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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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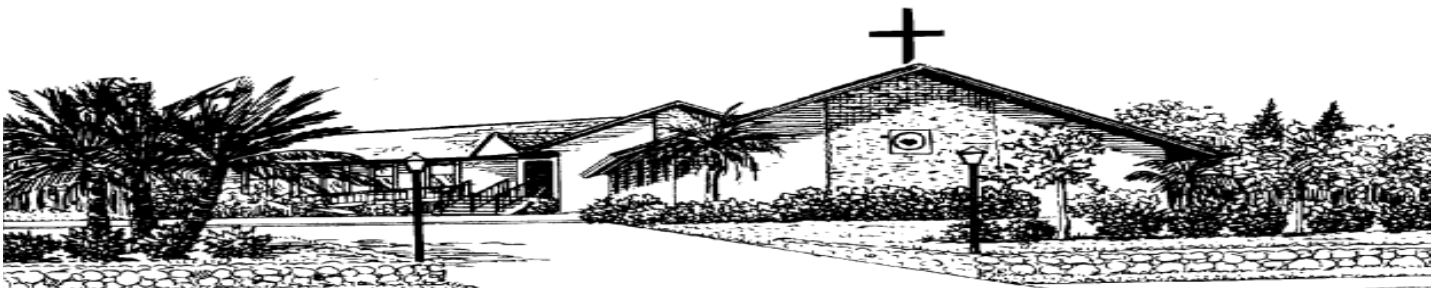
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**Pastor – Rev. Sharon Taylor**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church ELCA**

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# **STAFF**

Pastor – Rev. Sharon Taylor

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Organist/Choir Director – Jim Kreger

Artist in Residence/Pianist – Shirley Roe

Digital Ministry Coordinator – Deacon Lisa Miller

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**Facebook –** [St. Peter Lutheran ELCA, Fort Myers Beach](#)

**YouTube –** [St Peter Lutheran Church Ft Myers Beach](#)

**Go to the website and click the YouTube icon.**

**OFFICE INFORMATION** **Please keep us informed** if you move, change your phone number or email address! We want to let you know what's going on here, so being able to reach you is important!

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## Pastor Sharon's Sharings

*As we continue to wait for God's unfolding wisdom and direction, please put this discernment prayer in a prominent place and pray it at least once a day. Although we often view "waiting" as a sign that nothing is happening, God is still at work during our waiting times. Just like a barren tree in winter, life is still active and preparing to burst forth at the right time.*



*Gracious God, source of all we are and all we have, we thank you for the ongoing mission and ministry of St Peter; for those who dreamed and built and responded faithfully to your call to be stewards of the resources and opportunities you placed before us. We again ask you to guide us into a future we don't yet see, trusting your Spirit to provide clarity of vision. Give us comfort when we are wearied by the changes and chances of this time, and grant us courage to move forward in faith, knowing we neither travel alone nor arrive without you. Be with the leaders and people of St Peter as we seek to be good stewards of the emerging opportunities you place before us, that we may embrace what serves you and release what does not. We pray this in the one who commissions the church and shepherds our way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Pastor Sharon Taylor*

# UPCOMING *Events*

Saturday morning worship Every Saturday  
*St Peter worship 10am at Peace Lutheran*

Sunday morning worship 8:30 am  
*Outdoor worship in St. Peter parking lot*  
*May 28*  
*June 25*

Totes of Grace – May 17  
Contact the office if you would like to help

## UPDATES

### **Soul Tending on the Beach**

Soul Tending is taking the summer off –  
See you in the fall!

We are all pencils in the hand of a writing God,  
who is sending love letters to the world.

–Mother Teresa



## **HERE ARE THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE QUOTES FROM MARTIN LUTHER**

"There are two days in my calendar: This day and That day."

"The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn."

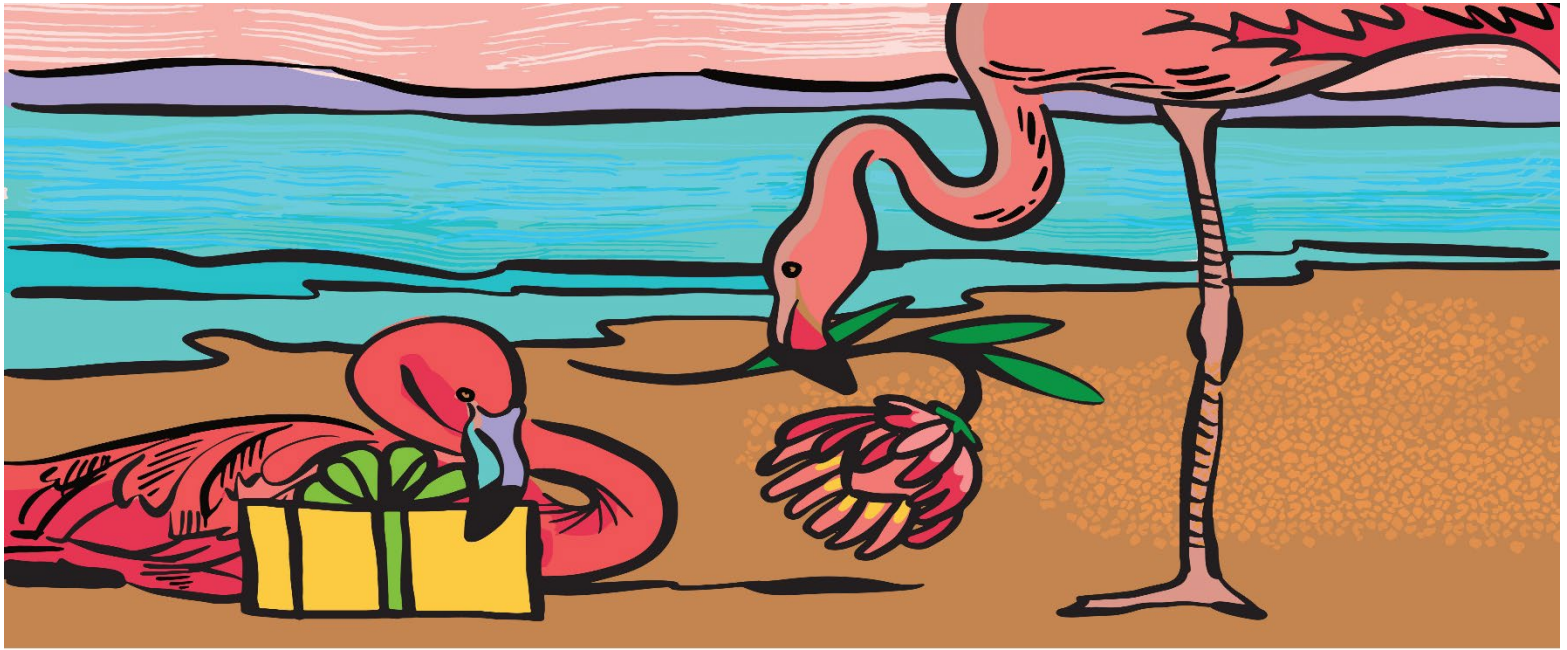


### **Combined Luncheon Lunch Bunch/ROMEOs**

May Lunch Bunch/ROMEO's will be  
Wednesday, May 31st, 11:30 at Flippers  
At the south end of FMB

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





# MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

May 6	Susan Frantz	May 18	Jeanette Timmons
May 11	Beth Johnson	May 21	Donna Albert
May 12	Gene Dahlin	May 23	Bev Shafer
May 14	Charlene Grabow	May 26	Diane Allen
	May 31	Isabelle Post	

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 14 Glenn & Pat Dane 57 years!!  
May 24 John & Marilee Schoenewald



# W.E.L.C.A.



Anne Myrtle Circle

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

*Romans 15:30*

Thanks to you all for supporting the projects of the Anne Myrtle Circle/  
W.E.L.C.A. through this trying year. There are many folks who were  
blessed by your generosity.

If you or you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl or a baby  
blanket, please contact the church office and we will make sure they  
receive one so they can feel God’s comforting hands around them.

W.E.L.C.A. will resume meeting in the fall.

God’s Blessings, Marilyn Torstveit and Diane Allen

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ONLINE!!**

We now have a QR code that you can use to get to our  
online payment option. Just use the QR reader app on your  
phone and it will take you to the online donations.





# ST PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Members Present: Jason Kurtz, Arlene Burm, Jim Look, Jana Clevenger, Lynn Larson, Pastor Sharon Taylor (facetime)

President Jason called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Opening devotion and prayer by Pastor Sharon

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Lynn to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Jana and seconded by Lynn to approve the Feb. 16th secretary's report. Motion passed.

Since we just received the treasurer's report shortly before the meeting it was decided to table the motion to accept it until April when we have had more time to study it.

Jana agreed to take the position of interim treasurer of the church council.

Worship and Music Report: It was decided to continue the Sunday worship services in the St. Peter parking lot at 8:30 a.m. until the end of April. We will look into possibly videotaping or recording these services.

## **Old Business:**

A. Update on Keys Claims – they will be coming to St. Peter on Tuesday, March 21 to evaluate wind damage on the sanctuary.

B. Peace Lutheran Church signage – the sign has been made but will need to be discussed with Peace on where we can place it. Pastor Sharon will discuss it with the pastor at Peace.



C. Electrical – All Phase Electric has been contacted but is too busy with work right now to look into it. We will contact other companies such as Semmer Electric to try to get an estimate.

D. Construction update – Owen-Ames-Kimball was contacted and visited our site with an architect for about 2 hours. They will put together a proposal within the next 2-3 weeks.

**New Business:**

A. Roof – Aspen Roofing gave us an estimate of \$105,000. For both the sanctuary and Lau Hall. It was decided to try and get another quote before any decision is made. The company must be registered with Fort Myers Beach in order to do the work.

B. Lockbox – Since various companies will need access to our building, Jason will get a lockbox to install on the sanctuary to provide keys for the sanctuary and porta-potty

C. Annual Meeting – March 25th following the church service at Peace followed by lunch and discernment meeting with representative from the synod.

D. Jana made a motion and seconded by Lynn to give a \$500.00 check to Peace Lutheran for the use of their facility for our services. Motion passed. The last payment was in November of 2022 and another quarterly payment will be considered in June.

The next church council meeting will be on April 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Arlene Burm,

We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Motion was made by Jana and seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Burm, Secretary

## **From Lutheran Services**

You may not know that we are currently needing more foster care families here in Lee County.

With all that our county has been through between Covid and Hurricane Ian, we've lost foster care families and have gained more children who need safe and caring homes.

Our staff works diligently to do all that we can, but often children are still waiting into the night for placement, being bounced around more than any child would ever deserve. We are asking our area churches to consider helping us by getting the word out: **We need foster care families!**

Each month in Fort Myers, children enter the foster care system because they were victims of serious abuse and neglect in their own homes. They often come into care with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Children in foster care are not someone else's children, they are our community's children.

You may have large networks through your career, family, hobbies, or social groups. Consider taking the lead for foster kids by sharing this information within your network to encourage people you know to become foster parents.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**  
**CONTACT 239-461-7651,**  
**OR [LEECOFOSTER@LSFNET.ORG](mailto:LEECOFOSTER@LSFNET.ORG)**

## Prayer for Discernment

Gracious God, source of all we are and all we have, we thank you for the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Peter, for those who dreamed and built and responded faithfully to your calls to be stewards of the resources and opportunities you placed before us. We again ask you to guide us into a future we don't yet see, trusting your Spirit to shape our emerging missions and ministries so they open new doorways for people to experience your abundant grace and love.

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## **2023 – CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT..... Dr. Jason Kurtz**

**VICE PRESIDENT.....Mark Venturin**

**SECRETARY .....Arlene Burm**

**Interim Treasurer.....Jana Clevenger**

### **MEMBERS:**

**Rhona Diamond - Lynn Larson -Jim Look**

### **A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE -**

Please make sure you notify your bank or financial advisor if you send your donations through them. We are already six months from Ian (??? Still seems like last week, doesn't it) and we can only get forwarding from our Beach address to our PO box for a year. Some of them are still using our old address and it takes forever for it to forward. In a short period of time, they will not forward at all.

Also, please remember to keep us updated with your current address , phone number & e-mail address