

The Fisherman

St. Peter Lutheran Church
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Prayerfully Prepared Just For YOU!

October • 2010

*For the eyes of
the LORD range
throughout the
earth to strengthen
those whose
hearts are fully
committed
to him.*

2 Chronicles 16:9





WELCOME!

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

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

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

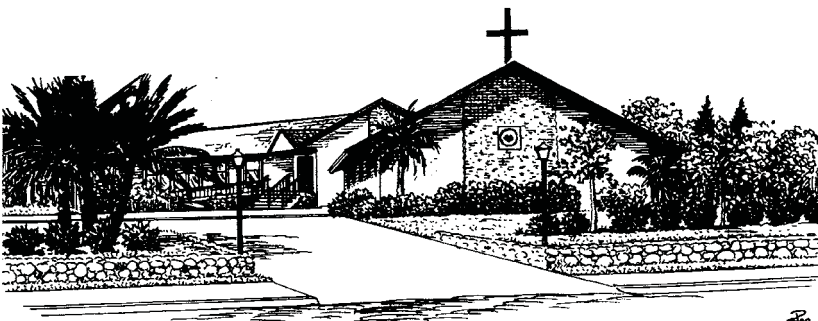
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A Word from Our President –



It has been amazing what has been happening in and around St. Peter these past few months.

Being a retired educator and coach, I look for things that are in that realm and from which I can learn. Carol bought several of Tony Dungy's books for me, as a birthday present, and I am reading them. Tony came from Pennsylvania to Minnesota for high school and college. He returned to Pittsburgh to coach, and then went to Tampa and Indianapolis to coach in the NFL. He is now a football analyst for TV talk shows. He writes a lot about his Christianity, Bible study, and how one should live their life. His books have given me this inspiration:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."

I Corinthians 12:4-6.

This is in one of his books. As I read it and the pages following, I really thought it was what has been happening at St. Peter. We have so many leaders at St. Peter, and they do such a great service.

The Monday Crew has been doing everything necessary to keep us current on so many fronts. Pastor Schuman and Pastor Willauer, along with Pastor Spengler, have done fantastic work in the

interim. Susan stays on top of it all in the office. The Call Committee has done extensive work, and has led us further along the line toward getting our new pastor. The Council has recommended Pastor Lorrie Davison to the congregation. Every member of each of these groups is a leader at St. Peter. Oh, they do not always agree on everything, but each has been given different gifts, and have worked to the best of their ability to serve the same Lord. The bottom line is that God is working in each of us, and will continue as we follow the vision of St. Peter Lutheran to be an effective leader in the communities of Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Naples, Cape Coral and the surrounding area.

St. Peter is in a unique position. We have great facilities. We have great lay involvement. We are in a great location. We have many members, associate members and friends who have been leaders, both 'up north' and 'down south'. Mark 10:43 says: *"Whoever would be a leader among you must be your servant."* We really see that followed at St. Peter.

Our challenge will be to develop more leadership from within, and to combine our existing talents into the new leadership which we will receive from a new pastor.

Looks to me like it will be "A Piece of Cake!" Go, St. Peter! See you this fall.

God bless,

Fred

Fred Schmiesing
Council President



St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

Anne Myrtle Circle

All ladies are invited to share in the fun and fellowship of the First

Meeting of the Season on **Wednesday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in Lau Hall. A Bible study will be followed by a business meeting and refreshments.

Also Happening This Month

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 3

Love Offering Collection of CASH gifts for Caloosa Conference women's project, **CARVER HEIGHTS Ministries - Mother Love Child Care & Learning Center** of Leesburg, Florida.

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 10

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 • OCTOBER 17

As part of their annual “Thank Offering Sunday,” our St. Peter WELCA ladies will conduct all facets of the worship service today! Guest speaker will be Rev. Stephanie Munz Campbell of *Grace Place*, an ecumenical, community-supported mission to our neighbors in need in Golden Gate City (Naples), FL.

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 23

All Ladies are invited to a Mini-Retreat here at St. Peter! “*At the Cross*” is the theme for the Fall Gathering of the WELCA Caloosa Conference Mini-Retreat, with crafts, Bible study, fellowship & refreshments, 9:30–2:30 pm. (See separate article this issue of *The Fisherman* for further details.)

Looking Ahead...

NOVEMBER is PEANUT BUTTER MONTH!
Through Sunday, November 21st, 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. Watch for further details in worship bulletin announcements and the November issue of *The Fisherman*.

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 7

Today is the last day to receive your donations of toys and gifts for Christmas stockings to be distributed by Salvation Army to needy area children. See separate article this issue of *The Fisherman* for details on this fun project!

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 10

All ladies are invited to share fun and fellowship at the meeting of the Anne Myrtle Circle on **Wednesday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m.** in Lau Hall. Bible study will be followed by a business meeting and refreshments.

FRIDAY - NOV. 12 thru SUNDAY- NOV. 14

Join 250 Lutheran women from our Florida-Bahamas Synod for a Spirit-filled weekend at the annual **WELCA Fall Gathering** at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly in Leesburg, Florida. Please contact Pat Modafari if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 14

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 21

Last day to receive your donations of cash and small jars of Peanut Butter for Harvest Time Ministries, Bonita Springs, FL (see above).

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 22

Come help the St. Peter “Elves” as they stuff Salvation Army Christmas stockings with all your donated gifts and surprises! Also enjoy a delicious brunch with the Elves! The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. in Lau Hall.

Questions about any of our projects?
Call Pat Modafari or the Church office.

At the CROSS

The Caloosa Conference
of the *Women of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America*
(WELCA) invite ALL ladies
to join us on



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 23**
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**WELCA
Mini
Retreat**

at **St. Peter Lutheran Church • Ft. Myers Beach**
for a time of Spiritual Renewal and Refreshment.

- **Bring a Bible**
- **Bring a Sandwich**
- **Bring Walking Shoes and Comfortable Clothes**
- **Bring all your friends!**

There will be a time for – Worship, Songs, Sharing, Crafts, Bible Study, Inspiration, good Fellowship. Beach Walking and Meditating.

A free-will offering will be collected for expenses and a donation to “Share the Spirit” SWO Scholarship.

All ladies are welcome!

Questions?

Call Pat Modafari or the Church Office.

9/28/10

the Season
of *Singing*
has come



Song of Solomon 2:12

St Peter Lutheran Choir welcomes new members!
Come sing for a few weeks or stay FOREVER!

Weekly Choir rehearsals will Resume for this
season on Wednesday, October 20th
from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

We have a lovely choir and hope that you will
join us!

Questions?

Call Muriel Hale or the church office.

Here's What's News!



LOSS in the FOLD

We were saddened to learn that **CINDY HALE**, daughter of St. Peter member Chet Hale, passed on to Life Eternal on Monday, September 6, 2010 in Augusta, Maine. Our heartfelt love and sympathy go out to **Chet and Muriel Hale**. Please lift the Hale family to the Lord in prayer for comfort in their time of loss.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSINGS

God has blessed our Prayer Shawl ministry so abundantly since its tentative beginnings almost five years ago. Both the numbers of shawl crafters and the opportunities to share the loving prayer knit or crocheted into each shawl, have multiplied as our Father has led us. During five weeks in August and September, a record number of eight shawls were mailed or delivered to folks with some St. Peter connection.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Recently one of our knitters, Marilyn Housemeyer, shared this story of how the receipt of one of our prayer shawls had an unexpected result:

"Last spring I sent a Prayer Shawl to a friend in Sebring who had a broken pelvis and was struggling, and whose husband had had open-heart surgery. One day when Rita's friend came to visit her, she was admiring the prayer shawl Rita had around her shoulders. The friend was so touched by the prayer shawl that Rita has been buying yarn, and her friend has been making them for sick friends. God works in mysterious ways."

We never realize what God will do with our talents, the work we offer, the love we share in His name!

Would you like to become a part of this ministry? If you can do simple knitting or crocheting, and would like working at home at your own pace, please contact Joyce Burr (239) 481-7115 for instructions. Donations are used to defray the cost of materials and mailing expenses. Everyone is welcome to suggest the name of someone who needs to feel the prayerful love of our St. Peter family. This is a truly a ministry of the entire church family. Here we are, Lord. Send us!

BIBLIOPHILES, Revisited ...

As mentioned in the August, 2010 issue of *The Fisherman*, the book collection in our church library continues to grow and is currently bursting at the seams. One of the most recent additions should be especially exciting for both long-term members, as well as those of us with more limited history in the St. Peter family.



In the 1980s and early 1990s our own **Max Wright** was called into service as supply preacher during pastoral vacations. In the past decade, Max has shared his love for St. Peter and its history with us during anniversary dinner talks. Sermons and speeches were hidden away until this summer, but have now been collected in **Messages From Max**, and are available for your enjoyment from the library!

Our St. Peter Library is located in Lau Hall, in the counters room. What other wonderful volumes will appear soon in the Library?

Here's What's News TOO!

Your Call to Serve...



Serving with your time and talent is what makes St. Peter Lutheran a very special place to share the Word of our Lord.

USHERS are needed for all services as we approach the multiple service season. We thank all our volunteers for their continued service and invite new volunteers to help us cover all the services.

Usher Guidelines are available, and we have scheduled an **Usher's Orientation** on Thursday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Services Available for Ushers to Serve:

November 7, 14, 21 & 28 – 8:30 & 11:00 am
December 5, 12, 19, 26 – 8:30 & 11:00 am
December 24-Christmas Eve: 7:30 & 10:30 pm
December 25-Christmas Day: 10:30 am

Please sign up on the Usher's Roster in the vestibule, or Call Marilyn Housemeyer at (239) 590-6271, Email: mjejhouse@aol.com

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:

Gerald & Jewel Anderson



Roger & Phyllis Reynolds

Council Meeting Highlights... SEPT. 16, 2010

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.

- In the Pastor's Report, Pastor Willauer outlined suggestions for discussion for St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church to "go green". These areas included suggestions regarding the bulletins, The Fisherman and the ELCA's thoughts regarding the "Green Congregation".
- The ad hoc building committee is working on Building Use Agreement which will be presented to council for approval in October.
- There was discussion regarding how the church council and committees communicate. It was decided that the topics discussed during council meetings will be presented to the respective committees in a formal memorandum requesting recommendations be brought back to council regarding the topic.
- Council discussed the fact that work needs to be performed on the building. For example, the carpet is looking worn, painting inside and out needs to be done. The property committee will get ballpark quotes and then a fund raising program will need to be established.
- Council approved a Sing Along for Monday, December 13, 2010.

• God gave us life. What we do with it reveals our attitude toward the Giver.

—Charles Ferrell

Here's Even MORE News!



Sing with St. Peter!

Dear Congregation,

The time is running swiftly and the piano and every table is covered with schedules and music as I try to plan our Fall and Christmas music. I hope we will have a good size choir on October 17th to practice that Sunday morning at 8:45 am. The service will begin at 9:30 am.

Shirley Roe, Courtney Eckmann and I are anxious to see you all – to sing with and make every Sunday a special worship experience. Rehearsals for the choir will commence **Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm.** New members are cordially invited.

Thank you, Ed Battaglia and Courtney Eckmann, for so faithfully serving St. Peter while I was gone. We all appreciate your fine work.

In Ministry,

Muriel

P.S. CHOIR –

I can't wait to have you back so we can enjoy each other singing to the LORD. Please pray for Walter – that his vocal chords heal so he can have his singing voice back again!

Also that Fred Schmiesing's knee is healing well. We need you all!

Sunday Worship Time Change

Beginning on **Reformation Sunday, October 31**, and continuing thru Dec. 26, St. Peter will conduct two Sunday morning worship services, at **8:30 & 11:00 AM.** Holy Communion will continue to be served on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Bring a friend!

Heading South?

Heading our way soon? Let us know your current address by completing a "Where Are You?" form, available in the church narthex, or call the church office at (239) 463-4251 to let us know you're here! Your mail will find you, and we'll save the cost of returned postage fees. Thanks for helping!



Join the Happy Crew!



SEE HOW HAPPY WE ARE? Pictured are recent Monday Crew members (l-r), Frank Modafari and Max Wright.

Beginning at 8:00 every Monday morning, St. Peter members and friends get busy accomplishing many ministry, housekeeping and maintenance projects. It's a fun time to fellowship, enjoy old friends and make new ones!

Best of all, your labor can save dollars for ministry – AND a delicious Brunch is served after our chores are done! Join us next Monday!

Many thanks to BARBARA HILL for her gift to St. Peter of a NEW Digital CAMERA! (Above is the first picture we took on it). THANK you, Barbara!

MORE NEWS *You Need to Know!*



THRIVENT MATTERS

THRIVENT CHOICE: St. Peter church family members have been scattered throughout the United States this summer, but by now those who are also *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* participants have received notice of their ability to participate in Thrivent's new "Choice Dollars" program. Unlike other financial services organizations, Thrivent is a fraternal benefit society, historically turning what would have been profits given over to taxes, into stewardship to charities reflecting outreach needs important to its members.

In response to new IRS requirements, the Thrivent Choice Dollars program has been initiated. This year, for the first time, a Thrivent member may direct a portion of the charitable funds available by choosing a Lutheran-sponsored organization as recipient. Thousands of Lutheran organizations have been designated as potential recipients – including the congregation of St. Peter.

If you have received a Thrivent Choice Dollars letter and have not yet made your choice, do not delay. If you fail to designate how you want your portion to be used, your choice will be "lost"! Your choice can be made either online using your computer, or by using your telephone (as is described in the letter). Please consider naming St. Peter as your chosen recipient.

MATCHING GIFTS APPROVALS: At the September meeting of the Lee County chapter of Thrivent, approval was given for matching funds for two end-of-year outreach projects at St. Peter.

Peanut butter, jelly and other foods will be received for *Harvest Time Ministries* throughout the month of November. (Because folks in the St. Peter family have demonstrated their care annually for several years now, the children of

these impoverished migrant families have discovered the joy and nourishment of peanut butter sandwiches!)

In early December monies will be received to provide funding for our "Take a Child to Lunch" project, benefitting the children of HIV/AIDS families served by McGregor Clinic. When school is closed for the holidays many of these children would go hungry without the school lunches they depend on. Our donations will mean a great deal, both to these children and their parents.

Thrivent will provide \$600 in matching funds for each of these projects. Thank you for your contributions to these and all the Thrivent matching-gifts projects we sponsor!

Joyce Burr

St. Peter Congregational Advocate for
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



Join the LUNCH BUNCH!

The **LUNCH BUNCH** is a group of St. Peter ladies who get together for lunch and fellowship on the last Wednesday of each month, at a different restaurant. It's a great way to make new friends and renew old friendships! Our next outing will be **Wednesday, October 27** at 11:30 am. For reservations and information, please call Jana at (317) 753-1510.

Special OCTOBER dates

- World Communion Sunday – *October 3, 2010*
- Columbus Day Observance – *October 11, 2010*
- Reformation Day – *October 31, 2010*

More and **MORE NEWS!**

Calling All Ladies!

All women who would like a weekend of spiritual renewal are invited to come meet their sisters from all around the state of Florida and the Bahamas at the **FALL GATHERING Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization**, Friday November 12 – Sunday November 14 at Lake Yale. This special weekend will include many opportunities for Worship, Bible Study, personal devotions, and about 40 different workshops to be offered Saturday and Sunday. Personal time for reflection and meditation will complete your spiritual renewal.

Lake Yale Baptist Assembly in Leesburg, FL is set on a beautiful lake among towering oaks, and offers motel-style accommodations. The weekend package costs \$140.00 and includes six cafeteria-style meals. A "Share the Spirit" Grant is available to any Lutheran woman who may be unable to fund the total cost of this event.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this weekend of spiritual enrichment, please contact **Pat Modafari** at (239) 466-6120, email: Modafari7173@comcast.net.



FLU SHOTS at St. Peter!

St. Peter will host the Visiting Nurse Association on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 from 9- 11:00 am** to administer FLU and Pneumonia vaccines. Prices are \$25 seasonal Flu shot and \$45 Pneumonia shot. Bring your insurance card with you – Medicare

Part B, RailRoad Medicare, and Medicare Equivalents for United & Universal are Accepted; a Receipt will be provided for other plans. **Many thanks to the Ft. Myers Beach KIWANIS Club for sponsoring this public service!** For more information, you may contact the VNA at (239) 337-4848.



We Get Mail ...

September 13, 2010

Dear Joyce & Bob (Burr),

Although you may not be the ones responsible for our receiving the monthly newsletters from St. Peter, you are the persons who have always made us feel so welcome.

We are only able to spend January and February in your church, but we do feel a very small part of your congregation, even though the many names in the newsletter are not familiar to us. We count the days until we are able to spend time on Ft. Myers Beach, and sometimes we see you folks when we are enjoying our Grouper sandwiches at Sunflower Café – if we attend the Saturday service.

P.S. We wish you good luck in finding your shepherd for the flock at St. Peter.

In God's Love,
Roger & Phyllis Reynolds
Hilliard, OH

September 5, 2010

Dear Family & Friends of St. Peter,



Prayer Shawl Ministry

I just wanted to say "thank you" for all the prayers, support and the gift from your congregation as I continue my recovery from Encephalitis. The blue prayer shawl is beautiful, and I have it draped over a chair in my living room – ready for the long, cold Minnesota winter ahead.

After two months from the time I first became sick, things are finally returning to normal for me. From here it will continue to be slow, steady progress toward full recovery, aided in part by your continued prayers and ministry. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and I hope to visit your church again.

Sincerely,
Brent Weyer (son of Bob & Sue Horning)
Champlin, MN



We Get Mail ...

September 5, 2010

Naomie DuClair sends her love and best wishes (from Haiti) to the St. Peter Lutheran Church family! She is studying English

everyday with a friend of hers from the States, and hopes to start college, either as a nursing or theological student. This photo (at right) was taken at the Assembly of the *Eglise Luthérienne D'Haiti* (Lutheran Church of Haiti), which she attended with her father, Pastor Denis DuClair.

– Submitted by Pr. Tom Snapp
Chair – Global Mission Committee
Florida-Bahamas Synod ELCA



Naomie DuClair, St. Peter's student in Haiti

September 21, 2010

Thanks so much for the flowers and cards. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Audrey Babcock
Fort Myers, FL

September 6, 2010

Thank you so much for the prayers and the gift of the prayer shawl.

It is so wonderful to be getting thoughts and prayers and best wishes from all over the country! I truly feel surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Blessings,
Erin Nelson
Eau Claire, WI

September 8, 2010

To all our wonderful St. Peter family,

Mary Lou and I were both struggling with health issues when Pastor Willauer knocked on our door with a prayer in his heart and a gift in his hand. I know it was at that moment that we “turned the corner.”



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you, Pastor, for your visit and for bringing us communion... Thank you, St. Peter Family, for the beautiful prayer shawl. I know I feel God's healing power and the love of the St. Peter Family everytime I snuggle under it... or even look at it.

We both feel blessed to be part of such a loving, caring church family.

Love and God Bless,
Max Wright (and Mary Lou, too!)
Fort Myers, FL

CHRISTMAS is Today!



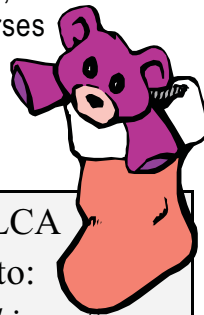
Christmas is TODAY! Here at St. Peter Lutheran Church we're getting ready to fill Salvation Army Christmas Stockings for needy children in our area. The Women of the ELCA are seeking your donations of toys and surprises!

YOU can be the hands of Jesus this Christmas to a needy child in our community! Bring your donated items to church anytime through November 7th

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
Yo-Yos
Small Flashlights



Monetary Donations gladly accepted— and WELCA will shop for you! Please Make Checks Payable to: **“St. Peter Lutheran Church”** and indicate **“Stockings.”**



On Monday, November 22 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 or the Church Office.



Lutheran World Relief
EMERGENCY UPDATE
PAKISTAN FLOODS

09/28/2010

Dear Friend,
You did it!

By responding swiftly to God's call to help those in need, you helped Lutheran World Relief raise more than \$200,000 for immediate relief in **Pakistan**. Thank you for your quick response!

The landmark monsoon flooding in Pakistan has ravaged villages, destroying crops, killing livestock and leaving millions of people homeless and in dire need of emergency assistance.

With your compassionate gifts, we will continue to support our partners on the ground as they deliver shelter items, food, water and medical care to those who need it most.

Please stay in touch to see how your support is bringing comfort and care to flood victims. And please keep the people of Pakistan, and our work with them, in your prayers.

Thank you so much for putting your faith into action through Lutheran World Relief.

In Christ,



John A. Nunes, President and CEO
Lutheran World Relief



Nadia, who does not know her age, sits alongside siblings after they were rescued from rising floodwaters in Baseera, a village located in the Muzaffargarh district of Pakistan's Punjab province. REUTERS/ Adrees Latif, courtesy www.alertnet.org

**You may Give through
your Church –**

Please make checks payable to:
St. Peter Lutheran Church
and indicate on memo line:
Pakistan Floods.

P.S. Your gifts make it possible for LWR to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies—wherever and whenever they happen. Help us continue this ministry of hope by giving an unrestricted gift so that we can respond where needs are greatest.

You're Invited to our 6th ANNUAL
ST. PETER

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 14**

Following the
11:00 AM
Worship Service



St. Peter will Provide:

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

Please Bring Your Favorite

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

Come Enjoy!

Meet new
FRIENDS
Enjoy Island fare!

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 13th
we're *Going Fishin'* for the St.
Peter **FISH FRY** on *Captain
Tony's Fishing Express*. If
you would like to deep-sea
Fish with us, Call Bob Burr at
481-7115 to reserve your spot!

We Get MORE Mail



September 2, 2010

Dear Friends,

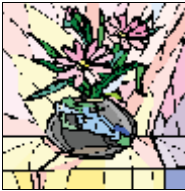
Thank you very much for the prayer shawl and thank you especially for your prayers. Your care and concern have meant a lot to me.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

In Christ's Love,
Max Steffey
Ft. Myers Beach, FL

September 5, 2010



Thank you so much for thinking of me on Sunday with the flowers. They brighten our home.

Thanks again,
God Bless,
Linda Brick
Ft. Myers, FL

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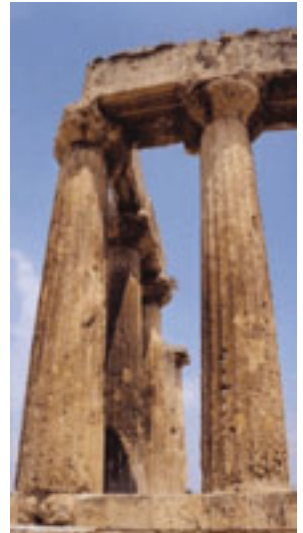
St. Peter will again serve as a Polling Location for Precinct # 81 during the national general Elections on **TUESDAY, November 2, 2010** from 7:00 am–7:00 pm. Be sure to exercise your right to vote on that day at your registered precinct!

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

— *Martin Luther*

Pillars of the faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted. Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:



1. **Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)** -

The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

2. **Sola Fide (Faith Alone)** - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16).

3. **Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)** - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

HAITI – UPDATE From God’s Man on the Ground Pastor C. Thomas Snapp, Chair - Global Mission Committee, Florida-Bahamas Synod ELCA



The Bells of the Episcopal cathedral – Port-au-Prince



The Altar of the Episcopal cathedral – Port-au-Prince



Our Lutheran Church being rebuilt – Carrefour

The bells at the Episcopal cathedral in Port-au-Prince are now silent, felled by the earthquake in January. The altar of this magnificent structure where the pastors of the *Eglise Luthérienne D’Haiti* were ordained, is gone. Our church in Carrefour, the epicenter of the quake, was flattened, but through the efforts of Lutheran giving, its skeleton stands once more. Pastor Eniel preaches from the makeshift pulpit, and behind him are the desks for the school there. The area around the church bespeaks the terrible destruction that killed over 200,000 people in a matter of minutes. It is estimated that 1.3 million people live in tent cities like the one shown here.

From August 31 to September 1, the church assembly gathered in Port-au-Prince to celebrate the love of God in Christ Jesus. They sang and praised God as they worked to establish precedents for reconstruction of the churches and ways to improve the lives in the community that they serve. The four pastors who serve the 1,500 Lutherans in its many church sites could not help but talk of God’s love and grace in spite of the tragedy they had endured. There was no organ or piano, and no hymnals, but when the pastor gave a number of a hymn in either Creole or French, the 35 in attendance sang like there were 300 in the room. They are looking toward the future and how they can continue to help their people realize the love of God in Christ Jesus.



Tent City – Port-au-Prince

Let's Go!



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.

☆ CALL Sally Rudolph OR the church office for more information.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Events!

1- ANDREWS BROTHERS Wednesday – NOVEMBER 17, 2010
MATINEE – Buffet 11:45 AM; Show 1:15 PM **Tickets: \$39.00 each**
☆ Need PAID Reservations by October 24 ☆

2- HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS Tuesday – DECEMBER 7, 2010
Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM **Tickets: \$49.00 each**
☆ Need PAID Reservations by November 14 ☆

3- THE FULL MONTY Tuesday – JANUARY 18, 2011
Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM **Tickets: \$49.00 each**
☆ Need PAID Reservations by December 26 ☆

4- UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN Tuesday – MARCH 15, 2011
Buffet 5:30 PM; Show 7:30 PM **Tickets: \$49.00 each**
☆ Need PAID Reservations by February 27, 2011 ☆

5- 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 - "LET'S GO".

MY NAME: _____

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

No. Tickets: _____ For Event: _____

BIRTHDAYS!

October 1	Paul Anderson
October 2	Bill Young
October 3	Don Sollars
October 4	Bill Beaulieu
October 5	Carol Kennedy
October 6	Samuel Ellner (5)
October 10	Doug Eckmann
October 11	Bill Figgins
October 11	Paul Johnson
October 12	Carol Masternak
October 17	Harold Asmus
October 18	Marilyn O'Data
October 18	Libby Smith
October 19	Andre Assink
October 19	Martha Miller
October 22	Ginny Heckert
October 22	Suzanne Kirsch
October 23	Joanne Miller
October 24	Pete Peterson
October 25	Miles Gerberding
October 26	Pat Modafari
October 27	Shirley Hyssong
October 29	Peter Trone
October 30	Courtney Eckmann
October 31	Linda Beaman

HOORAY!



ANNIVERSARIES!

October 6	Jamie & Jennifer Crisp (3)
October 10	Bill & Maloa Palmer (45)
October 16	Bruce & Diane Allen (45)
October 16	David & Linda Nelson (45)
October 18	Ralph & Arlene Moore (63)* * WOW! You two are an inspiration!
October 19	Glenn & Norma Bosler (60)* *Yours is a Love that Lasts! Best Wishes!
October 21	Roy & Carol Dagnall (32)
October 23	Jack & Shirley Hyssong (56)* * Sweet love! Congratulations!
October 24	Stan & Joanne Miller (57)* *You're in the Dictionary - under 'Lovebirds'!

"Acting Up"

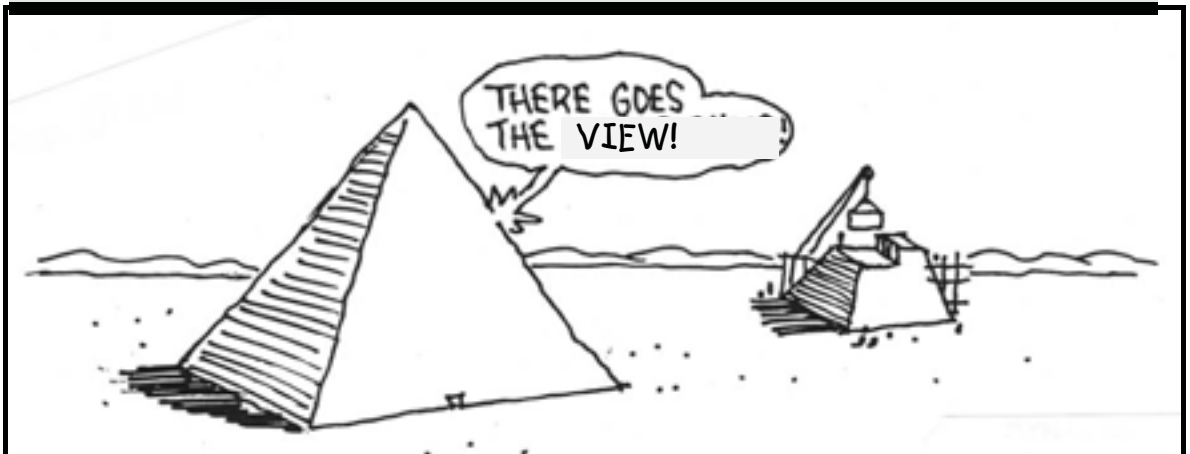
One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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.





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 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.

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



Bruce Allen
Lin Assink
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 October 24) **9:30 AM**
(October 31 thru December 26) **8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**
HOLY COMMUNION..... 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month
Church Workday (All Hands are Welcome!) Mondays • 8:00 AM
Church COUNCIL 3rd Thursday • Oct. 21 • 7 PM
CHOIR Rehearsal Resumes Oct. 20th • Wednesdays 6:30 PM
FISHING with St. Peter (Call Bob Burr to Reserve) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
WELCA – Anne Myrtle Circle 2nd Wed. • Resumes Oct. 13 • 9:30 AM
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH Last Wed. • Oct. 27 • 11:30 AM*

* Call JANA or the Church Office for information and reservations.

Who's Packing Your Parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison.

He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience! One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."



Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?"

Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy

territory – he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, take a moment to really recognize the people who pack your parachutes.

