

The Fisherman

St. Peter Lutheran Church

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Prayerfully Prepared Just For YOU!

FEBRUARY • 2011

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*

It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4



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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

STAFF

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

Thoughts from Pastor

With God, Opportunity Knocks Again and... Again!

“Our God is an awesome God” says the chorus of one of our more contemporary worship songs. This may also be just one of the biggest understatements of all time, since there are really no words to describe everything that God is and everything that God does – unless it might be that God is our very LIFE. For, our God is certainly a Creator, Redeemer, and One who never gives up on making us increasingly more holy in our relationship with him.

God keeps forgiving our sins and forgetting them, and in this process we grow to become more and more like Jesus. With God, opportunity for us knocks again and again. God gives us numerous chances to learn and grow and follow him... in his amazing grace. When we come up short, what we may see as dead ends, God can see as opportunity. When we are open to His will, God can turn challenges into opportunities again and again. For, God is a God of second or third or more chances when we open our hearts and turn our lives over to Him.

With each opportunity that comes for us from God to get to know him more deeply, we have another chance to grow in our faith and trust as we learn to let God lead our lives and look more and more to him. The more we let God lead our lives, the more doors of opportunity there are that God will open for us, because the more aware of them we become.

One opportunity that comes to us as we grow in our faith is a life of stewardship. God has given us dominion over all living things, to care for them and to manage things on their behalf. This includes being there for one another, and most especially being available to God. We have come to understand stewardship in only one category – that of financial. But stewardship is a title that addresses every part of our lives. One of my favorite definitions for stewardship that I have learned over the years is that stewardship is “the re-enactment of Christ’s life in Christ’s people.” This speaks to us to share Christ with one another... one person to another... again and again.

During this month we will again begin our time of rededicating ourselves to God through all of our giving to God’s work at St. Peter – by the giving of our time, our talents and spiritual gifts that God has planted within us, and by reconsidering our financial gifts we will return to God. For make no mistake – everything we have been able to accumulate in our lives and the relationships we have been blessed to enjoy have been gifts from God because of who God has empowered us to be. Please consider every blessing you have received from God as you consider your level of thankfulness in serving God and in giving back to Him.



*In Christ's love,
Pastor Lorrie*



A Word from Our President –

“For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.”

Matthew 18:20

Each year in February St. Peter has an annual meeting at which we summarize the past year and plan for the future by electing new

members to the Church Council. The nominating committee has a slate of people that are willing to serve St. Peter as Council members if elected. There will be a congregational vote on February 20.

I thought now would be an appropriate time to reflect on this past year (my first year on the Council). I was elected president at the organizational meeting and have learned a lot about this position. I have seen great support and hard work by a lot of people especially the members of the Council.

You can read the full St. Peter Mission Statement in several places. I will summarize the Statement and give my opinions as to how we are measuring up against our own ‘yardstick.’ I have taken key words out of the Mission Statement to make this article more brief.

ST. PETER’S MISSION:

Education programs—We educate in several ways, mostly through formal services on Sunday, Saturday and other special days. There have been efforts to have Bible study and other activities but this area needs improvement. I give this area a “C”.

Evangelism – reaching out to others. We do a pretty good job of this by welcoming people and talking to new people and trying to get them involved. Our atmosphere in this regard is pretty good but can always use improvement. I give this area a “B-”.

Property facilities accessible – grow in the Gospel through fellowship. We are in the

process of redoing our facility use agreements and a lot has been done. While more work needs to be done, we do a pretty good job of this area of the Mission Statement. I give this area a “B”.

Meet needs through material things and emotional support – We do an excellent job here. Pastors and others do a great job of talking to, calling and visiting to give emotional support. This is one of our strongest points. I give this area an “A”.

Stewardship – includes time, talent, and treasure. This is another area where we shine. The Monday Crew, the Holy Folders and the work of many who have special talents: financial – keeping trees trimmed – taking care of the kitchen; is way over the top at St. Peter. Our financial sheets are doing great. I give this area an “A+”.

Worship – to learn and grow in knowledge of the Gospel. Wow! What a year. We have been blessed with a great interim pastor in Pastor Schuman. We had great and timely help from Pastor Willauer and Pastor Spengler and now we have extraordinary leadership from Pastor Davison. The whole worship experience is fantastic starting with Muriel and Shirley giving us a “concert” plus recruiting others to play the violin, flute or sing. I give this area an “A+”.

Well, that is where we are from one person’s perspective. The challenge will be to keep doing what we are doing that is good while looking for improvement in all areas.

Matthew 18: 20 – For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.

Let’s get to work – God’s work, but our hands. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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.



An ancient story tells of a Triumphal Feast scheduled in a certain village. To assure adequate refreshments, each villager agreed to pour one bottle of his best wine into a giant cask.

But one villager reasoned to himself, “If I fill my bottle with water, the dilution will be so slight, who will ever notice it?”

When the feast commenced and the great cask was tapped, the townspeople were shocked that there was nothing but water that poured forth! Everybody in the village had figured alike, reasoning, “The bit in my bottle will never be missed!”

At St. Peter, too, the sacrifice of everyone able counts. Because the need is great, your gift will be missed as we struggle to carry on our church programs with the budget demands upon us.

We ask that each one of us who consider St. Peter to be our church, to put good wine in his bottle, represented by their good gifts to the church.

God bless you all,
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*



St. Peter Music

Dear Congregation,

After a heartwarming Christmas season, looking back, our church looked so beautiful, and our new minister, Pastor Lorrie, led us through the four Christmas services with inspiration and love. Our flutist Courtney Eckmann played Christmas Eve and sang with the choir, a real treat. Pastor Willauer and wife, Gloria, and whole family joined our choir on Christmas Eve. The choir was very happy to see them.

Every Christmas Eve, about nine o'clock I look at the double doors to the hallway and many times, there stands Robert Beane, having just dashed up from Naples to sing "O Holy Night" for us. Our dear friend Robert, has helped very much this season and through him we will have:

The Ft. Myers Symphonic Chamber Singers. They will be here January 25 at 7:00 p.m. They are WONDERFUL! Try not to miss this concert! There will be a good-will offering and refreshments after.

The second very special music event we will have at 7:00 p.m. February 15th. A HYMN SING led by Robert Beane. Come join us for a great evening of singing. There is a basket with slips of paper in the hallway. Please fill them out with your favorite hymns - maybe why you like it, or what it means to you. If you have questions, call me, Muriel at 466-3316. DO COME!! We had such a wonderful crowd last time! There will be a good-will offering. Please bring a friend or two!

It will be great to have all our choir here for the next few months. Come join us if you like to sing!

I'm sorry we were unable to perform "Amahl and the Night Visitors." We couldn't fill the parts - so rather than not have it really great - we will take more time and do it next January. I think you'll love it all the more!

This is a very long letter. Guess I'd better do a little practicing - Sunday morning comes very soon after 9:00 p.m. Saturday night.

Thank you for all your singing and love you spread in this church.

In His Ministry,
Muriel

QUILTING BEES NEEDED!

We are in need of Ladies who are interested in Sewing and or Cutting material into squares. If you are interested, please come to church on Monday Workday at

8:00 a.m. and we will explain how it all comes about, or call Pat Modafari at [REDACTED] or Joan Huyett at [REDACTED]



Love Conquers All

The love for equals is a human thing — of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing — the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing — to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy — love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

— Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat

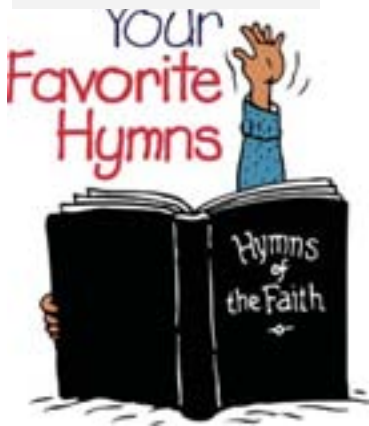
Join the

St. Peter **HYMN SING!**

Tuesday • FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Sing Out

7:00 PM



We know you ALL have a favorite Hymn, and you've been just aching to sing it along with the St. Peter family –

Well, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

St. Peter will host an old-fashioned HYMN SING on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Beane, our own renowned Tenor soloist, will serve as "Master of Ceremonies," directing the audience through a wide range of favorite hymns and special instrumental and solo Christian music.

Admission is FREE, a free-will offering will be taken, and refreshments will be served following the Hymn Sing.

Bring your Friends – Bring your Neighbors!

Fun for ALL!

Here's What's News!



LOSSES in the FOLD

Our heartfelt love and sympathy go out to **Ben Polk** for the sudden passing of wife **Mildred Ida (MILLIE) POLK (75)** on December 29, 2010. A memorial service was held here at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Monday, January 3, 2010 with Pastor Lorrie Davison and Pr. Robert Willauer officiating. Please keep Ben and the Polk family close to your heart in your prayers.



We were saddened to learn that former long-time St. Peter member, **SIGRID T. STANLEY**, passed on to Life Eternal in Denver, CO last month. Services were held on January 11, 2011 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Colorado. Our heartfelt sympathy and love go out to this sweet woman's family during their time of sorrow.



Annual MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the St. Peter Congregation will be held in Lau Hall following the 11:15 AM worship service on **Sunday, February 20th**. Prior to the meeting, enjoy food and fellowship at **DINNER** (meat and beverages provided – you may bring a dish to share). A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those planning to attend the Dinner. Copies of the **Annual Report to the Congregation 2010** will be available one week prior to the Meeting.

Council Meeting Highlights... January 13, 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.

- Council approved the following names that were provided by the Nominating Committee for election to Council in 2011:

To fill a three-year term, to expire in 2014:

Jana Clevenger
Roy Dagnall
Charles Hester
Jason Kurtz

To fill a two-year term, to expire in 2013:

John Linebarger

To fill a one-year term, to expire in 2012:

Barbara Hill

- Pastor Lorrie informed council that the Beach Ministerial Association will hold a Unity Service on January 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension. Pastor Lorrie will be preaching at this service.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Schoenberg
Council Secretary

"Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps unless you're willing to move your feet."



St. Peter Members, Associate Members & Friends –



You are cordially Invited
to attend the Installation of

Pastor Lorrie J. Davison

as Newly Called Pastor of
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Myers Beach, FL

On Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Clergy are invited to Robe and Process.
The color of the day is Green.

(Reception to follow)

Please R.S.V.P. by signing the sheet provided in the church narthex
if you plan to attend.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his
harvest field." Luke 10:2*



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 led by Shirley Hyssong, followed by a business meeting and refreshments on **Wednesday, FEB. 9th at 9:30 a.m.** in Lau Hall.

Martha (Evening) Circle

All ladies are invited to join the fellowship and fun of Martha Circle meetings. Thursday, February 17th will be a "going out to dinner" meeting. Call Gloria Willauer for details at [REDACTED]. The March 17th meeting will be held at the Willauer home at 7:00 p.m.

Also Happening This Month

MONDAY • FEBRUARY 7

Come to Monday Morning Work Day beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Lau Hall to help organize and pack all donated SOAPS for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. **Worker Perk** – A delicious brunch will be served to all workers!

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 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.

Looking Ahead...

FRIDAY • MARCH 4

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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).

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

SATURDAY • MARCH 19

WELCA Spring Gathering – at *Shepherd of the Glades* Lutheran Church, Naples.

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 at [REDACTED]

This 'N That ...



Calling All LADIES!

Join the **Lunch Bunch!** St. Peter ladies gather for lunch at a different restaurant on the last Wednesday of each month, to enjoy fellowship together.

This month the Lunch Bunch will tour **Grace Place**, a faith-based, non-profit neighborhood center providing after-school and summer, early childhood, literacy and youth development programs for at-risk children and impoverished families in Golden Gate city (Naples). Lunch will follow the tour. For more information and reservations, call Jana Clevenger at 317-753-1510.

Your old, used cell phones may be turned into “minutes” for our deployed troops to use to call their loved ones back home.!



There is a basket in the narthex for your phone donations. No chargers or accessories are needed.



Join Us ANY MONDAY!

**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Each Monday morning at 8:00 a.m., volunteers gather at St. Peter Lutheran to tend to house-cleaning and maintenance chores,

as well as sewing for special ministry projects, cooking for the work crew, yard work such as mowing, trimming, pruning, and fertilizing our beautiful grounds, and helping office staff with bulletins, inserts and newsletter. Come on down and join us ANY MONDAY – wander around and find a job that appeals to your talents and interests. You'll make new friends and learn a lot about the ministry here at St. Peter!



Join the Family

at St. Peter Lutheran!



"Come with us, and we will do you good."

Numbers 10:29

Several people have expressed a desire to unite with St. Peter Lutheran Church as either **Full Members** or **Associate Members**. The next NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be received on:

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Full Members have voice and vote at all congregational meetings, and may serve on the church council. Associate Members have voice but no vote, and may serve on committees.

If you wish to unite with the church, please complete the form below and give it to an Usher, or return it to the Church Office.

We are delighted to anticipate your membership here!

Type of Membership Desired: **Full Membership**
 Associate Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Best Time to Call: morning afternoon evening

I have not spoken to you about joining, but I would like to discuss it – please call me.

2/8/11

Here's What's News TOO!

LIFE LINE SCREENING

at *Beach United Methodist Church*

On Monday, February 21st, Lifeline Screening will offer five safe, painless, non-invasive preventative health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Screenings will be at Beach United Methodist Church, February 21.

Must pre-register: Call 1-800-324-1851 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

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:

Richard & Loretta Zeigler

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Fran Gernandt

Wedding Congratulations!



Our very best wishes and hearty congratulations to St. Peter Members **TOM FRANA** and **JOYCE MORTON** who were united in Holy Matrimony on Tuesday, January 11,

2011 in a beautiful and memorable beach ceremony performed by Pastor Lorrie Davison. God bless you both!

Be a part of St. Peter Ministry!

Sunday, February 20th is “**Commitment Sunday.**” During the service you will be asked to bring your completed Commitment Card to the altar, indicating your planned financial gift to St. Peter Lutheran Church in 2011. If you did not receive the letter and Commitment Card in the mail, **please ask an Usher for one**, or take one from the supply in the narthex. The information you share on your Commitment Card is between you and God – it will be returned to you, unopened, in October with your 3rd quarter financial statement. Thank you for joining together in commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Lent Soup & Sandwich Suppers

On Ash Wednesday, March 9th the Lenten Season begins, and with it the opportunity to help 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer) 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]



**Listen to your heart
For within there is an “ear”
Attuned to God’s voice.**

—Peggy Ferrell

NEWS From our Brothers & Sisters in Haiti

For the people of Haiti, the anniversary has come of a day that began like any other, but ended in devastation. On January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake, the worst in more than 200 years, struck the small island nation, claiming approximately 230,000 lives, leaving more than one million people displaced and countless homes destroyed.

Since then, the people of Haiti have faced one struggle after another in their pursuit of a better future. Thanks to generous supporters, **Lutheran World Relief** has been there through it all — the earthquake and its aftermath, the subsequent cholera outbreak and Hurricane Tomas — walking with the people of Haiti as they begin to pave the way forward.

Your gifts to the Clear Piggy Bank located in the church narthex are directed to Lutheran World Relief, specifically for Haiti. Checks may be made payable to: St. Peter Lutheran Church, and memo "Haiti".

January 4, 2011

Dear Friends and Family,

Eglise Lutherienne D'Haiti (ELH) hopes you had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We do see hope in the new year in spite of all that is going on here. Regardless of all the heartaches we are going through, God has been so good to us. Your prayers and donations have made a great difference in the life of the church. The Holy Spirit is very much present in the different steps we are taking and the church is growing.

The church in Carrefour, for instance, is doing very well in terms of membership. The entire neighborhood is joining the church every Sunday. Redemption Lutheran in Carrefour has an active youth group who is helping us to organize the community. To further help the church, the women's group is working on organizing themselves and will be eligible to begin a microcredit project as week as other projects yet to be determined.

Thanks be to God we now have a shelter for worship services in Carrefour. To continue with this growth we will all need your full assistance to respond to our "vocatio" which calls us to make a difference anywhere we are as we reflect the divine essence within us. With the help that is being provided through our brothers and sisters from the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA we are responding as much as we can to the daily trials we are facing.

Sadly Cholera is still a problem that requires assistance here. It has infected close to 100,000 people and caused about 2,000 deaths since the breakout less than four months ago. Cholera is not a problem of a particular area but is affecting the country as a whole. Many people have silently died on a daily basis. Mass graves have been dug everywhere in some places to bury the victims of this horrible disease. It has become out of control. People are afraid to get close to other people in order not to get infected with the disease. In some areas people don't even go to church or the market in order to avoid contact with people who might already be infected. There is a stigma that is attached to the disease within every society and as a result some of those who catch it are afraid to go to the hospital because they don't want people to know they have it. This finally contributes to the death of the individual. To help with these misconceptions, we have a rubric by the name "Knowledge 101" to teach people about the disease and prevention control.

On the other hand, in the countryside, people accuse Voodoo priests of being the ones to cast the disease on individuals. We have many instances where people have been killed because they have been accused of casting the cholera spell on others. Our focus as pastors is to find ways to help with the psychosocial and all the existential questions that have been raised by our members. ELH is working on a campaign to educate people and at the same time evangelize them.

Please remember that we cannot pursue anything successfully without your prayers and full support.

Rev. Joseph Livenson Lauvanus
Eglise Lutherienne D'Haiti (Lutheran Church Haiti)

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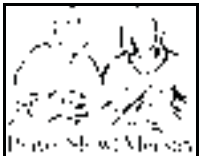
Get Mail

Dear St Peter's Church,

I thank you for the medallion for me and my sister. I thank you for the blankets me and my sister take it to bed. I thank you for the night light on Christmas I used it. Thank u for the stuffed animals. My mom bought sleds and I am going to put my sleds on it.



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and some
to; the club.



December 23, 2010
To the St. Peter Church Family,

I received your prayer shawl and kind words today. I will take it to Jim on Christmas Eve. Somehow that seems wonderful to me. At this very difficult time to remember God's love and to trust in Him.

Thank you for your prayers and special thoughts. Thank you for being there for Frank.

Each day we are slowly making progress. And with God's help Jim will make it back stronger in spirit, if not in body.

Sincerely Thank you,
Carrie & Jim Modafari
Cincinnati, OH

ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you; Be honest anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous of you; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

—"THE PARADOXICAL
COMMANDMENTS,"
KENT M. KEITH

Go Fishing

with St. Peter!



2/8/11

TUESDAYS

February 8th and February 22nd



EVERYONE is invited to go Deep-Sea FISHING on Tuesdays, February 8th and February 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** *immediately* to reserve your spot or for more information!

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.

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.



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.



MILITARY BIBLES

Encourage Our Troops!

2/8/11

Thousands of men and women in uniform are in the midst of war in the Middle East, facing life and death combat situations and the threat of capture. We have a wonderful opportunity to help the Military Ministry of Campus Crusade to provide our U.S. troops with vital spiritual resources in the form of **Rapid Deployment Kits**.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT KITS

Packaged in a waterproof bag, each kit is small enough to fit in a soldier's pocket and includes

- A small, camouflaged New Testament,
- A 90-day "Our Daily Bread" devotional
- A "Would You Like to Know God Personally" booklet,
- A subject-appropriate list of crucial Bible verses called "Guidance from God's Word" and more!

Cost is only \$3.25 each!

RDKs are given FREE to Chaplains and Active Duty Military.



Your gifts help reach troops around the world, from military bases to the airports they fly through on deployment, to the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every month, they receive requests for more than 20,000 Rapid Deployment Kits.

These materials have already had a tremendous impact on many soldiers. *"I have been an active chaplain for 14 years and I know from the bottom of my heart [that] your Rapid Deployment Kit is the best religious resource out there."*

God is using the **Rapid Deployment Kits** in a powerful way to touch thousands of lives with the good news of Jesus Christ.

**YOUR GIFTS
CAN CHANGE LIVES!**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

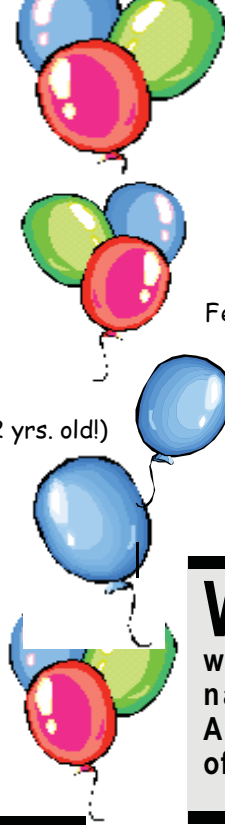
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indicate "**MILITARY BIBLES**" on memo line.

BIRTHDAYS!

February 1 Sue Horning
February 4 Andy Nyboer
February 5 Sally Rudolph
February 6 Carolyn Burrus
February 6 Mary Lou Wright
February 7 Monna Weiler
February 8 Bruce Allen
February 9 Janice Webb
February 13 Charlie Rudolph
February 13 Charlotte Simonis
February 14 Stan Miller
February 14 Evelyn Schroeder
February 14 Richard Vaughn
February 18 Abygail Vorndran (2 yrs. old!)
February 20 Jackie Hunter
February 21 Jana Clevenger
February 21 Jim Killelea
February 21 Phil Magley
February 23 Basil Morrison
February 23 Joyce Morton
February 24 Nancy Hoenie
February 24 Helen Snell
February 26 Lydia Frantz (22)
February 26 Tony Frantz (20)

HOORAY!



ANNIVERSARIES!

February 6 - Harold & Carlene Pekol

February 9 - Max & Mary Lou Wright (65)*
*WOW! Your Love inspires us all!

February 14 - Tom & Jeanene Coziahr (52)*
* You two glow! Congratulations!

February 14 - Paul & Beth Johnson (34)

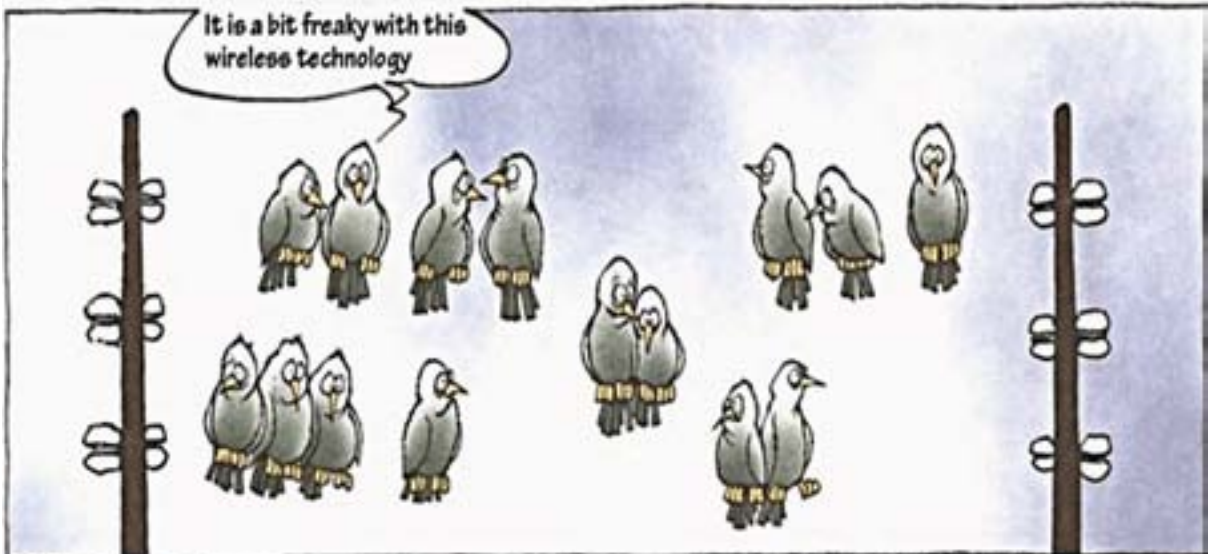
February 15 - William & Marcene Arendt (46)

February 16 - Larry & Linda Beck (47)

February 17 - Vic & Joan Berecz (47)

February 19 - Bill & Monna Weiler (54)*
*Sweet Love! Congratulations!

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.



Let's Go!



2/8/11

2010-2011 Season

Join the St. Peter Lutheran Church family and friends for fun excursions and events this Season! Make your reservations early (on enclosed form) and include your check for the best tickets. **NOTE: If orders TOTAL less than 20, will be \$2.00/ticket additional charge.** **CALL** Sally Rudolph at (239) 466-1832 for more info!



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Events!

☆ A SECOND HELPING

Wednesday – MARCH 30, 2011

MATINEE – Buffet 11:45 AM; Show 1:15 PM

Tickets: \$39.00 each

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by February 27, 2011** ☆

This is the hilarious sequel to “Church Basement Ladies” a sell-out musical celebrating church basement kitchens everywhere and the women that work there! **AND...**

Ladies’ LUNCH BUNCH! St. Peter ladies get together for lunch on the **LAST** Wednesday of each month, at a different restaurant. For March 2011, we will enjoy this show! Reserve with Sally Rudolph *Let’s Go!*



Let's Go! ORDER FORM

Please Include Payment With Order. **Separate** Check for **each event.** Checks Payable to: St. Peter Lutheran Church, memo line: “**LET’S GO.**”



MY NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ Check(s) Enclosed Amount: \$ _____

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2010 CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT Fred Schmiesing
VICE PRESIDENT – Interim Jason Kurtz
SECRETARY..... Kristi Schoenberg
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... Barb Deming
TREASURER – Interim Doug Eckmann



Bruce Allen
 Bill Beaulieu
 Joy Booth
 Jana Clevenger
 Cathy Figgins
 Barbara Hill
 Joy Krueger
 Lee Luenser

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 WORSHIP: (Thru Easter SAT. April 23) **5:30 PM**
HOLY COMMUNION..... 1st & 3rd Weekends of the Month - All services
Church Workday (All Hands are Welcome!) Mondays • 8:00 AM
Church COUNCIL 2nd Thursday • FEB. 10 • 7 PM
CHOIR Rehearsal Wednesdays • 6:30 PM
FISHING with St. Peter (Call Bob to Reserve [redacted] 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
WELCA – Anne Myrtle Circle 2nd Wednesday • FEB. 9 • 9:30 AM
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH Last Wednesday • FEB. 23rd

*Call JANA at [redacted] for reservations & information.

Two Traveling Angels

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 stored 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 farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead."

Things aren't always what they seem.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

– Romans 8:28