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# Fisherman

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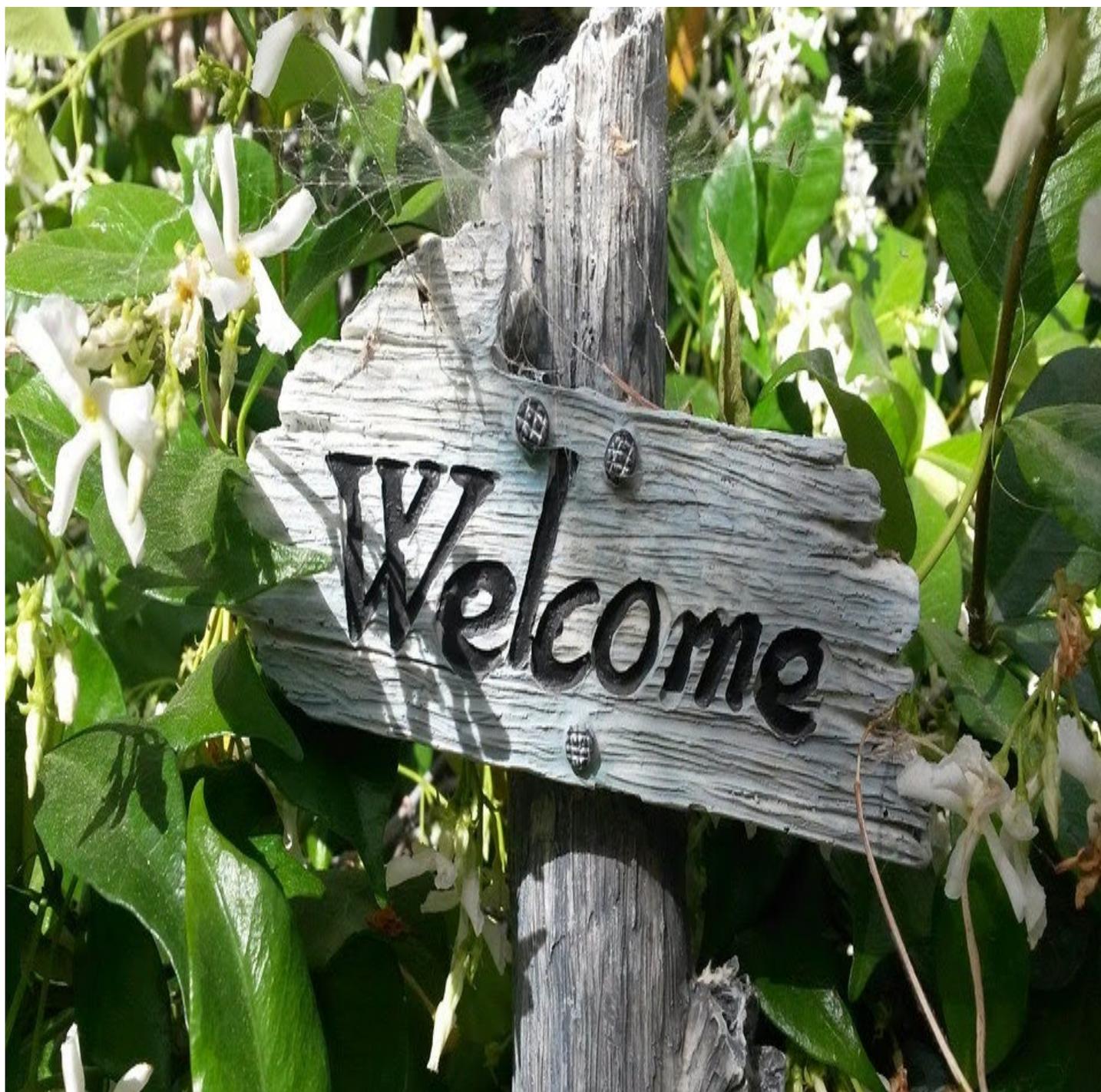
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**Summer OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday -Wednesday - Friday**

**8:00 am – Noon**

## **STAFF**

**Pastor • Rev. Rick Lund**

**Office Assistant • Trudy Archer**

**Jim Kreger • Organist/Choir Director**

**Shirley Roe • Artist-in-Residence/Pianist**

The Fisherman comes to you on a timely, regular basis 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 **20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.**

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## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR RICK

The History Channel has been running a 3-part series on General U.S. Grant. I am a huge Grant fan and believe his presidency is the most underrated and misunderstood in US history.

Grant was a humble, unassuming man with an incredible gift for remaining calm during battle. He kept a razor-sharp focus and a single-minded determination on the goal: preserve the nation at all costs. Grant hated war but didn't shirk his responsibility to prosecute it.

We are in a war against a formidable unseen enemy right now. We have taken aggressive steps to stay focused on the goal of winning. What does winning look like? Minimizing suffering and death and finding a vaccine to defeat the virus. It has required sacrifice and determination, but we have been willing to offer it.

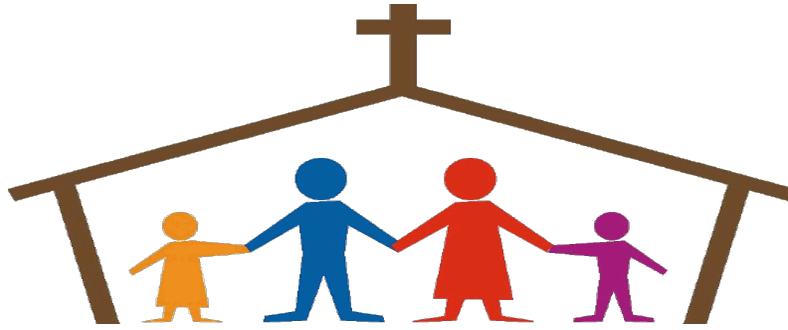
Sunday is Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out from heaven onto a divided humanity. On that day in Jerusalem, thousands of people overcame their language and cultural differences to become one in the Lord. This is the Church. It is worth fighting for, worth whatever sacrifices are necessary to preserve it.

As your Pastor I want to thank you for your perseverance and commitment to our mission as St Peter at the Beach, St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ft. Myers Beach Florida.

May you find joy in the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. Together we will win this war.

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## ***St. Peter Church Council Meeting Updates***

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM**

- The St. Peter Finance Committee recommended four options of wind mitigation insurance policies from the carrier Weston. After some discussion, we chose the option to suit our needs and voted.
- After some discussion of collected bids to deep clean most of the rooms located in the St. Peter sanctuary building, we voted to hire Service Master to perform this task in preparation of the day we reopen the church.
- After listening to Bishop Suarez's latest message and much more discussion of the guidelines we need to prepare to open our doors safely, we voted to keep St. Peter Church closed until and including Sunday, May 31, 2020.
- A request was made to ask the callers to reach out to the names of people in our St. Peter Church Directory to inform them of our decision to remain closed until Sunday, May 31, 2020. They can also encourage the parishioners to keep connected to St Peter Church by watching the Sunday worship services and the daily bible study videos on the new website for

[www.stpeterfmb.com](http://www.stpeterfmb.com)

## June, 2020

Council did not meet this month. Via telephone conversation, a motion was made and unanimously accepted to continue to keep the church closed for in-person worship until the beginning of July.

This subject may be revisited prior to that time. Continue to watch the website, your e-mail and our Facebook page for updates.

### Martin Luther quotes from your Worship and Music Committee

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God."



## *Stewardship Notes*

**God's Work, Our Hands** is still the message we strive for each day.

As we go through this time of uncertainty due to a pandemic, we are saddened by the custom of not attending St Peter Lutheran Church in person. This brings us to the question,..... What does "church" look like? In the minds of most people, church is a building topped with a steeple or cross with people coming and going. The point is, "church" is people. It is us...you and me ...believers with a message and a God who is with us always. As we continue, during this time to share God's word via live (video) streaming Sunday service, daily Bible Study, Weekly Bread, we want to thank you for your continued financial giving to share God's message. God is generous and so he calls us to be as well as we do God's work, our hands.

1 Peter 4:10 *As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

Your Stewardship Committee

*Prayer Requests*

*Keith Allen  
Joan Berecz  
Adler Biddle  
Gretna Bohl  
Joy Booth  
Bob Burm  
Joyce Burr  
Jack Butcher  
Jack Gerber  
Debbie Smalley  
Jim Johnson  
Delores Schwikle  
Michael Schultz  
Scott Seeman  
Alexis Tuminello  
Shannon Miller  
Ernest Garbade, Jr  
Larry Nelson*

*Miguel Colon  
Jack & Shirley Hyssong  
Arnie & Nancy Johnson  
Whitney Johnson  
Barbara Keene  
Jim & Carol Look  
Chris Magley  
Ken "Butch" Markim  
The Church in Haiti  
Rita Hoffmeister  
Josh Price & family  
Liz Venturin  
Don Stevens  
Joyce Timmons  
Jaymie Thomas  
Jeff Williams  
April Meyer  
Denise Moss*

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

***Col. Kevin Groth (nephew of Bob Stenerson)***

***Nick and Marshall (sons of Mark & Paul)***



**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.*



## *Notes on the live streaming*

We hope that you have been watching our weekly worship services on YouTube and Pastor's daily reflections, focused currently on Acts.

If you haven't seen it, either go to YouTube and enter "St Peter Lutheran Church Ft. Myers Beach FL" or go to our website and click on the link. We are also working on offering to make them available on the television here in Lau Hall. If you would like to set up a time to come watch these recordings, please call the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8 and noon to do so. We'll make sure you can be a part of this exciting new ministry.



Job Title – **Worship Assistant**, Part Time

Duties include - Leading congregation in intercessory prayer, helping with communion , leading reciting of the creed and gathering offering. Hours vary, usually Sunday from around 8 am – noon, sometimes less.

Job Title – **Audio/Visual operator**,Part Time

Duties include running the A/V system. See above for hours.

**Training available for all positions.**

**Apply within**

**Compensation – Good feeling in your heart**

**Bonus – Knowing you are doing God's work**

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

*We have a big list of birthdays to celebrate  
in June!!*



Ernie Garbade	06/01
Sherry Wellman	06/01
Joy Hunlock	06/03
MarilynHousemeyer	06/04
Tim Horvatich	06/06
Jack Butcher	06/07
Karen Magley	06/08
Maloa Palmer	06/09
Robert Burm	06/13
Skip Buehler	06/13
Norma Conner	06/16
Savannah Crisp	06/16
Beverly Trone	06/17
Pr. Rusty May	06/17
Brenda Miller	06/18
Liam Crisp	06/19
Joyce Burr	06/20
Richard Wellman	06/20

Marcene Arendt 06/22  
Tom Coziahr 06/23  
Susan Mickley 06/23  
Joyce Timmons 06/26  
Larry Beck 06/27  
Jim Kasmala 06/30



RICHARD & SHERRY WELLMAN 6/7  
JASON & JESSICA KURTZ 6/10  
BILL & CATHY FIGGINS 6/13 **61 years together!!**  
BOB & DIANE BALDRIDGE 6/14  
RON AND LINNEA OLSEN 6/21  
GREG & JACKIE DAWSON 6/22  
LINDA & JIM KASMALA 6/25  
Norma Conner & Jim Wall 6/27  
Phil and Karen Magley 6/27

*Celebrate Safely !!*

Jim Kregger



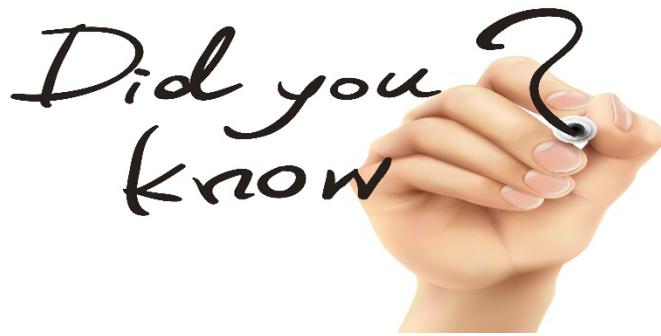
# WORSHIP PLANNING COVID19 PANDEMIC EDITION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE  
Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE  
Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE  
Gather Us In.....NOPE  
Close to Thee.....NOPE

## COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters  
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley  
I Come to the Garden Alone  
Trust and Obey

## *Just a Reminder about your address*



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

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 the changes as soon as we get them so you are never left out of the loop.

That being said, here is our new e-mail address:

[stpeterfmb@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterfmb@gmail.com)

You can still reach us at the old one, [stpeterfmb@aol.com](mailto:stpeterfmb@aol.com), but please remove the [Susanstpeter@aol.com](mailto:Susanstpeter@aol.com) because that is a personal address for Susan Frantz.



A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop."

Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop.

Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"



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Please note that the office is currently being staffed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, usually from 8am – noon. If you leave a message, we will get back to you the next work day.



A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

**Dear Netflix,  
Can you please turn off the  
"are you still watching"  
feature? We are in  
quarantine so yes we are  
still watching, I don't need  
this kind of judgment in this  
time of uncertainty. If you  
could please update it with  
a "are you sure you want to  
eat that" notice that would  
be much more helpful at  
this time.  
Sincerely, Me**

# ON THE JERICHO ROAD

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By Rev. Bill Gerber

May 12, 2019

***Ps. 23: Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou are with me.*** Our house manager, Larry, has walked through that valley, at the bedside of his mom in Chicago for the past ten days. A heart condition and COPD had ravaged her body. As her body fought to stay with Larry, he would pray asking the Lord for healing. The meds didn't work. Oxygen therapies had little effect. Her medical team having exhausted all their skills, approaches, tests, meds, and therapies released her to Hospice. Larry had never walked this 'part of the valley'. He called, we 'texted', we prayed. Finally exhausted he sought refuge for some sleep at the Jericho House. A faucet needed repairs. He picked one up on the way home Thursday, PM and started the repair. A stubborn 'nut' on a bolt would not release. He gave up, went to bed, slept fitfully. In the morning 'Joe', in his mid-30's, a steady companion of Larry's walk with Christ, came out to help. That 'nut' easily unscrewed. Larry looked at Joe and instantly knew. It was 7:30a.m. Joe stood by as Larry went down stairs to fetch a a drug test kit. At that moment Tom came out of his room to go to work. Something was wrong. Joe started to shake, sweat popped out on his forehead. He became unsteady. Tom called out to Larry. By the time Larry got upstairs, Joe was unresponsive in a kitchen chair. Larry immediately called '9-1-1'. In just a few seconds, Joe had retrieved the heroin from a packet in his shoe and 'snorted' it before he came out to help. Over-dose. The 'Narcan' came via first responders. Joe would live another day. I was beset by 'what if's'. Joe would have died in his room had Larry not called out to him to help with the faucet. Tom had never used drugs, but 'knew' something was wrong. Larry had seen all this before, too many times. And why did Larry just not remain in Chicago? Why did he return to Rockford to 'fix a faucet, get some rest'? How was it that Larry passed up serving at 'Ruthie's Kitchen' our 'give-back' soup kitchen ministry, and return to Chicago to be at his Mom's bedside later Saturday afternoon. And how was it that later that Saturday evening, Marie went Home to Jesus? ***Psalm 23: 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.***

