

The Fisherman

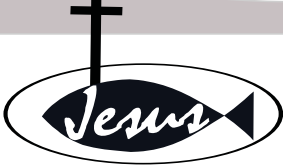
St. Peter Lutheran Church

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Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

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Prayerfully Prepared Just For YOU!

NOVEMBER • 2011

The land yields its harvest;

***God,
our God,
blesses us.***



Psalm 67:6



WELCOME!

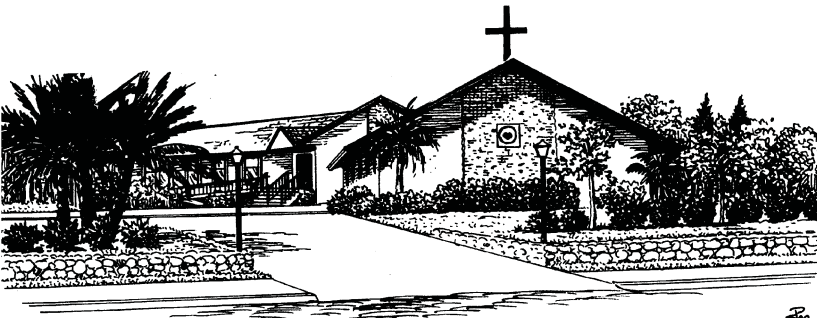
The Fisherman Newsletter comes to you on a timely, regular basis with information, spiritual helps, and interesting news items about YOU and your church. If you have something notable to share, you need only **submit it by the 10th of each month** for consideration. If you have not received *The Fisherman* 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.

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H. G. Fisher, Director of Music/Organist
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Thoughts from Pastor

JESUS REIGNS!

When November comes, it seems as if all the family traditions come pouring forth as we begin thinking about

Thanksgiving and Christmas, which is not too far away. Also with November we begin to think about those clear crisp nights (for those of us from up North). For those native to Florida and our Southern states, we look forward to the days when the temperatures might be a little lower and the humidity isn't as great.

We think much less about hurricane reports and begin to listen for the snowfall and the blizzards where friends and family live, and we think about the falling leaves and the bareness of the trees in more northern climes.

The first Sunday in November we will remember our loved ones who have gone before us into a continued presence of Christ as a part of that great cloud of witnesses in the Church Triumphant. We will lift up their names as we worship and give thanks for all they have been to us. For, through our Baptism, we are all children of God and all remain in God's care.

As we look to Thanksgiving in front of us, we focus on counting our blessings and on giving thanks to our Almighty Giver, God the Father – Son – and Holy Spirit ... our Great God.

As we think about everything that God has given us – for everything we have and everything we are able to become comes from God – we continue to focus on returning to God what God has first given to us.

Our final Sunday of this Church year will bring us to the celebration of our Lord and Savior as “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” on Christ the King Sunday. This past year has been the year when most of our Gospel readings have come from the Gospel according to Matthew.

In our Gospel message for this day, Christ Jesus compares himself to a king who is there with his people. And here he reminds us that “if you have done it for one of the least of these who belong to my family, you have done it unto me.”

Our last Sunday in November begins our new church year and is the First Sunday in Advent. We hear the tone of “Come, Lord Jesus.” This is both in remembrance of his time of birth in this life, and in hope of his future return for which we all wait.

May your belief in Christ Jesus and in his holy name, bless you now and forever; keeping you in the peace that only he can give.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Lorrie

**“CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN.
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.”** (LBW, p.70)



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.

A Capital Idea...

The members and friends of St. Peter should be commended for their generosity in time, talent and treasures, which they give to the church, community and most of all, to our Lord.

As had been stated in the past, our buildings and equipment are aging and we being "good stewards", must make necessary replacements or repairs as needed. These expenses are not easy to budget as are our utility bills, supplies and other regularly recurring expenses. In the past month we have had a water heater fail, an air conditioning unit replaced, and are now dealing with a roof leak in the sanctuary.

We have established a **Capital Reserve Fund**, which is supported by your gifts outside of the operating budget. It would be prudent for us to consider gifting this fund so that we are able to address these problems as they occur and not be in a "crisis mode," hoping the funds will be provided to address a problem.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the "Capital Reserve" and help us ensure that we will be able to maintain our church as an attractive and functional place for worship and fellowship. Thank you.

Your Stewardship Committee

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:6-8

Here's What's News!

Church Council

Meeting Highlights•October 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 disbursement of \$1,000 from the Enduring Gift Fund to Gabriel's House, a non-profit facility that houses children that are displaced, disadvantaged or who have medical need. Thrivent will provide matching funds for this endeavor.

The hymnals in the pews will continue to be used up through Christmas. From January through Easter the service (including hymns) will be printed in the bulletin. It was felt it will be easier for visitors to follow the service if the entire service is printed in the bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Schoenberg
Council Secretary

Community Thanksgiving Worship

Join the Beach community in an ecumenical service of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 20** at 7:30 PM at *Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church*, 2500 Estero Blvd., Ft. Myers Beach. All Beach churches participate!



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:

Nancy A. Kerr



Roger & Phyllis Reynolds

NOTICE!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *and* 43rd Anniversary DINNER! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

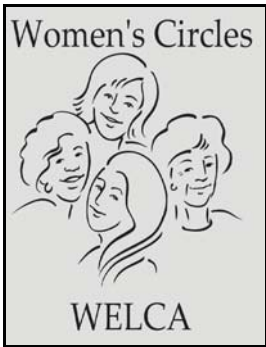


St. Peter will celebrate 43 Years of Ministry at our Annual Anniversary Dinner in Lau Hall following 10:30 a.m. worship on December 4. (Look for a sign-up sheet closer to time). After dinner, there will be a Congregational Meeting and the Proposed Budget for 2012, as approved by church council, will be submitted to the voting body for acceptance. Copies of the 2012 Proposed Budget will be available at church one week prior to the Congregational Meeting.



Ladies - Join the LUNCH BUNCH!

All St. Peter ladies are invited to get together for lunch and fellowship, usually on the last Wednesday of each month, at an area restaurant – a great way to make new friends and renew old friendships! Our next outing will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 11:30 a.m. For reservations and info., call Jana Clevenger.



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 meeting on **Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m.** in Lau Hall with a Bible study followed by a business

meeting and refreshments.

Happening This Month

NOVEMBER is PEANUT BUTTER MONTH!
Through Sunday, November 27th, St. Peter ladies will collect your donations of cash gifts and small jars of Peanut Butter to assist migrant farmworker families through *Harvest Time Ministries*, Bonita Springs, FL. See separate article this issue of *The Fisherman* for full details.

FRIDAY - NOV. 11 thru SUNDAY - NOV. 13
Joy Booth and *Rhona Diamond* will go to Lake Yale at Leesburg, FL to represent St. Peter Women of the ELCA at the annual ***WELCA Fall Gathering*** of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization.

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 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.

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 27
Last day to receive your donations of Cash and Small Jars of PEANUT BUTTER for *Harvest Time Ministries*, Bonita Springs, FL. For details please see separate article in this issue of *The Fisherman*.

Looking Ahead...

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 4

Collection for AIDS Family assistance through “Take a Child to Lunch.” *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* Care in Community program will assist with this project. Please see separate article in this issue of *The Fisherman* for full details on how you can help children of AIDS families during the holidays.

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 14

WELCA Anne Myrtle Circle and Christmas Luncheon! ALL Ladies of the congregation and their significant others are invited to enjoy this special time of fun and fellowship. More details will come later.

MONDAYS – DECEMBER 5th & 12th

YOU can be a St. Peter “Elf” when you join in to help stuff Christmas stockings with all your generous donations of gifts and surprises, for needy children! Also enjoy a delicious brunch with the Elves! The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. in Lau Hall. For full details, please see separate article this issue of *The Fisherman*.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 11

Everyone may provide living *Poinsettia Plants* to celebrate the birth of Christ and to decorate our St. Peter Christmas altar. See separate article in this issue of *The Fisherman* for order details.

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.

NOVEMBER is



PEANUT BUTTER MONTH!



10/28/11

We can help many children at the migrant worker camps *in our area* that don't have the everyday items that our children take for granted. A very real need which we can provide is **PEANUT BUTTER!** This wonderful source of nourishment and protein can sustain a whole family for many meals.

Our St. Peter Women of the ELCA (WELCA) ask for **YOUR HELP** to share the love of Christ with local migrant worker families. Our gifts will be distributed by *Harvest Time Ministries* of Bonita Springs, when they make their regular deliveries of essential items on every other Saturday.

Please BRING JARS of PEANUT BUTTER

16 oz. or smaller jars are appreciated

Smaller jars make it easier to distribute more generously.

by Sunday • NOVEMBER 27th

CASH GIFTS also gladly accepted!

Checks should be payable to: **ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**
indicate on memo line: **Peanut Butter**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care Abounds in Communities" program
will contribute **MATCHING FUNDS** for your donations!

Be sure to **SAVE** and include your **RECEIPTS!**

With your cash donations, WELCA will contact Pastor Gerry at *Harvest Time* to see what the most immediate needs are, and we will shop for those.

The next time you do your shopping,
REMEMBER the **PEANUT BUTTER!!**
Questions? Call Georgiann Stenerson or Pat Modafari.

From your Music Director—H.G. Fisher

JOIN THE CHOIR

The church bulletin urged the members: “We’re looking for people who can sing on key and are willing to rehearse regularly.” I didn’t decide to join the choir quickly or easily. Over the years I’ve had lots of reasons for saying to myself, “Not now---maybe someday.” Then my inner voice told me: “Do it, now.” So I volunteered.

As the weeks progressed, I was surprised to find that joining the choir had benefits beyond my expectations. It’s become a quiet, but definite, spiritual renewal for me.

I’ve found prayer in another form. The anthems we practice on Wednesday afternoons take hold and replay themselves while I’m driving, making dinner, falling asleep. With “You are my hiding place, O Lord” based on Psalm 46 or “Long Live God” from GodSpell, filling my mind, I feel peace and joy.

I’m at worship every Sunday. No excuses, no rolling over for a few more zzzzs. I should have the commitment anyway of course. And I did—most of the time. Being a choir member doesn’t mean you can’t go out of town for the weekend, just that you have to plan ahead.

I receive the full measure of the worship service because I’m 100 percent involved. A lifelong Lutheran, I can sing the liturgy from memory. But now I’m alert to the hymns, anthem, offertory and communion music. No more zoning out.

I’m challenged by learning the music. I can read music, but I’m not a musician. Some pieces we tackle are difficult. The timing, pronunciation, high notes, unusual shifts, blending with other voices, breathing — all

need my attention. This challenge makes a good performance doubly rewarding.

I’m part of a group whose shared purpose brings joy to others and glory to God. This is true about many service opportunities in the church and community. But there’s something special about making music. It’s “giving wings to prayer.”



My heart is grateful for our pianist, flutist, organist and choir director. To see them work is to watch talent, persuasion and patience weave quietly together to pull more from our small band of singers than anyone would dream. The music we make together is far better than we can make as individuals.

When I think of the joy I might have missed if I hadn’t “joined the choir,” I can only say to others: **DO IT NOW!!!**

This article from a church magazine expresses more eloquently than I the advantages and benefits of joining the choir at St. Peter. We rehearse on Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 P.M. and usually sing at the 8:30 A.M. service. All voices are needed and welcome.

Associate members, winter residents and friends are invited to join with members of our congregation.

If you have questions or interest, please call H. G. Fisher, Jr., Organist and Choir Director at XXXXXX or the church office at 463-4251. Or better still, **JOIN THE CHOIR!!!**

H. G.



10/5/11

Go Fishing

with St. Peter!

TUESDAYS

November 8th & November 22nd



Everyone is invited to go Deep-Sea FISHING on Tuesdays, November 8th and November 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!
HELP Provide FISH for the St. Peter FISH FRY!

We need Fishermen (folk) to help provide the fish for the annual Fish Fry on Sunday, November 13th.

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



I got a (seasonal) flu shot last year. Do I need to get one this year, too?

YES.

You need an annual (seasonal) flu shot because the vaccine changes from year to year. The flu vaccine you got last year wasn't designed to fight the virus strains in circulation this season, or next. Influenza viruses mutate so quickly, they can render one season's vaccine ineffective by the next season. A *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* advisory committee meets early in the year to estimate which strains of

influenza virus will be most prevalent during the upcoming flu season, and the manufacturers produce vaccine based on those recommendations. It's best to have your annual flu shot in the fall – October or November – so your body has time to develop antibodies against the virus before the flu season hits its peak.

– *Mayo Clinic Health Quest*



10/27/11

Get your
Flu Shots

Administered by
certified
nurses – the
Visiting
Nurses
Association
Phone:
239-337-4848

THURSDAY

November 10

9:30–11:30 AM

Prices:

\$ 25 Seasonal Flu Shot

\$ 65 Pneumonia Shot

ACCEPTED:

Medicare Part B

RailRoad Medicare Part B

Medicare Equivalents for

United & Universal

Receipt provided for other plans.

Bring appropriate insurance card;
payment accepted - cash or check.

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Have your shots
administered by the
**Visiting Nurses
Association** –
certified nurses!

You may wish to think
again about getting
your shots from a
**drugstore
pharmacist**, or even
a **sales clerk** –
support the Visiting
Nurses Association
and the good work
they do in our
community!



A Page
from
our
**FAMILY
PHOTO
ALBUM**

St. Peter Friends RICHARD & GRETNA BOHL on their 66th Wedding Anniversary, July 22, 2011 at their home in Columbus, OH.



Bruce Allen (council president) and Ed Battaglia



The St. Peter family enjoy cake and fellowship at the Reception for Ed Battaglia on Sept. 25th.

On Sunday, September 25, 2011 a reception was held following worship service to show our appreciation for music provided by *Ed Battaglia* during the Summer. Good turnout, Cake was pretty!

YOU Can Help *Ring in Christmas Cheer!*



The Salvation Army needs volunteers!



PUBLIX Supermarket here on

Ft. Myers Beach is just one of a group of merchants willing to let Salvation Army set up their familiar Red Kettles at their store entrances.

“You will always have the poor among you . . .”

Be a Bell Ringer!

November 18th – December 24th

Monday through Friday

9:00 am-8:00 pm (2-hour shifts)

Saturday

8:00 am- 8:00 pm

YOU CHOOSE your:

- Location
- Date
- Time

- Smiling Faces
- Singers
- Musicians

Are ENCOURAGED!

Choose a Kettle location and recruit your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to ring bells with you

These sobering words from Scripture are indeed timeless. You need only look as far as your city to see that the poor are in our midst – hungry

children... homeless families... neighbors who have lost hope that life will ever get better. This is the very reason that The Salvation Army exists today.

Facts About The Salvation Army

90¢ of every dollar raised by the Lee, Hendry, Glades Counties Command is used to sustain life-changing programs that bring hope to hurting souls. The Salvation Army assists more than 33 million individuals throughout the year in the United States – over 6 million of those during the holiday season alone.



CALL VALERIE at (239) 278-1551 Ext. 210

TODAY to Reserve Your Preferred Kettle Time & Location.

We Get Mail



October 3, 2011

Dear Family of St. Peter's,



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A gracious thank you for all your prayers for my mother Anne Eroh while she recovers from heart attack. A special thank you to Joyce Burr who jumped into action to get mom's name on the prayer list. She also prepared a prayer shawl and a beautiful letter which was delivered.

God bless,
Linda Eroh-Kasmala
Ft. Myers, FL

September 19, 2011

Dear Fellow Lutherans,

We appreciate the monthly newsletter that you send our way. Although we don't know members of the congregation personally – by reading it we feel a very small part of what's happening down your way. We look forward to worshipping with you in January and February.

In God's love,
Roger & Phyllis Reynolds
(Roger A. Reynolds– Mayor Emeritus, City of Hilliard)
Hilliard, OH

October 11, 2011

When you wake up to see the sun shining and hear the birds singing, praise Him.
When you feel the touch of a friend's hand or the warmth of a loved one's smile, thank Him.
When you are in need of strength or courage or a little more faith to get through the day, ask Him.
When you feel sad or lonely, turn to Him, trust Him, love Him...
He hears every prayer of your heart, for He loves you.

Dear "adopted family" at St. Peter,

I take this opportunity to thank you so much for the beautiful green prayer shawl. That is my favorite

color and have been keeping it close to me. I have felt the love and concern of son Ron and daughter-in-law Lorrie and the prayers said by St. Peter Church family. After 4 days in the hospital and 2 blood transfusions, I am home and doing well. The shawl has given me peace, strength of God to comfort me and I praise Him for that.

Thank you so much again and may the Holy Spirit continue to bless your mission at St. Peter. With God's love,

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Davison
Alliance, OH

September 29, 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 sincerely appreciate your assistance and clipping expertise ☺. We have received one note from Germany since the last time we corresponded with you:

I am writing to thank you for all the coupons you have sent to the USAG Ansbach base. The coupons have been passed around to the different families and have saved a lot of money. Thank you, Jessi Blakley and the couponers of Ansbach!

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

October 18, 2011

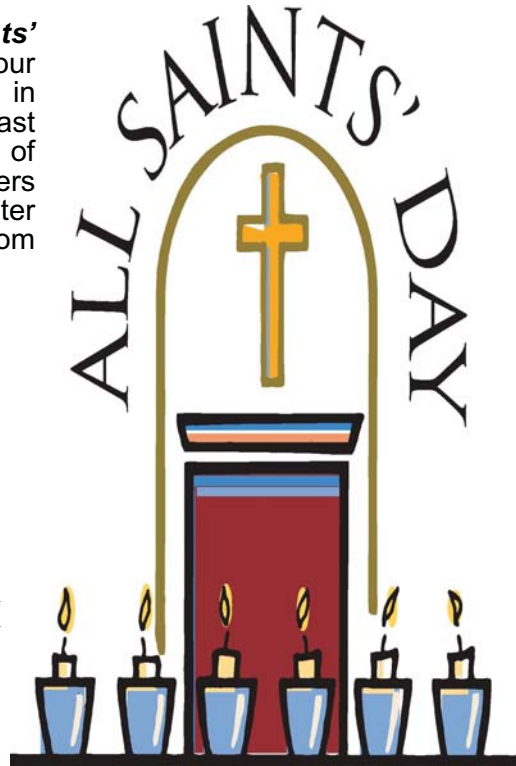
We're looking forward to another season on Fort Myers Beach. Really do look forward to reading the news in "The Fisherman" when it arrives each month. Thank you for keeping us updated.

Dennis and Judy Upperman
Palmyra, PA

For All the Saints

In observance of **All Saints' Sunday**, St. Peter remembers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ who died during this past year. Following are the names of those saints who were members and associate members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, and who from their labors rest:

MARY AARDRUP
JIM DAVIS
CLIFFORD HANSEN
DICK LOUTH
MILLIE POLK
CHARLIE RUDOLPH
SIGRID STANLEY
MAX WRIGHT



"The memory of the righteous will be a blessing..." Proverbs 10:7

Following are the names of St. Peter Friends and loved ones of our greater St. Peter church family, who passed on to Life Eternal since last All Saints' Sunday:

ELAINE ANDERSON
VIRGINIA BOWLBY
DAVID GRISCOM
PAUL KERNEL
HOWARD MICKELSON

THOMAS MILLER
KAY NORDQUIST
ANDY NYBOER
MARION NYBOER
GAIL ZERBON

CHRISTMAS is Coming!



St. Peter Lutheran Church is getting a head-start on filling Christmas Stockings for needy children in our area. The Women of the ELCA are seeking **your donations of toys and surprises!** 10/27/11

YOU can be the hands of Jesus this Christmas to a needy child in our community! Bring your donated items to church ANYTIME by DECEMBER 4TH.

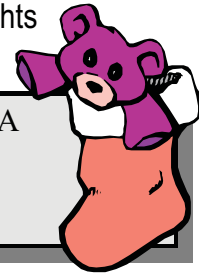
Suggested items for your Christmas List, for children ages 2-14:

Small Stuffed Animals
Crayons & Coloring Books
Small Cars & Trucks
Small Dolls
Books (for ages 2-teen)
Hair Barrettes-Ribbons & Bows
Personal Diary
Cologne/Girl's toiletry items (for teens)
Socks
Transistor Radio/with batteries
Baseballs



Girl's Jewelry, Cosmetics
Keychains
Pocket Calculators
Baseball Caps
Decorated T-Shirts
Sunglasses
Hair Brush, Comb, Mirror
Wallets/Small Purses
Small Flashlights
Yo-Yos

Monetary Donations gladly accepted – and WELCA will shop for you! Please Make Checks Payable to: “ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH” and indicate “Stockings.”



Anything to bring a smile to a child's face!



Remember - please do NOT bring perishable items (such as candy).

On MONDAYS, DECEMBER 5th & 12th at 8:00 am in Lau Hall, everyone is invited to *BE an ELF*** and help stuff the stockings, which is almost the best part of this whole project – knowing, as you select each item for the stocking in your hand, that this will bring pure joy to a child at Christmastime this year!**

QUESTIONS? Call Pat Modafari.



We Get More Mail

October 4, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

What an eventful week this has been, sort of the ala mode for a most eventful year so far! Actually, the year was half gone when the excitement started. In July our granddaughter in Melbourne, FL and her husband presented us with our very first great grandchild... a healthy great grandson (Liam) "Great!"

He was sent directly from Heaven by God and his grandma, Debbie, God's Littlest Angel, our daughter who was born during John's first year of medical school and who returned to Heaven on Christmas Eve of 2006. It was on Christmas Eve one year later that we truly became aware of the limitless Christian love and of the loving arms of the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church when we attended the Christmas Eve service here.

That was the first anniversary of Debbie's passing – and we were both managing only marginally our sad mood while celebrating the birth of our Lord 20 centuries earlier! It was an especially sad evening for us both, but the awesome sadness began to dissipate when then Pastor Snapp permitted us to set Debbie's picture on the flower vase shelf just behind the altar! God's Littlest Angel – how lovingly alive and beautiful she seemed that evening, smiling along with the gladsome worshipers celebrating the commemoration of Christ's birth centuries before!

Our hearts were awesomely lifted after the service when Joyce Burr, Pat Modafari, Muriel Hale and several other St. Peter ladies took Laura into their arms, supporting her and displaying a commendable show of Christian fellowship and love! Truly that night they did Jesus proud! That was not our first experience with the Christian aura that permeates St. Peter Church, but it did certainly convince us that we had found a comfortable home with the St. Peter Family! And in our prayers we thanked God for guiding us in the right direction as he did for the Wise Men on the Eve when He introduced His Son to a world so sorely in need of a Savior at the time!

Now to the point of this epistle before I wear out my journalistic welcome. On the evening of September 27th last, having finished our evening dinner I was helping Laura clean up afterwards and the first sign of any problem was when I was encountering difficulty opening a zip lock bag for leftovers. Then I slumped and down I went! Ugh, certainly the most fearsome experience in the life of a man! Laura call 911 who immediately responded and took John to a nearby neurology facility.

Examination and tests there confirmed the diagnosis of a stroke. After five days of further evaluation and care, John was discharged to return home with NO recommendation for further treatment and no residual symptoms save a very newly acquired appreciation for life and love and Jesus Christ. During my hospital stay I received a surprise and delightful gift from the ladies of St. Peter Church by way of the delightfully beautiful Prayer Shawl. When the nurse dropped by with that gorgeous piece of handwork, I knew, at last, that we had arrived! It contained in those beautiful fibers so much love and hope and well wishes that if they were energy, that cover might well have glowed in the dark! And I have no doubts but that its content contributed to the almost miraculously rapid and extensive recovery for which we are all so grateful... and we shall be forever grateful to all of the ladies and to all of the members of the St. Peter church family.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts – and may God bless you all and provide you all with the love and support you need if and when your time of need arises! To earn such a blessing, you need only believe and Keep the Faith! And always remember, the St. Peter Family is always here for you! (By golly, that would make a cute jingle! Maybe Muriel could even set it to a delightful musical refrain!)

May Dear God shower you folks with the sort of love you have shown to us during our few years at St. Peter's Church! Sent with our sincere and deepest appreciation and love,

*Dr. John & Mrs. Laura Bond
Williams Bay, WI*

**THRIVENT CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AT
THE BROADWAY PALMS**

In appreciation of your membership

Thrivent members are invited to “A Christmas Survival Guide”

- Hilarious revue that takes a wry looking at holiday stress
- Visit with other members and the Southwest Florida Group
- Exclusive performance with discounted tickets.

Thrivent Members, if you bring a non-member guest, you and your guest will receive a special discount!

Cost: Thrivent Members \$35.00 and nonmembers \$41.00
Thrivent Members with guest \$25.00

When: Tuesday December 6th, 5:30 Buffet, 7:30 show

Where: Off Broadway Palms Dinner Theater
Fort Myers, FL

Register: Tickets must be ordered in advance by Nov 28.
Seats are limited.

**Please call Mark for more information and
order form 239-275-2170**

The Southwest Florida Group
are looking forward to seeing you at the Theater.

No products will be offered for sale at this educational event.

Take a Child to LUNCH!



**Help the
CHILDREN**

YOU Can Help Provide Lunches for Children of AIDS/HIV Families

Many children whose parents are assisted by the McGregor HIV/AIDS Clinic (about 100 families) are at home during the school Christmas break, and without school lunches, they have a pressing need for food items which they can prepare without adult supervision. In the spirit of the Christ of Christmas, our St. Peter Women of the ELCA need your help to provide simple food items for these children.

Listed below are suggested easy food items for the children to prepare at home. **Please note** that all listed foods are non-perishable, since the AIDS pantry has no refrigeration.

**Your Loving Gifts will lighten the burden for these families.
Donations may be placed in the Shopping Cart
Anytime through SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4.**

Easy-Mac (macaroni & cheese)
Peanut Butter
Jelly or Jam
Crackers & Snack Crackers
Canned Tuna
Canned Soups
Puddings / Applesauce

Canned Spaghetti
Canned Stew
Canned Chili
Cereal
Pop Tarts
Ramen Noodles
Canned Fruit

**Bring Any
Easy-To-Fix Lunch or
Breakfast Product!**

**Come & Help
"PACK LUNCHES" on
Monday December 19
at 8:00 AM in Lau Hall.
Brunch provided!**

Cash Donations Are Gladly Accepted!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care in Community" will contribute MATCHING FUNDS for your CASH donations!

Please make Checks payable to: **St. Peter Lutheran Church**
and indicate on memo line: **AIDS**

Questions? Call Pat Modafari.

You're Invited to our 7th ANNUAL
ST. PETER

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13**
on the PATIO!
**Following the
10:30 AM
Worship Service**



St. Peter will Provide:

- *Fresh-Caught FISH*
from the Gulf of Mexico!
(Caught by our own St. Peter fishermen!)
- HUSH PUPPIES!
- BEVERAGES!

Please Bring Your Favorite

- **DISH to share!** *Salads • Veggies • Desserts*

**Come ENJOY!
Enjoy Island fare!
Meet New FRIENDS!**

GO FISHING with St. Peter!

We need Fishermen (folk) to help provide the fish for this Fish Fry! Separate announcement page has full details on how you can go deep-sea fishing with our St. Peter family. Questions, call Bob Burr atXXXXXXX

Let's Go!

2011-2012 Season

Join the *St. Peter Lutheran Church* Family & Friends for Fun Excursions!

TUESDAY • MARCH 20, 2012
BUS DAY-TRIP – Homestead / Miami
\$ 76.00 per person INCLUDES:

1. Coral Castle

Explore Coral Castle, a sculpture garden in stone built by one man - Edward Leedskalnin, a 100 lb. Latvian immigrant, from 1923 to 1951. Without any help and using only simple tools, he excavated and secretly carved over 1,100 tons of coral rock, and his unknown process has created one of the world's most



mysterious accomplishments. Features include a 9-ton gate that moves with just a touch of the finger, a Polaris telescope and functioning rocking chairs – all made entirely of stone. Was featured on national TV's "That's Incredible," "In Search Of...", "You Asked For It!" and "Ripley's Believe It or Not". Even rock star Billy Idol wrote his hit song, "Sweet Sixteen" about Ed's lost love. **Outside Venue - please wear Walking Shoes.**

2. Bayside Marketplace

- waterfront Shopping; Lunch on your own

3. "Island Queen" Boat Tour

– Narrated Boat Tour around downtown Miami and Biscayne Bay, featuring **Star Island**, home of the rich and famous. Cash bar and snacks onboard boat.

Bus Tour Departs **Big Lots** (McGregor and San Carlos Blvd.) at 6:30 a.m., and **St. Peter Church** at 6:45 a.m. Rest Stop on Alligator Alley. Arrive Home approx. 7:30 p.m.
 ☆ **CALL Sally Rudolph at (239) 466-1832** for Reservations or more information, or **Helen of Tours with Helen** at **239-772-3272**; out of state: 866-561-9540.

RESERVATIONS – Payment must be received 30 days prior to tour–
February 12, 2012. Refunds up to 30 days prior– February 12, 2012.



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!

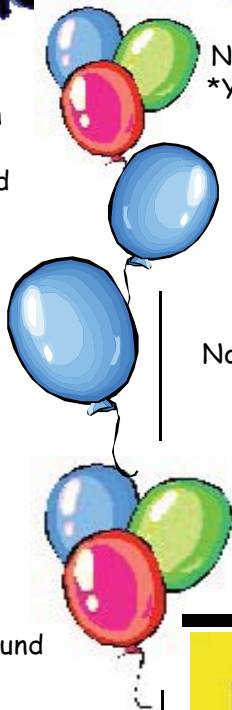
Everyone **KNOWS** that Lutheran ladies can really **COOK!** You can purchase the St. Peter Lutheran Women of the ELCA cookbook, ***KEYS TO GOOD COOKING*** with thousands of tried and true recipes for only \$20 each! New Books already have inserted **ADD-IN RECIPES** of 106 new scrumptious delights; 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.

BIRTHDAYS!

November 1 Rhona Diamond
November 2 Eleanor Paulson
November 3 Donna Markusen
November 4 Jack Lindstrom
November 7 Sally Baeeverstad
November 9 Jodi Hester
November 12 Pam Nickel
November 15 Fred Eskuri
November 15 Lena Kind
November 18 Lida Lammert
November 19 Bob Miller
November 21 Krista Lewis
November 22 Pat Dane
November 22 Brooke Thomas
November 23 Betty Cornell
November 23 Joan Huyett
November 26 Ed Housemeyer
November 27 Bob Stenzel
November 27 Sharon Westerlund
November 29 Jerry Frantz
November 29 Barbara Hill
November 29 Kate McCarty (9)
November 29 Betty Pollack

HOORAY!



ANNIVERSARIES!

November 1 - Sheldon & Shirley Roe (52)*
*You're in the Dictionary- under 'Lovebirds'!

November 4 - Gene & Carol Dahlin (44)
November 10 - Ken & Lisa Taylor (11)

November 14- Pete & Gwen Patchin (52)*
*Sweethearts for always!

November 17 - Doug & Courtney Eckmann (4)

November 17 - Rich & Janelle Engle (55)*
*WOW! You two are an Inspiration

November 25 - Verner & Gail Drohan (17)
November 27 - Bill & "Skip" Buehler
November 28 - Jim & Elaine Killelea

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.

Where Are You Going?

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."



Let's Go! 2011-2012 Season



Join the St. Peter Lutheran Church family & friends for fun excursions and events this Season! Price will come later.

☆ **CALL** Sally Rudolph at **(239) 466-1832** for more information.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Events:

Tickets: \$ 49 / each

● **"White Christmas"** TUESDAY • December 6, 2011

Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by: NOV. 13th** ☆

● **"ME AND MY GAL"** TUESDAY • January 17, 2012

Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by: DEC. 27, 2011** ☆

● **"BRIGADOON"** TUESDAY • March 6, 2012

Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by: FEB.5, 2012** ☆

● **"The Great American TRAILER PARK Musical"**

Buffet 11:45 AM; Show 1:15 PM WEDNESDAY • March 28, 2012

Combo Outing of St. Peter "Let's Go!" and "Ladies' Lunch Bunch."

Ladies AND Gentlemen are invited: TICKETS: \$39 / EACH

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by: MARCH 4, 2012** ☆

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But WAIT - There's MORE!

▣ **Dinner Train & Boat Ride** from Fisherman's Wharf
MONDAY • December 12, 2011

▣ Early **Dinner at Parrot Key** Restaurant, then **Sunset Cruise**
on the **PIRATE SHIP** TUESDAY • January 31, 2012

▣ **Coral Castle, Bayside Marketplace & "Island Queen"** boat tour
(See Separate Page for details) TUESDAY • MARCH 20, 2012

☆ **Need PAID Reservations by: FEB. 12, 2012** ☆

MISSION STATEMENT of St. Peter 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 worshiping 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.

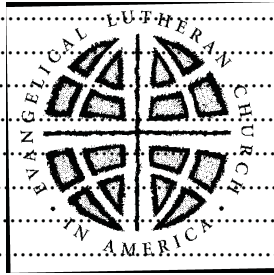
RESPONDING in loving care and concern through the outreach of **Social Ministry** as we meet the needs of those in our area through material items and emotional support.

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
TREASURER	Doug Eckmann
Joy Booth	
Jana Clevenger	
Roy Dagnall	
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) **8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**
HOLY COMMUNION..... 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month
Church Workday (All Hands are Welcome!) Mondays • 8:00 AM
Church COUNCIL 2nd Thursday • NOV 10 • 6:00 PM
CHOIR Rehearsal Wednesdays • 5:00 PM
FISHING with St. Peter (Call Bob Burr to Reserve) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
WELCA Anne Myrtle Circle 2nd Wednesday • NOV. 9 • 9:30 AM
Community Thanksgiving Worship at Chapel by the Sea Sunday • Nov. 20 • 7:30 PM
Ladies' LUNCH BUNCH Last Wednesday • NOV. 30 • 11:30 AM*

*Call JANA [REDACTED]XXXXXXXX for information & reservations

Pencils and Parables

These photos are of the points of pencils, remarkably hand carved.

A pencil maker told the pencil 5 important lessons just before putting it in the box :

- 1.) EVERYTHING YOU DO WILL ALWAYS LEAVE A MARK.
- 2.) YOU CAN ALWAYS CORRECT THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE.
- 3.) WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS INSIDE OF YOU.

4.) IN LIFE, YOU WILL UNDERGO PAINFUL SHARPENINGS, WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE YOU BETTER.

5.) TO BE THE BEST PENCIL, YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE HELD AND GUIDED BY THE HAND THAT HOLDS YOU.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside of you, and then allow yourself to be guided by the hand of God.

“Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil... it has no point.”

Revelation 3:19 *The Message*

"The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!"

