

The

Fisherman

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The Fisherman comes to you with information, spiritual help and interesting news about this congregation and its friends. Material for each publication should be transmitted electronically (if possible) or to the office by the **20th of the preceding month.**

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REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR SHARON

THE FIVE BAPTISMAL PROMISES

When we were baptized, promises were made. Either our parents made them for us, if we were too young to consent or we made them for ourselves, if we were baptized as a young person or adult. Then, on our confirmation day, (also known as affirmation of baptism) we reaffirmed our commitment to living out those baptismal promises in our daily lives. Many of us probably haven't thought about those baptismal promises in years, if at all. So here is a little reminder for us all.

During the worship service, in the sacrament of holy baptism, the pastor asked:

- ***Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:***
- ***live among God's faithful people;***
- ***hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;***
- ***proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;***
- ***serve all people following the example of Jesus; and***
- ***strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"***

And we responded:

We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 236)

Being a disciple of Jesus is about more than just coming to worship once a week. Yes, worship is one of the five promises. In fact, it is the promise that grounds us in God's word and equips us for living out the other four. Many say that for Lutherans it is the center of our life together. However, if we only worship, we miss out on the joy and the challenges of a holistic faith journey.

So for the next five months, we will take a little time to explore each baptismal promise in order to remind us and encourage us to grow each day in the gift of our resurrection life in Christ.

Promise One: Live among God's faithful people

(From our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28).

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers ... Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people" (Acts 2:42, 46-47).

"... their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means,

and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us ...”(2 Corinthians 8:2-5).

Living in community as God’s faithful people is a gift of love, and an invitation to serve in mission. We are chosen not for position or privilege, but to live as faithful witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ. In our baptism we were made children of God and members of the body of Christ, the church. God’s message of hope and reconciliation strengthens us in our faith walk. Our life in Christian community supports us as we experience the joys and struggles of life. In our walk we are encouraged to equally embrace all differences and celebrate the diversity of gifts that can strengthen us.

As we live among God’s faithful people we:

- **Read and study God’s word**
- **Celebrate God’s presence in our lives through regular participation in worship**
- **Receive gratefully God’s blessings and return a portion of God’s abundance through our giving**
- **Live a new life in Christ by caring for and encouraging others**
- **Pray daily for each other, our communities and all of creation as we move into God’s future**
- **Renew daily a connection with baptism by making the sign of the cross on your forehead**

I encourage you to take time this month to reflect on this first baptismal promise. Try out some of the practical ways of living in community (**in bold**). We know that living in community has been quite a challenge during this pandemic. Yet, with the Spirit's creativity and help, we have found ways to stay connected to God, to our own souls, and to our fellow human beings. Even though we have not been able to continue some much-loved traditions during this difficult time, God has opened new ways for us to live in community. God is good. All the time!

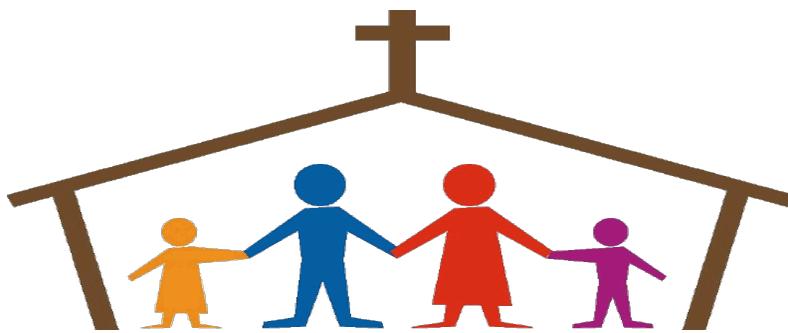
Peace to you as you seek new ways to "live among God's faithful people"

Pastor Sharon Taylor

[Martin Luther quotes](#)
[from your Worship and Music Committee](#)

"Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."



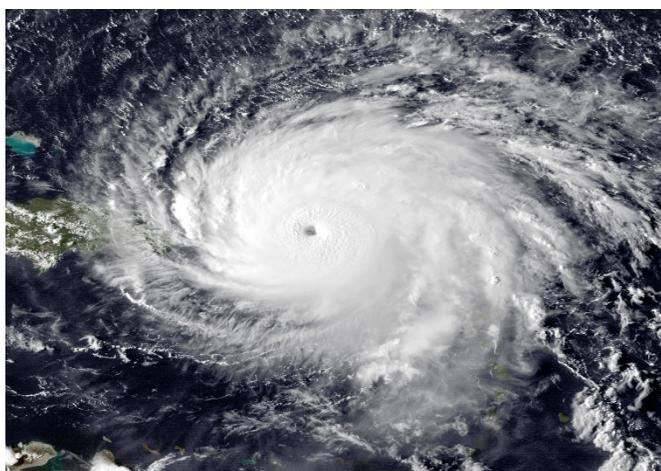
St. Peter Church Council Meeting Updates

Friday, April 16, 2021

- On Sunday, April 25, 2021 St. Peter will return to one worship service at 9:30 am.
- The St. Peter Pastoral Installation for Rev. Sharon Taylor is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2021 during the 9:30 am worship service in the sanctuary. It is Pentecost Sunday. Rev. Khader El-Yateem will be our synod representative. It will be live-streamed.
- For the off season, the recorded St. Peter Devotionals on our website will be modified to Tuesday and Thursday starting April 20, 2021.
- The Hurricane Preparedness Folder for St. Peter has been reviewed and updated for 2021.

(Any questions or concerns please feel free to ask any church council member.)

**FLORIDA HURRICANE SEASON 2021 -
Tuesday, June 1 through Tuesday, November 30**



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We request your prayers and presence
With us for a service of Holy Communion and

The Order of Installation.

By the Grace of God,

The Reverend Sharon Taylor

Will be installed
to the Office of Pastor
of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

May 23, 2021

During the 9:30 am service

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Time, Talents & Treasure

Stewardship Notes

Every Month is Stewardship Month

When we read the Parable of the Vineyard (Matthew 21:33-41) we learn that God is the vineyard owner, and we are the stewards. God owns the earth and all that exists. We are not the owners, but we are trusted managers of God's resources. All that we have; time, talent, treasure, comes from God.

When we view our lives this way, we realize that every month is Stewardship month. Every day is an opportunity to make good choices about how we will use and manage God's resources not just for ourselves, but for the common good and the good of God's kingdom.

Truly, the way we live our lives and the ways that we use resources in our daily lives, are reflections of our faith expression of our gratitude to God for all that God has done. What kind of message are your choices sending to God? Are your decisions about using time, talent, and treasure, reflective of your faith?

Stewardship is everything that we do after we say "I Believe." Our giving of our time, talents and treasures help us do God's work in this world.

Many times we only think about stewardship when it is time to look at the church budget, but it's a new day and we want to make sure that EVERYTHING we do reflects our stewardship to God.



Our Prayer List

<i>Adler Biddle</i>	<i>Denise Mays</i>
<i>Gretna Bohl</i>	<i>April Meyer</i>
<i>Laura Bond</i>	<i>Dave & Sue Mickley</i>
<i>Joy Booth</i>	<i>Larry Nelson</i>
<i>Sally Malcom-Bethea</i>	<i>Martha Krejci</i>
<i>Karen Carpenter</i>	<i>Shirley & Sheldon Roe</i>
<i>Church in Haiti</i>	<i>Jim Fogdall</i>
<i>John Hyssong, Jr.</i>	<i>Miguel Colon</i>
<i>Barbara Deming</i>	<i>Scott Seeman</i>
<i>Ernest H. Garbade (son)</i>	<i>Debbie Smalley</i>
<i>Jack Gerber</i>	<i>Ryan Smith</i>
<i>Jack & Shirley Hyssong</i>	<i>Joyce Timmons</i>
<i>Bill Figgins</i>	<i>Alexis Tuminello</i>
<i>Jim Johnson</i>	<i>Liz Venturin</i>
<i>Barbara Keene</i>	<i>Joanie McMeekin</i>
<i>Jim & Carol Look</i>	<i>Tiffany Hunter</i>
<i>Tim Taylor</i>	<i>Eleanor Paulsen</i>
<i>Tom Holland</i>	<i>Chris Magley</i>
<i>Ida Syvertson (mother of Deb & Tim Syvertson)</i>	
<i>Family of Lillian Meyer</i>	<i>Joyce Burr</i>
<i>Family of Frances Gernandt</i>	

Our family serving in the Armed Forces

Col. Kevin Groth (nephew of Bob Stenerson)
Marshall (son of Paul & Mark)
Robert McGuire (grandson of Arlene Burm)

Please pray for peace throughout the world and for our St. Peter church family members currently serving in the Armed Forces -



Our thoughts and prayers are with you all



It is our privilege to lift up your prayer concerns to the Throne Room of our God! If you have a prayer concern to add or remove from this list, please call the office or mark it on the list posted on the bulletin board.

Names will be listed for one month, after which they will be removed unless we hear from you to keep them active.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

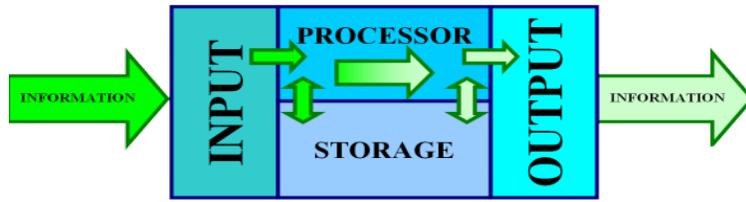


- 5/6 Gloria Willauer
Susan Frantz
- 5/7 Barbara Keene
- 5/11 Beth Johnson
- 5/12 Gene Dahlin
- 5/14 Charlene Grabow
- 5/16 Sheldon Roe
- 5/18 Jeanette Timmons
- 5/19 Sarah Jane Olbrich
- 5/21 Donna Albert
- 5/23 Bev Shafer
- 5/26 Diane Allen



- 5/14 Glenn & Pat Dane **55 years!!**
- 5/18 Bob & Joyce Burr
- 5/24 John & Marilee Schoenewald
- 5/28 Pastor Bob & Gloria Willauer

Just a Reminder about your address



We like to let you know what's going on! Please try to make sure you keep us updated for all your addresses and phone numbers. It is important to keep your info up to date so that you are connected with your church family here.

Computer System Info

This has become evident to us all this year as many of you weren't able to come to your Florida home due to Covid-19. The computer system is set to print labels to the address where you have told us you will be on the day that we will mail the Fisherman. There was no way to change those addresses for just one time and then go back to the old information for the next year.

How We Can Catch Up

We know that you may have missed a few issues, but they are available on line and we will be happy to reprint and send to you if you request them. Just call us or email us with the address where you want them sent.

How You Can Help

So, send us a note, leave us a message on the answering machine (slowly), e-mail us or tell a friend! We'll take care of any permanent changes as soon as we get them so you are never left out of the loop. These temporary changes for the pandemic, well, that's one of those things we're still working on



WELCA (Women of the ELCA)

“May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:30

Thanks to everyone who helped support WELCA's projects this past year. Even with the Pandemic we have been able to do the following:

Renee's Closet - donated school supplies and clothing for those in need at the Ft Myers Beach Elementary School.

Collected PB&J for Harvest Time Ministries.

Made a donation to CALM (Crisis Aid for Little Moms)

Collected Food and Canned Soup for God's Table and the Baptist Food Pantry.

Made a donation to Church World Service for Blankets

Sponsored sales of Poinsettias and Lillies to decorate our sanctuary

Worked on Pillowcase Dresses and Lap Quilts

Collected Coupons for our Military families

Immokalee Friendship House/St Matthews House

Helped with our new Outreach Project of supplying to families in need paper products, personal items and cleaning supplies.

Thanks be to God for all everyone has done to help us this last year.

God's Blessings,
Marilyn Torstveit



The Passing of Lillian Meyer

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Lillian Meyer. Ray and Lillian were active members here as well as with the Kiwanis on the Beach. Lillian passed away on December 4.

If you want to send a card to their daughter, here is her address:

Mrs. Wendy Wise
13790 North Bushwacker Place
Oro Valley , AZ 85755

The Passing of Francis Gernandt

We have also recently learned that Francis Gernandt passed away on January 5, 2021. We don't have an address for condolences at this time, but when we receive it, it will be printed in the weekly bulletin.



ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY AT SHELL POINT

We recently received a thank you for our on-going contributions to the Alliance Stamp Ministry program. Yes! Even during a pandemic, the program continues!

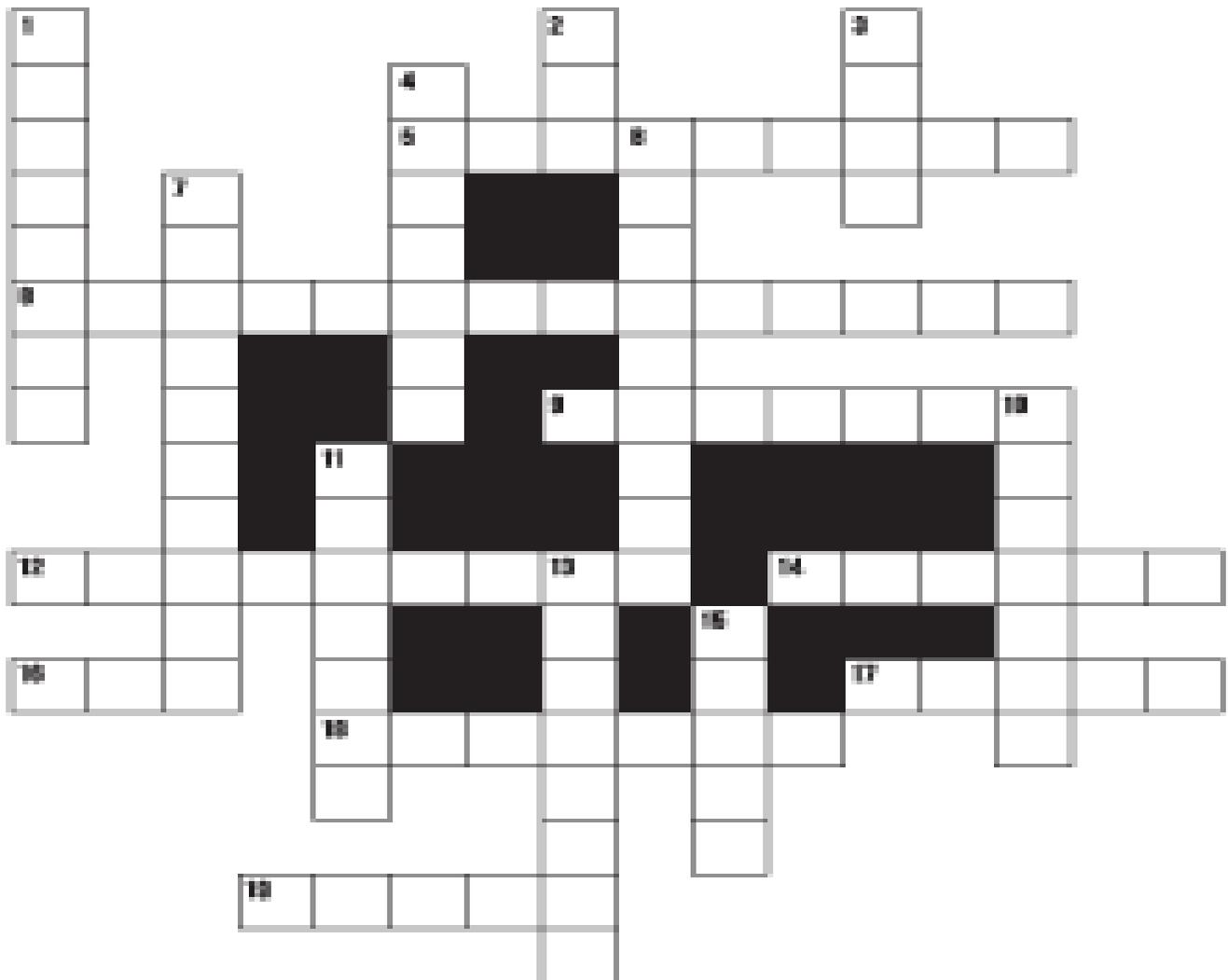
In existence since 1972, this ministry supports the distribution of a Spanish language Christian education curriculum currently being used by 40 different denominations in Latin American, Spanish and United States churches. The Alliance volunteers at Shell Point happily announced that the ministry reached its one million dollar level in July 2018 and is now working on its second million. "As of the end of February 2021, \$4000 total for 2021 has been generated in support of (this) Sunday School program....Thank you for serving the Lord with us."

Please do save those stamps (both canceled and uncanceled) as well as picture post cards (used and unused). Whenever you are at St. Peter you can drop off these donations in the designated basket in the Narthex and volunteers will sort your gifts prior to delivery to the program at Shell Point. This is an easy way to ecumenically support this very worth-while program.

Questions? Call Joyce Burr at (239) 481-7115 or email her at burrhaven15@embarqmail.com

Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist | 13. the degree of moisture in the air |
| 3. frozen rain pellets | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky | 16. frozen water |
| 6. violent tropical storm | 17. deluge |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust | 18. when day and night are of equal length |
| 8. northern lights | 19. frozen dew or vapor |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon | |
| 10. wearing away of the soil | |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice | |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

