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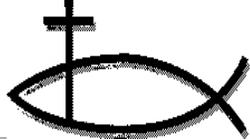
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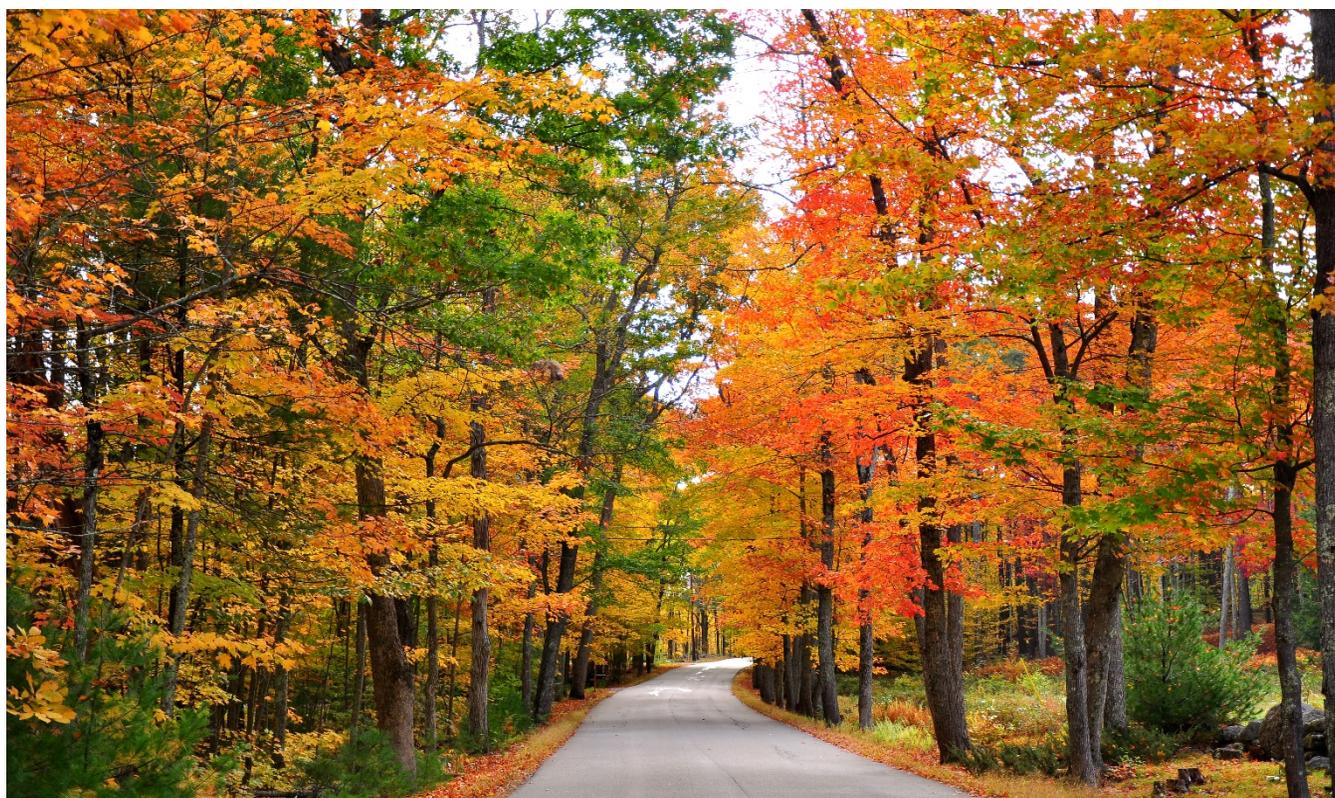
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“St Peter Lutheran Church Ft Myers Beach FL”



OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Wednesday - Friday

8:00 am – Noon

STAFF

Pastor • Rev. Sharon Taylor

Office Administrator • Trudy Archer

Jim Kreger • Organist/Choir Director

Shirley Roe • Artist-in-Residence/Pianist

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REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR
SHARON

ASSET-BASED MINISTRY

Ephesians 4:11-13

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Asset-Based Ministry is a way of looking at congregational ministry and mission through the lens of abundance. Rather than stressing over what we do not have, we intentionally focus on what we do have. We explore and celebrate all the gifts that God has already given our community of faith! There are many untapped gifts here at St. Peter, and it's time for us to begin the collective process of identifying our gifts and assets so we can better use them for God's work of loving, blessing, and saving the world.

This month I share with you a few concepts that will help frame our conversations moving forward.

Priesthood of All Believers

In our baptism, we are all called to ministry. We are given skills, talents, and spiritual gifts with which to serve God through Christ. We are all ministers of the Gospel. God expects us to use our gifts (assets) to serve God and neighbor. Every person is honored and respected as a participant in ministry according to their gifts. Asset-based Ministry is Permission-giving ministry.

Asset-based ministry takes seriously Scripture's call to equip all people for ministry. This approach helps individuals and communities identify their God-given gifts, to develop and use those gifts to glorify God in all aspects of daily life; in the workplace, in the home, in the community, in the congregation. Asset-based congregations encourage their people to take risks and try new things for the sake of the Gospel.

Faithful Stewards

Everything we have truly belongs to God. We are simply managers of God's resources. Even we, ourselves, belong to God. God entrusts us with gifts (assets) in order to serve God and neighbor.

Asset-based Ministry begins by exploring what we have rather than what we need. Asset-based ministry looks at all the gifts of the community and then asks "What is God calling us to do with these gifts?"

Prayer

Asset-based ministry trusts that God will “raise up” gifted leaders to fulfill the vision that God has for us. Prayer is an important tool for discerning God’s vision and recognizing God’s call to ministry.

God has claimed, gifted, and called each one of us into the gospel mission. I look forward to a future of possibilities here at St. Peter. I hope you do too!

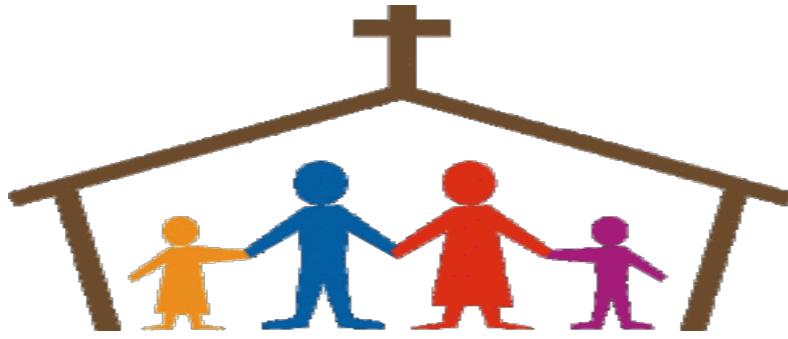
Peace to you,
Pastor Sharon Taylor

Father, please make me a good Christian, and let me be a good example for other people to follow. Help me not to be a stumbling block for other people’s grace and salvation. Let me faithfully and carefully serve you so that other people can witness this and glorify your holy name. For in the name of Jesus Christ I pray.

Amen

by James Taiwo

A special note to all our northern members and friends,
We look forward to your return and welcome you back into our in-person fellowship once again. We have missed you and held you in our thoughts and prayers. We had an active summer and look forward to sharing our stories with you. For those of you who may not be coming down due to Covid, please let us know, and we would love an update on your life. Blessings to you!



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Updates

Friday, Sept. 17, 2021

- After some discussion, church council members agreed to continue wearing masks and social distancing for worship services at St Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church on Fort Myers Beach. We continue to watch for some direction from the CDC guidelines.
- In accordance with the Worship and Music committee the worship services on Christmas Eve will be scheduled for 3:00 pm outside in the church parking lot. There will also be a 7:00 pm inside with candlelighting and livestreaming on Christmas Eve. There will be a 9:30 am worship service inside with livestreaming on Saturday, December 25, 2021 and on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Then, starting on January 2, 2021 the plan is to have a 8:00 am service and a 9:30 am service. We will be assessing the need for an outdoor service closer to January.
- The St. Peter Fisherman for October 2021 will be sent out using the method you chose.
- Our next St. Peter church council meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:30 am in Lau Hall.

Contact any council member if you have questions.

Offering Envelopes

Church Council would like to start a conversation about numbered pew envelopes. Because so many folks have changed the way they give and how often they give, Council thought that it was time to rethink the use of individually numbered envelopes. Please either fill out this form and return it to us or you can e-mail us or write your choice on the back of the Contact Tracing form.

St. Peter Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes are ordered in August or September to arrive in time for the new year. Many members often don't use these envelopes to make their offerings to St. Peter since there are other electronic ways to make offerings. Please help us determine who needs envelopes and who would prefer not to receive them to save on the costs.

Members' name _____

Would you like to continue receiving offering envelopes?

Yes

No

If you need any further assistance, please call the church office at 239-463-4251 or email stpeterfmb@gmail.com

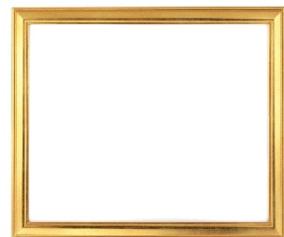
SUMMER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

We ate lunch this summer, ladies at one table, gentlemen at another. We had a nice turnout for each one, July, August and September.

Coconut Jack's July



Lighthouse, August



The men were in a separate room and took no photos.

*We had such a good time at Fishtale in September,
none of us took any photos!*

PILLOWCASE DRESS MINISTRY



We have been busy distributing the dresses that we have already made. Some have gone to Africa, some to Appalachia and another batch I hand delivered to a group in Michigan for distribution in Africa!

We also have discovered an organization right here in Fort Myers that will take any dresses we have to be shipped to Haiti! There will be no shipping charges, so that is a blessing.

The tie dyed dresses that were done on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday look amazing and will certainly be loved by the children who receive them. I want to thank Carter, Owen and Gwen for tie dying them. I also want to thank Debbie & Steve Kildow for providing all the supplies for this project and all the work in washing them afterward.

Thanks to you all for your continued support of this ministry.

God Bless You!!!
Rhona Diamond



Our Prayer List



<i>Adler Biddle</i>	<i>Pam Buccafurri</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>Mary Harrington</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>Sandi Cottingham</i>
<i>Barbara Deming</i>	<i>Scott Seeman</i>
<i>Ernest H. Garbade (son)</i>	<i>Debbie Smalley</i>
<i>Lynda Butler</i>	<i>Ryan Smith</i>
<i>Jack & Shirley Hyssong</i>	<i>Family of Joyce Timmons</i>
<i>Bill Figgins</i>	<i>Alexis Tuminello</i>
<i>Family of Jim Johnson</i>	<i>Liz & Mark Venturin</i>
<i>Michelle Taylor</i>	<i>Jim & Carol Look</i>
<i>Tim Taylor</i>	<i>Eleanor Paulsen</i>
<i>Ida Syvertson, mother of Deb & Tim</i>	<i>Monna Weiler</i>
<i>Denise Mays</i>	<i>Brooker Simms</i>
<i>Lisa, friend of the Johnsons, awaiting biopsy results</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)

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/4	Bill Beaulieu	10/18	Libby Smith
10/6	Vic Berecz	10/19	Gloria Cockings
10/7	Austin Kurtz	10/26	Les Groettum
10/10	Doug Eckmann	10/27	Shirley Hyssong
10/11	Paul Johnson	10/28	Dave Mickley
	Bill Figgins	10/30	Courtney Eckmann
10/17	Larry Nielsen	10/31	Janice Burm



October ANNIVERSARIES

10/6	Jamie & Jennifer Crisp	
10/10	Bill & Maloa Palmer	56 YEARS!
10/16	Bruce & Diane Allen	56 YEARS!
10/21	Roy & Carol Dagnall	
10/23	Jack & Shirley Hyssong	67 YEARS!



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1	5	x 3	=		6	6	x 6	=	
2	7	x 4	=		7	9	x 3	=	
3	4	x 6	=		8	3	x 8	=	
4	2	x 10	=		9	10	x 4	=	
5	9	x 5	=		10	11	x 8	=	

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things



-Marilyn Torstveit and Diane Allen, Co-Presidents

Fill us with your Love every morning. Then we will sing and rejoice all our lives Psalm 90:14

Fall is upon us and the Fall Gathering at Lake Yale is Nov. 12-14, 2021. The theme is: "Faith can move mountains" See Rhona Diamond for information. She and Trudy Archer will be attending as delegates.

Dresses were delivered to "Little Dresses for Africa, Hope for Appalachia and Rhona delivered some to Michigan to our connection there. Material and cash donations are always welcome.

A donation from WELCA to Beach Elementary School was made in August for school supplies. Also, we sent a donation to Jessica Kurtz for her class expenses.

Our Christmas Angel Project that supports children and seniors will be starting soon.

This month we are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for Harvest Time Ministries. The shopping cart will be in the Narthex for your donations. Cash donations are also welcome and we can shop for you. Harvest Time looks forward to our collection every year.

We thank everyone for your donations that support our projects. Your generosity is appreciated!

Next WELCA meeting is Thursday, Oct. 13, 2021

Blessings, Diane Allen



"Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying."

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves us is never alone."

ENDURING GIFT FUND

Members –

The St. Peter Church Council is reaching out to the congregation for suggestions of non-profit organizations to which distributions from the EGF's income is consistent with this congregation's mission and constitution. We are asking you to feel free to suggest any organizations that would qualify for one of these grants by submitting it to the office either by dropping it off, writing it on the back of your Contact Tracing form, emailing it or phoning us.

Please make sure that the name, address and contact information for the organization is part of your recommendation.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY

On Sunday, Sept. 12, we joined with churches around the country to participate in God's Work, Our Hands day. We followed Pastor Sharon out of the sanctuary into Lau Hall. With the work done by the Worship and Music committee we filled "Blessing Bags" with various items that will help the homeless and underserved.

We also tie dyed the white pillowcase dresses to make them nicer for the recipients in Africa, Appalachia and Haiti.

We finished our service after completing the project, led in song by Shirley Roe.

The bags were delivered by Jim Kreger, John Linebarger and John Torstveit to the Salvation Army. The dresses will be going to Haiti soon!



FISHERMAN DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Beginning this month, we will start sending the Fisherman to you using the method you chose. If you haven't yet responded, we will send it to you via your e-mail address if we have one in our system. If we don't have your e-mail and you haven't let us know that you still wish to receive the Fisherman, we will assume that you are no longer interested. We may send you one more, just to make sure that you got your reply sent in. You are certainly welcome to change the method you wish to use at any time.

You can also always view the Fisherman through the link on our website, www.stpeterfmb.com. They are archived there for several months.

2020 – CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT..... Donna Albert

VICE PRESIDENT..... Marlene McComas

TREASURER John Torstveit

MEMEBERS:

George Albert, Rhona Diamond,

Bill Beaulieu, Marilyn Housemeyer

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 workday.

God
is good
all the
time

The text is written in a black, cursive script. There are two small gold hearts: one above the 'd' in 'God' and one to the left of 'all'. A large, elegant gold flourish starts from the bottom right of the word 'time' and loops upwards and to the left.