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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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February
2023

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Pastor Sharon's Sharings

LENT 2023: FAITH BEYOND THE STORM

During most Lenten seasons, we intentionally try to strip away our excesses to get "in step" with Jesus as he walks to the cross. This year, our excesses and many of our necessities, have been stripped away from us by Hurricane Ian. This unwelcomed trauma provides us with an opportunity to use our Lenten season to reflect on our faith in and beyond the storm. During the 40 days of Lent we will provide a format for you to reflect upon and write down your faith story. Researchers



say that in order for us to learn from experiences, good or bad, we need to take the time to debrief the experience and reflect upon its impact on our lives. Lent will provide us with that time and space to both grieve and grow.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES 2023

Shrove Tuesday, February 21,

*2023 Pancake Dinner with Peace and St. Michael 4:30-6:30
at Peace Lutheran Church, MacGregor Blvd.*

Ash Wednesday Worship February 22, 2023

at Noon with Peace Lutheran Church

Wednesday mornings - Faith Beyond the Storm

9:30-10:30 St. Peter Parking Lot

Saturday morning worship Every Saturday

10 am at Peace Lutheran

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Sunday morning worship

Outdoor worship in St. Peter parking lot

Feb 26 and March 26 8:30am

Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023

at 7:00 pm with Peace Lutheran

Good Friday April 7, 2023 St. Peter parking lot - noon

Bring a chair!

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023 St Peter parking lot 8:30am

Bring a chair!

May this Lenten season bring us healing, hope, and renewed faith!

Peace, Pastor Sharon Taylor

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Mar. 11, 2023 immediately following the 10:00 am service at Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33908



HERE ARE THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE QUOTES FROM MARTIN LUTHER

"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope"

"All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and all will receive what they have asked and desired"



Combined Luncheon Lunch Bunch/ROMEOs

February Lunch Bunch/ROMEO's will be Thursday, February 23, at 11:30 am at Ted's Montana Steak House at Coconut Point Mall, 8017 Plaza del Lago Dr., Estero

For reservations, please phone Jana Clevenger at (317) 753-1510

UPDATES

SoulTending on the Beach

Meditation and spiritual conversation

Mondays 830-9:30am

On the beach directly across from St Peter Lutheran. Bring your own chair.

Spiritual Support Group: Faith “in and beyond” the Storm

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am

St Peter Lutheran Church parking lot

Bring a chair

PARADISE COASTMEN CONCERT



Mark your calendar for Feb 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

15600 N. Tamiami Trail

Naples, FL

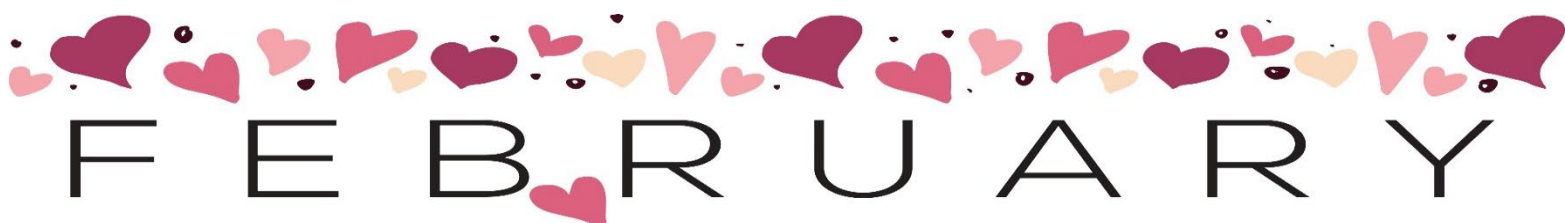
Members & friends of St. Peter Lutheran Church
Ft. Myers Beach damaged by Ian.

. The **Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus** will be in concert to benefit the church and those in need.

Great, energetic music and fun!

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BIRTHDAYS

2/6 Dianne Phillips

2/21 Jana Clevenger
Phil Magley

2/7 Monna Weiler
Bob Baldrige

2/25 Ryker Timmons
Elaine Kurtz

2/8 Bruce Allen

2/26 Tony Frantz

2/19 Richard Hagstrom

Lydia Frantz

ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Paul & Beth Johnson

2/15 Bill & Marcene Arendt

2/16 Larry & Linda Beck

“There are no great things, only small things with great love.
Happy are those.” *Mother Teresa*



W.E.L.C.A.



"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
Ephesians 2:10

We will hold a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 am – call one of us for the location.

- Diane Allen & Marilyn Torstveit



Church Council Minutes from December 15, 2022

Members present: Jason Kurtz, Mark Venturin, Jim Look, Arlene Burm, Jana Clevenger, Pastor Sharon Taylor, Lynn Larson and Rhona Diamond (by zoom).

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by president Jason Kurtz. Devotions and prayer were given by Pastor Sharon Taylor.

A motion was made by Jana and seconded by Mark to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jana and seconded by Lynn to approve the December 3, 2022 anniversary meeting minutes. Motion passed. The November 18, 2022 minutes were approved electronically on November 21, 2022.

A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Jim To approve the November 30, 2022 treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Mutual Ministry: The services of Amy Colon, custodian, were severed in September after the hurricane but she will receive compensation until the end of the year, the last check dated December 15.

Social Ministry: WELCA will not meet until February.

Worship and Music: there will be a Christmas Eve worship service at 10:00 on Saturday, Dec. 24 in the St. Peter parking lot. Congregants are also invited to worship at Lamb of God at either 4:00 or 6:00 with pastors Tim and Sharon Taylor.

Old Business:

A. Insurance: we are still owed a refund from Weston Wind insurance policy cancelled in July, 2022 which was replaced by Citizens in September, 2022. We are also owed a refund from the appraisal company Maxwell-Simmons because the appraisal was not done by the time of the hurricane. Jason made a motion and Arlene seconded to hire a public adjustor to act as a liaison between the insurance companies and St Peter.

Motion passed.

B. Christmas bonuses for staff: A motion was made by Jana and seconded by Mark to have WELCA pay a \$100 bonus to Pastor and \$50 bonuses to Trudy, Monna and Beth. Mutual Ministry will pay the additional \$50 bonuses to Jim Kreger, Shirley and Lisa.

New Business:

A. Update the St Peter website to reflect 2023 council members pictures and bios. All council members will be installed on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

B. Update on November 28-29-30 church cleanup: Much was accomplished on those three days with many volunteers from outside St. Peter. There is still more to be done, especially in the Lau Hall area. We will try to have another series of workdays in January.

Jim will look into the cost and availability of a dumpster as FEMA will no longer be picking up debris.

C. Structural Engineer report from Progressive: even though there is much damage from wind and water, there is still much integrity especially in the sanctuary building. None of the pilings were damaged and the main frame is intact and undamaged. The walls and roofline are plumb and straight. It is too soon to make any decisions on what will happen to the two buildings.

D. Update on Servpro's cleanup: A bill for \$14,000. has been submitted for the cleanup provided by Servpro. We will ask for a more detailed invoice on what was done and how long it took to complete before paying this bill.

E. On Saturday, December 17, 2022 worship will include synod representatives with a congregation meeting afterward at Peace Lutheran Church. A lunch will follow.

F. Giving statements for 2022 need to be mailed by January 16, 2023. These must be signed by the treasurer. Guidelines have been previously set at \$250. and above.

G. Pastor's Report: staff continues to work remotely. Lisa Miller is continuing to work on sound problem and is meeting with Pro Audio this week. Pastor continues to provide pastoral care for members and friends who are displaced and grieving. She will continue to give constant contact updates.

She has also assisted with finding temporary residences for some of our members.

Pastor will be taking vacation January 17-26, 2023. LDR will be sending a disaster response chaplain (ordained) to cover, provide pastoral care, and lead worship while she is gone.

A motion was made by Jana and seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

We adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Burm, secretary

The next regularly scheduled church council meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 at 5:30.

Update From Council President

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Teresa of Ávila, Interior Castle once said that “. . . it is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, Who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done.”

I would like to thank you for your support of the council as we slowly move forward in our recovery from Hurricane Ian. As you know this is a

daunting task and will take time. We appreciate your patience as we navigate the insurance and repair/rebuild process. This is a herculean task and will not be a quick. However, I wanted to take some time and update you on what has been accomplished since the new council was installed on December 17th.

- Congregational meeting was held with the Bishop Suarez on December 17th.
- A preliminary settlement estimate from Progressive flood policy of \$500,000 (policy maximum) building and \$140,000 contents was received. Final approval from the insurance company is pending.
- A preliminary settlement offer was received from Citizens Property Insurance of \$173,379. 61 after depreciation which is the wind policy that was in place.
- Council has contacted and consulted with an independent adjustor. No decisions have been made regarding hiring of said consultant.
- Holiday Demolition and Debris Removal has been hired for the debris removal and demolition of interior surfaces of Lua Hall, removal of flooring and compromised drywall in sanctuary building and the removal and disposal of all debris on property and under building. Work to begin approximately the week of 1/30. This is a local Ft. Myers Beach company.
- Preliminary contact has been made with the City of Fort Myers Beach regarding building/rebuild requirements.
- A zoom meeting is scheduled for February 1st with Pastor Khader, Pastor Sharon and Jason Kurtz to discuss recovery for St. Peter and outline plan for congregational discernment process.
- Council has begun research for reinstallation of electrical service for the sanctuary building.
- Sunday worship service was held on property January 29th in the parking lot.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Dr. Jason Kurtz, Council President

2023 – CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT..... Dr. Jason Kurtz

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mark Venturin

SECRETARYArlene Burm

TREASURER Jim Look

MEMBERS:

Jana Clevenger - Rhona Diamond - Lynn Larson

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YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS , PHONE NUMBER &
E-MAIL ADDRESS!**

February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Faith Beyond the Storm 9:30 St. Peter Parking Lot	2	3	4 10:00 am WORSHIP Peace Lutheran Church
5	6 Soul Tending 8:30 On the Beach	7 W.E.L.C.A 9:30 am	8 Faith Beyond the Storm 9:30 St. Peter Parking Lot	9	10	11 10:00 am WORSHIP Peace Lutheran
12	13 Soul Tending 8:30 On the Beach	14	15 Faith Beyond the Storm 9:30 St. Peter Parking Lot	16	17	18 10:00 am WORSHIP Peace Lutheran
19	20 Soul Tending 8:30 On the Beach	21 Pancake Supper At Peace 4:30-6:30 pm	22 Ash Wednesday Peace Noon	23 Lunch Ted's @ Coconut Point 11:30 am	24	25 10:00 am WORSHIP Peace Lutheran
26 Worship 8:30 am St. Peter Parking Lot	27 Soul Tending 8:30 On the Beach	28 Paradise Coastment 7 pm Christus Victor				