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We are back at Fort Myers Beach! Pastor Bill Stehr has been a blessing for us all with messages of hope and strength for us.

Remember – ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Pets also!

Tell everyone!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE – ASK AN USHER**

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” – Dr. Seus

**This year our cover theme will be Florida wildlife
This month is the Florida scrub jay.**

The round-headed, blue and gray Florida Scrub-Jay is the only bird species that lives exclusively in Florida, where it occurs in patches of low-growing scrub oak in sandy soils. It perches tall with its long tail hanging down or boldly hops on the ground burying acorns. This social bird forms extended family groups: the young from previous years help their parents at subsequent nests until they can get a territory of their own. Extensive development and habitat fragmentation in Florida threaten this bird's already small population, placing it on the federal endangered species list.



From the Worship and Music Committee

MARTIN LUTHER QUOTES

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



" Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."



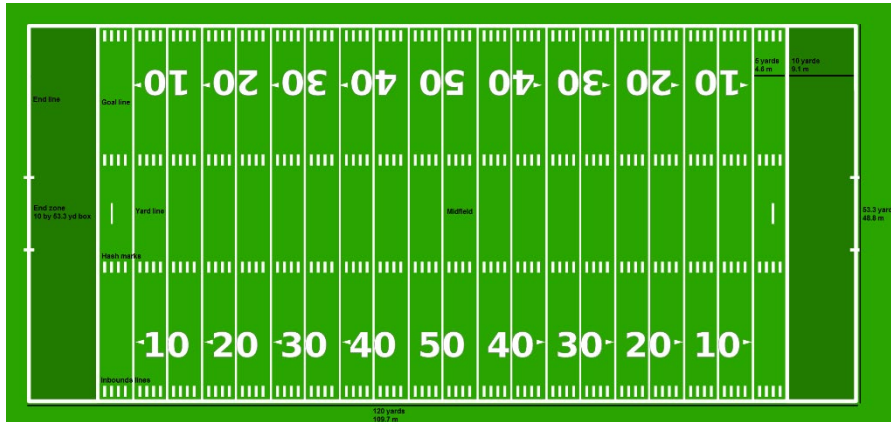
W.E.L.C.A. Anne Myrtle Circle



Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever".

W.E.L.C.A. UPCOMING EVENT



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEB 11

On Sunday, February 11, bring your cans of soup to vote for your favorite team to win the Super Bowl! As we have in the past, St. Peter will hold a contest to see who we think is going to be the winner of Super Bowl LVIII (What is that in real numbers, anyway? Why do they use Roman numerals? Is this a conspiracy? Who remembers what they mean?)

Anyway, the real winners will be the folks who get the soup that we will donate to a local food pantry. So bring as much soup as you want to make sure that your team wins!

Co-presidents, Diane Allen and Marilyn Torstveit

UPDATES ON THE BUILDING



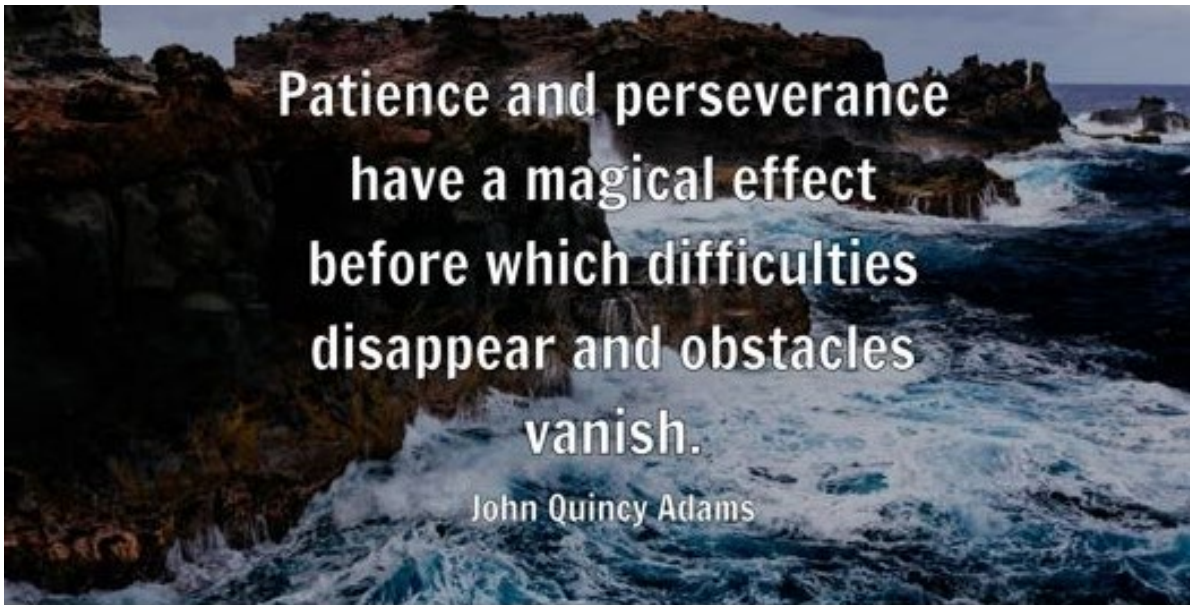
Lau Hall to be Demolished

Knowing that repairs could not be made to fit within the FEMA 50% guidelines, Church Council voted to have the building removed. The permit has been issued and demolition is tentatively scheduled for the first week of February. We are all sad to see it go. There are a lot of fond memories for us all that will remain even without the building.

Sanctuary/Office Building

After much weeping and gnashing of teeth, we have found the correct path for getting permitting to begin repairs of the building. There are folks who are working hard to get us to a place where the process can begin. We have met with an architect and a general contractor.

We all wish we could go in with our hammers and paint brushes, but that's just not possible with the way that things need to be done to meet the FEMA requirements. Stay tuned and stay patient. We know that God's time is not our time. More will follow either by newsletter or email blasts!





Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Kurtz at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Jason Kurtz, Mark Venturin, Arlene Burm, Jana Clevenger, Jim Look, Doug Eckmann, Courtney Eckmann, Trudy Archer, Pastor Stehr

Opening devotion and prayer by Pastor Stehr

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

Pastor Stehr indicated his willingness to stay as our interim pastor until the end of April. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jana to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Arlene to approve the November 30, 2023 treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Property/Maintenance: A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jana to accept the bid for removing dead trees and repairing leaning palm trees on church property for a total of \$1150.00. Motion passed.

The front screen on the tent has been put up to block the construction site across Estero and to make the live streaming easier to see.

On January 8, 2024 Jason will meet with a suggested contractor, the architect, and possibly the electrician in order to obtain a complete estimate on the repairs to the sanctuary in order for us to get the permits.

Old Business:

Jason has worked on trying to improve the sound system and move cords above to make it safer. Some new equipment has been ordered to enhance the sound for worship.

New Business:

Arlene discussed the problems we have been having with Truist Bank in order to have new signers for the account and also the debit cards. The information Truist has is outdated and it seems difficult to change it. We will look into other banks and how they handle business accounts with change of personnel and Arlene will contact Truist again to see if we can update regularly without personnel having to all go into the bank.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jana to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2024 at 5:30 at Arlene's house

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**"Love is like a toothache. It doesn't show up on x-rays,
but you know it's there."**

George Burns

**"Marriage is not just spiritual communion and
passionate embraces; marriage is also three-meals-a-day
and remembering to carry out the trash."**

Dr. Joyce Brothers

Mark your calendars!
Call your neighbors and friends!



On Feb. 18, following church services, Comedian Al Ernst will be performing here at St. Peter!!

Al has been named Carnival Cruise lines “Entertainer of the Year” and that’s saying something since Carnival fills more than 5,000 entertainment shows a year! He is also known as the Warrior of Humor and uses a balance between Art and War for his comedy. Ernst has also been a Professional Wrestling announcer, hosted his own show, A View from the Cheap Seats, and has been featured on outlets like CNN, TNN, ESPN, Comedy Central, HBO, and is regularly featured on the Bob and Sheri Morning Show.

Al’s humor is non-confrontational and G-rated. Everyone will enjoy this event.

There will be a free will offering taken which Al will graciously split with the church. Mark your calendars for Feb. 4! Bring a friend and tell your neighbors!

The show will start around 10:30 am following worship.

Everyone is welcome!

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>Diane Phillips</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>	<i>Phil Magley</i>
<i>Feb 7</i>	<i>Bob Baldrige</i>		<i>Jana Clevenger</i>
<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>Bruce Allen</i>	<i>Feb 25</i>	<i>Elaine Kurtz</i>
<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>Richard Hagstrom</i>	<i>Feb 26</i>	<i>Tony Frantz</i>
			<i>Lydia Frantz</i>

Anniversaries

<i>Feb 14</i>	<i>Paul & Beth Johnson</i>
<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>Bill & Marcene Arendt</i>
<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>Larry & Linda Beck</i>

2023 – CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT..... Dr. Jason Kurtz

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mark Venturin

SECRETARYArlene Burm

TREASURER.....Doug Eckmann

MEMBERS:

Jana Clevenger – Jim Look – Courtney Eckmann

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