Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6:30 p.m.

Don't Forget!

DAYLIGHT Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13 so be sure to "Spring Forward" by setting your clocks AHEAD 1 hour on Saturday night!



St. Peter Music

Dear Congregation,

I've just come home from the Hymn Sing. I think people really enjoyed it. One couple said they "wouldn't miss it for the world." Robert Beane, our "wonderful tenor," led the singing of peoples' favorite hymns – so rich and beautiful. Thank you, Robert, we appreciate all you do for your church. Shirley and I were delighted. The enthusiasm was great.

Pastor Lorrie's installation was so beautiful with the ministers processional and Jim Markusen leading us as the Crucifer. Our Bishop's Assistant gave the sermon. Our new pastor was very happy. The trumpets played, "All Creatures of Our God and King," and the piano and organ joined. It was a beautiful day!

I think all our days at St. Peter are beautiful. Thank you for your loving support.

In His Ministry,
Muriel

Here's Help With TAX Preparation

We all have to "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," and as a service to the St. Peter parish, you can get help with your simple tax preparation here at St. Peter on Thursday, March 31st from 9:00 am – noon. Vic and Joan Berezcz, St. Peter members, serving as AARP Tax Aide volunteers will provide this one-day session of tax assistance, as well as being available to provide tax assistance to shut-ins at their home. PLEASE SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to participate in the March 31st session. See separate article this issue of *The Fisherman* for more details.

Can YOU Share Communion?

We need assistants to provide at-home communion for parishioners unable to attend worship services at church. If you are willing to minister in this capacity of service, please call Pastor Lorrie at church (463-4251); Pastor will provide all the appropriate training.

Can You Drive?

Parishioners are sometimes in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment, or to buy groceries or for other vital local trips. If you will volunteer an hour or so when needed to serve as a driver, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and Pastor Lorrie will contact you when a need arises.

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Can you help provide our Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers this Lenten Season? Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9th, St. Peter will provide Soup and Sandwich Suppers each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. Lenten worship service. There are 6 Wednesdays and Holy Week supper will be on Maundy Thursday, April 21st. If you can help, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers.

Usually two couples or singles share in the preparation each week; choose your specialty – **Soup** or **Sandwich**. New volunteers will be trained and assigned to experienced people. Lots of fun with good fellowship! For more information, contact Shirley Hyssong at [REDACTED]



AARP Tax-Aide Program

SIMPLE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Thursday • MARCH 31

9:00 am – Noon



We all have to “render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s,” and as a service to the St. Peter parish, you can get help with your simple tax preparation here at St. Peter on Thursday, March 31 from 9:00am noon.

Joan and Vic Berez of St. Peter are the coordinators this year of the Fort Myers Beach AARP Tax-Aide program. This program, which is sponsored by the *AARP Foundation* and the *IRS*, provides FREE federal income tax preparation for low and middle income individuals, with emphasis on seniors. All preparers are certified by the IRS, and clients’ returns are filed electronically.

The FMB site operates each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9AM until noon thru April 13 at the *Moose Lodge* on San Carlos Island for drop-in clients. Joan and Vic have offered to do in-home tax preparation for their fellow St. Peter members who are shut-in or have mobility problems. Contact Susan in the Church Office if you would like her to set up an appointment at your convenience.

Additionally, they have offered to host a one-day tax preparation session on March 31 here at St. Peter. This may be particularly helpful to members and friends of the congregation who hesitate to fight the traffic getting off-island. There is information and a sign-up clipboard in the narthex.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to participate in the March 31st session.



~ 2011 ~ *Lenten* *Midweek Worship Schedule*

ASH WEDNESDAY

• March 9 •

With Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Wednesday • *March 16*

Wednesday • *March 23*

Wednesday • *March 30*

* Wednesday • *April 6*

* Evening (7:30 PM) service will be:

"CHRIST in the PASSOVER" presentation and *Seder Dinner*

Wednesday • *April 13*

Maundy Thursday • April 21

With Holy Communion.

7:30 PM Service includes Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday *Community Worship* • April 22

*12:00 noon at St. Raphael's By the Sea ANGLICAN Church
(Beach Theater Building)*

Plan to Join Us for ...

Wednesday SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

Served at 6:30 p.m. (*Freewill offering*)

Prior to 7:30 PM Lenten Worship Service



Lenten WORSHIP
Services AT:
9:30 a.m.
&
7:30 p.m.

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St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

Anne Myrtle Circle

ALL ladies of the St. Peter congregation are invited to share in the fun and fellowship of a Bible study, business meeting and refreshments on **Wednesday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.** (following the Lenten worship service) in Lau Hall.

Martha (Evening) Circle

There will be NO meeting of the Martha Circle in the month of March.

Also Happening This Month

SUNDAY • MARCH 6

Blanket Sunday – Collection of your CASH donations (\$8/blanket) for Church World Services to purchase and distribute blankets to the critically needy worldwide.

(See separate article in this issue of The Fisherman for full details).

SUNDAY • MARCH 13

Nations Association – The 2nd 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.

SATURDAY • MARCH 19

Women of the Caloosa Conference SPRING GATHERING – at *Shepherd of the Glades* Lutheran Church, Naples. ALL women are welcome - you need not be a “WELCA” lady... just come and enjoy time and worship with fellow Lutheran women of the Caloosa Conference! Theme: “Sharing God’s Love With Your Neighbor,” based on 1 John 4:3-21. A day of Worship, Bible Study, Inspiration and Good Fellowship. Registration and lunch \$8.00. Call or email by March 13 to: Ginny McDonald at

or ginbillmac@aol.com.

Looking Ahead...

SUNDAY • APRIL 3 thru APRIL 17

Immokalee Friendship House – Collection of needed items and CASH to assist this ministry to area homeless. Be sure to include your receipt with the items you purchased so that WELCA can claim matching funds from Thrivent.

(See separate article in the April issue of The Fisherman for full details).

WEDNESDAY • APRIL 13

Anne Myrtle Circle and *Martha Circle* combined meeting, followed by a Luncheon at area restaurant. Call Jana for reservations at



St. Peter Crystal ORNAMENTS!

These beautiful Crystal Glass Ornaments are etched with the likeness of St. Peter Lutheran Church – hang them in a window as a keepsake of St. Peter, and at Christmas they can nestle in your tree.

PURCHASE NOW WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

See full color photo on our website:

www.stpeterfmb.com

Special Thanks

Thank you to all who supported the Health Kits (we assembled 104!) and SOAP collection (we collected 109 pounds!). Also, a big “Thank You!” to **Bill Figgins** and “**Curly**” **Sanford** for delivering the boxes to Messiah Lutheran Church for shipment to Lutheran World Relief. 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 at



Give the Gift of Warmth on...

Blanket Sunday

MARCH 6

Many people throughout the world have basic survival needs that CHURCH WORLD SERVICES strives to meet. One of these needs is to provide warmth and comfort to those who have no way to keep warm on cold winter nights.



**LAST YEAR we collected \$1,079...
enough to furnish 135 Blankets!**

The St. Peter Women of the ELCA (WELCA) supports this project by sending monetary donations so that CWS may purchase blankets most economically in bulk for world distribution.



Your donation of \$8.00 will supply a much-needed blanket.

Cash donations will be gratefully accepted NOW through March 6th.

Checks may be made payable to: St. Peter Lutheran Church
and memo *BLANKETS*.

Church World Services is a relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations. 2/28/11

Here's Even MORE News!

Thank You!

“Thank you” doesn’t say it nearly well enough... for the very blessed day that we all had together for the Installation Service and in my officially becoming your Pastor. The sheer joy of us all being together at the end of a very long call process for all of you, and of my sense of finally being on our joint path to new beginnings, seemed absolutely overwhelming for me at times. I have felt so truly blessed and guided by our Lord – to whom I give my thanks and praise. Near the end of the Installation Service, it seemed to me, and it felt as if we had all collectively taken a deep breath and exhaled together... as if saying, now we can be at peace, the call process is finally done.

I cannot begin to name all of you who helped along the way so that our worship on Sunday afternoon, February 13th, was such a special time for our congregation, of which I am now officially a part. There were so many aspects of the preparation that came together to make this day complete. To . . . all of you who helped prepare bulletins at any of the stages along the way, all of you who planned the meal and helped Frank (our “chef-apparent extraordinaire”) to see that it went so well and that it was so well received; all of you who knit prayer crosses for those attending to take home with them – making St. Peter a continuing part of their life; the Choir and brass quartet who enhanced the service so much, those who spruced up the sanctuary for the service, those who set up and cleaned up after the dinner, those who read and participated at some point in worship; to those who prepared the invitations to our rostered leaders; to our wonderful staff both paid and unpaid who planned and printed and practiced and prepared; to Susan, Muriel, and Shirley – **Thank You.**

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of tghе body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—... and we were all made to drink of one Spirit ... now we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13:27)

And... thanks be to God for all of you.

In Christ’s love

Pastor Lorrie
a sister in Christ

CHRIST in the Passover-Dinner

St. Peter will host a wonderfully rich Christian study and full Seder Dinner– that is, a traditional Passover Dinner, with a *Jews for Jesus* representative to explain the Messianic prophecies presented in the old Testament which were illustrated even in the rites of Passover, and fulfilled by Christ’s death and resurrection. You will not want to miss this enlightening study of God’s word, Jewish tradition, and a meal such as Christ had as his “last supper.”

The Seder Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm,** and will replace the usual midweek Lenten evening worship. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend. See separate article this issue of *The Fisherman* for further details.

E.C.H.O. Tour a Success!

On Saturday, January 22, a total of 25 St. Peter Members and Friends made a trip to E.C.H.O. Farm and Nursery in North Ft. Myers. E.C.H.O. (*Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization*) seeks to provide ways in which the poor of this world can help themselves to create a better life, by global networking of cutting-edge agricultural research, development of new seeds to provide the most nutritious crops for challenging growing conditions, and on-site interns who assist poor farmers globally to utilize new farming methods and materials. ECHO spends 82¢ of every dollar directly on programs helping the poor.

Our St. Peter tour of ECHO included a Walking Tour led by their volunteers who explaining the working and the purpose of ECHO, which was extremely interesting, and was very much enjoyed by everyone. The weather was perfect for walking– cloudy and cool. If you are interested in touring the ECHO farm, there are pamphlets on the table in the narthex hallway. ☺

CHRIST in the PASSOVER

... *Will be coming to you on*

Wednesday • APRIL 6 • 6:30 PM

More than 3,000 years ago, God commanded the Jewish people to celebrate the Passover. Jesus Himself celebrated this holiday every year. Today, millions of Jewish people around the world gather each spring for a Passover meal.

We want to invite you to experience this ancient feast through the “**Christ in the Passover**” presentation here at St. Peter Lutheran Church.



- † **Relive** the drama of the Last Supper
- † **Discover** the origin of Communion
- † **Experience** the rich heritage of our Christian faith

Our Passover experience will be presented by Robyn Wilk of *Jews for Jesus*. Wilk is director of the Jews for Jesus missionary training program in New York City.

Share in this ancient tradition...

Learn about the prophecies pointing to Jesus through this meal...

Bring a friend!

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We Get Mail

February 16, 2011

Dear St. Peter Brothers & Sisters,

You are indeed a blessing! It's one thing to "talk the talk" of assuring others in our church family that we truly care about them. It's quite another to be on the receiving end as I have been since my surgery in January.

Our shepherd, Pastor Lorrie, models a true ministry of healing for us all. Her gift of presence has meant so much!

Your cards, your phone calls and visits, your hugs, your gifts, your expressions of concern to Bob, and, most of all, your prayers for my recovery have carried me through. That recovery has been miraculous. God is so good! Thank you all for being His hands, His words, His touch. You have truly communicated the love of God. Thank you!

Your sibling in Christ,
Joyce Burr
Ft. Myers, FL

February 15, 2011

Dear Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church,

Congratulations to you and to Pastor Lorrie! The installation service was beautiful and spiritually uplifting!

It was a wonderful experience for me to return and see so many dear friends. I thank you for your warm and gracious welcome.

Thank you also for your generous hospitality. I hadn't realized that my pastor, with whom I rode, was intending to stay for the dinner. Thank you for permitting me to join you without a reservation! The dinner was delicious and brought back many memories of my time at St. Peter. Thank you again,

Blessings,
Karen Coleman
Ft. Myers, FL



We Get E-Mail

January 28, 2011

Good Morning!

I just want to thank everyone at St. Peter Lutheran Church for hosting the Chamber Singers concert on Tuesday! Everyone was so welcoming and so helpful. We were truly honored to have shared our music with you all!

I am so happy that Robert Beane organized this concert for us. I hope that we will have the opportunity to sing for you again! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Jill Janda-Kanner, President
Ft. Myers Symphonic MasterSingers -
Chamber Singers

Ft. Myers, FL

February 10, 2011

Dear Faithful Coupon Clippers:

Thank you for your continued contribution of clipped coupons for our military personnel family members who are stationed all over the world as well as the United States.

We just recently received another note from Mark Ruess: Just wanted to say thanks again for the coupons. My family and I are moving from Korea to England. Please if I may stay in contact with you, my family loves the coupons. Maybe I can help set up a program for our base to receive coupons. Thank you for sending them. God Bless, Mark Ruess

Please keep them coming! We will not stop until the last soldier is home.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Gaide
Military Support Coordinator
c/o Lee Memorial Health System
Ft. Myers, FL

Go Fishing

with St. Peter!



2/28/11

TUESDAYS

MARCH 8th and MARCH 22nd



EVERYONE is invited to go Deep-Sea FISHING on Tuesdays, March 8th and March 22nd 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).

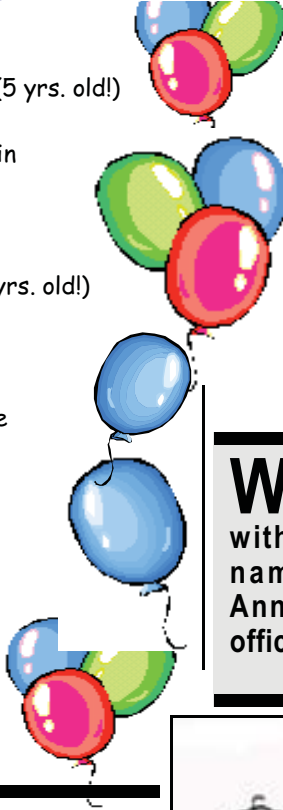
Join the fun!

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

BIRTHDAYS!

March 1 Janet Sinclair
March 5 Muriel Hale
March 5 Heather Kirsch (5 yrs. old!)
March 5 Cherie Kullberg
March 6 Brian Chamberlain
March 6 Nita Saviste
March 8 Earle Bruce
March 8 Arlene Moore
March 9 Carter Kurtz (4 yrs. old!)
March 12 Tom Masternak
March 12 Judy Thompson
March 13 Pete Patchin
March 14 HanneLore Beuke
March 14 Barb Deming
March 15 Lorraine Young
March 18 Clyde Ballsrud
March 21 Joy Booth
March 21 Phyllis Jensen
March 27 Harold Pekol
March 28 Betty Dahms
March 28 Frank Modafari
March 29 Gail Drohan
March 30 Dee Garbade

HOORAY!



ANNIVERSARIES!

March 6 - Ralph & Libby Smith
March 9 - Bruce & Cherie Kullberg (43)
March 17 - Richard & Karen Vaughn (39)
March 20 - Jack & Lois Butcher (54)*
*Sweet Love! Congratulations!
March 20 - Tom & Carol Masternak (6)

We 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.

Traffic Pointers

If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be silly enough to try to pass them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous, and when he grows up, he'll never be able to edge his car onto the freeway.

PRAYER is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.





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!

Questions about any of these projects?
Please call Pat Modafari or the Church Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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.

2011 CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT	Bruce Allen	
VICE PRESIDENT	Jason Kurtz	
SECRETARY	Kristi Schoenberg	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Barb Deming	
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Cathy Figgins		
Charles Hester		
Barbara Hill		
Joy Krueger		
John Linebarger		
Fred Schmiesing		



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: (Thru Easter April 24) **8:15 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:15 AM**
SATURDAY Evening WORSHIP: (Thru April 23) **Saturdays • 5:30 PM**
HOLY COMMUNION..... 1st & 3rd Weekends of the Month - All services
Lenten WORSHIP (Beginning March 9) Wednesdays • 9:30 AM & 7:30 PM
Lenten SOUP & SANDWICH Supper (Beginning March 9)..... Wednesdays • 6:30 PM
Church Workday (All Hands are Welcome!) Mondays • 8:00 AM
Church COUNCIL 2nd Thursday • MARCH 10 • 7 PM
CHOIR Rehearsal Wednesdays • 6:30 PM (5:00 pm during Lent)
FISHING with St. Peter (Call Bob to Reserve [redacted] 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
WELCA – Anne Myrtle Circle 2nd Wednesday • MARCH 9 • 10:00 AM
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH Last Wednesday • March 30 • 11:30 AM
**Call JANA at [redacted] for reservations & information.*
Tax Assistance call Vic Berecz [redacted] for reservation & info..... March 31 • 9:00 AM

The Law of the **GARBAGE TRUCK**

One day, I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. He was really friendly.

So, I asked him, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.



Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

“Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive** as the Lord forgave you.”

Colossians 3:13

