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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church



July - Septmeber 2025

St. Peter Lutheran Church ELCA

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Join us on Sunday at 9:00 am!

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE !!

STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Steve Wigdahl

Office Administrator – Trudy Archer

Organist/Choir Director – Arlene Burm

Digital Ministry Coordinator – Deacon Lisa Miller

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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian
Church and former Beach United Methodist Church**

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!

God's Work, Our Hands Project



Back to School Drive!

We will be collecting the following items for Mision Peniel in Immokalee on Sunday, July 20 and 27! Or you can donate by check to St. Peter and note Mision Peniel on the subject line.

The following items will help them immensely:

Crayon Packs

Colord Pencil Paks

Washable Markers

Permanent Markers

Erasers

Glue Sticks

White School Glue

1 Subject Notebooks

Notebooks

Composition Notebooks

Pencils 2HB

2 Pocket Folders

Blunt Tip Scissors

12 Inch Rulers

Index Cards

Backpacks sizes: 11 x 16 x 6, 13 x17x7 and 18x13x12



July, August, September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

7/12	Louise Davis	8/21	Jim Markusen
7/13	Quint Clark	9/5	Vic Berecz
7/15	Bob Ehrenreich	9/12	Lisa Miller
7/23	Marsha Mann	9/15	Jan Lange
7/25	Elsie Sanford	9/16	Greg Dawson
7/27	Verner Drohan	9/19	Debbie Smalley
	Dieter Nickel	9/21	John Linebarger
8/8	Trudy Archer	9/23	Linda Beck
8/9	Glenn Dane	9/30	Jim Look
8/11	Carol Dagnall		Bill Tonar
8/12	Terry Lucia		
8/14	Dwight Aitchison		
8/15	Myra Clark		
8/16	Linda Eroh-Kasmala		
8/19	Roy Dagnall		
8/20	Barbara Larson		

Anniversaries

7/15	Mark & Liz Venturin	8/26	Jim & Carol Look
8/6	Quent & Myra Clark	8/29	John & Marilyn Torstveit
8/9	Jim & Donn Markusen	8/30	Larry & Fran Nielsen
8/19	Dieter & Pam Nickel	9/4	Susan & Jerry Frantz
8/21	George & Diane Phillips	9/5	Paul & Becky Grothe
8/24	Fred & Ginny Keeton	9/21	Bob & Brenda Miller

New Worship Procedure!

Beginning this week, we are going to try something new at the beginning of worship.

Arlene will play 9 chimes. That will be your cue that it is time to start. She will then play the prelude as Pastor and the worship assistant process to the front.

Announcements will follow the prelude.

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On Sunday, June 29, 4 new members joined the St. Peter Family. We welcome Linnea Olsen, Rexann Hosafros, Emily Porter and Anita Turner to the flock!



There are plenty of opportunities to serve here at St. Peter. Whether you are a member, regular attendee or a seasonal guest, we welcome you to our mission of serving here on Fort Myers Beach, our neighboring communities and in the world.

Here are some of the opportunities available to you -

Sew and Sews – meet on Thursdays to share all sorts of needlecraft. Bring your quilting, sewing, crochet work, knitting or any other form of needlework to join in with this great group! Their main mission is to make reusable period pads for girls who have no access to feminine products and miss 5 days of school every month.

Remember the Holy Folders? Well, we're renewing the legacy with the **Bulletin Benders!** - Thursday mornings around 9:00 am, we'll get together to staple and fold the bulletins for Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us. There will be coffee.

Worship Assistants – We are still looking for a few worship assistants. No alb is necessary, just a willingness to speak in public. You'll receive a copy of the bulletin in advance so that you can look it over and get familiar with it prior to Sunday.

Ushers & Greeters – We can always use some ushers and greeters. This is one of the most important ministries we have! Your smiling face and welcoming attitude goes a long way in making someone feel like they belong here. Please consider it.

Breakfast Church – This is an chance to help with our commitment to evangelism by offering breakfast and a short message to folks on the patio. We plan on doing this one Sunday a month prior to our regular church service. See Jason Kurtz for more details.

Coffee Time – We're looking for volunteers to set up, serve and clean up for a coffee time one Sunday a month following worship. It would also include bringing a sweet treat for folks, cookies, donuts, etc. (You will be reimbursed). There's a signup sheet in the narthex by the flower sign up.

Bear Ministry – As we begin this new ministry, you would be helping collect new or gently used teddy bears, attaching labels and making sure there are some in the sanctuary every week.

Bulletin Board - Are you creative? Would you like to make sure the bulletin board has interesting things posted, like the Council Minutes, Upcoming Events and Photos? The office would be happy to help by making and printing any posters or headers that you might need

Choir – Come join the choir! Show up a little early for church and join in with the choir! They are pretty friendly and the pay is exceptional!!

Breakfast Church Info



Breakfast Church is funded by a grant from the Synod Vision 2 Action program. Dr. Jason Kurtz wrote the grant request and will be holding a meeting soon to form a committee to discuss how this will be done. Anyone interested is invited to attend to get more details.

Watch the bulletin for the meeting date and time!



Teddy Bear Ministry

This ministry involves you bringing a new or gently used teddy bear to sit in the pews with us and be present for worship. They can sit on your lap or next to you. They will have a tag on them explaining that they are for comfort and have been present for worship, communion and singing. You will be able to take them home and keep them as long as you want or you can give them to someone who needs some comfort.

Volunteering includes making sure the bears are ready for church, have tags and that there are a few in the sanctuary every week. Please see Jane Stutzman or Trudy Archer for more details or to volunteer.

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God”

William Carey

“It is the whole business of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.”

Charles H. Spurgeon

“Lost people matter to God, and so they must matter to us.”

Keith Wright

ST PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, May 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Kurtz at 5:26 p.m.

Attendance: Jason Kurtz, Mark Venturin, Arlene Burm, Jim Look, Doug Eckmann, Trudy Archer, Rexann Hosafros, Pastor Steve Wigdahl

Opening prayer by Pastor Wigdahl followed by member introductions.

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

A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Mark to approve the April 25, 2025 secretary's report. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Mark to approve the April 30, 2025 treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Property Report: Mark reported on the palm tree removal and purchase of new trees. Mark made a motion to remove the two palms at the front of the sanctuary and purchase 2 new ones for \$2,297.50 which includes Christmas palms, delivery and installation. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Repairs Update: there are still a few plumbing issues being dealt with. The new elevator will be installed on May 27, 2025. There will be additional railings installed on the wider staircases.

Sign Update: One more signature is needed to get the permit to go ahead with the new sign.

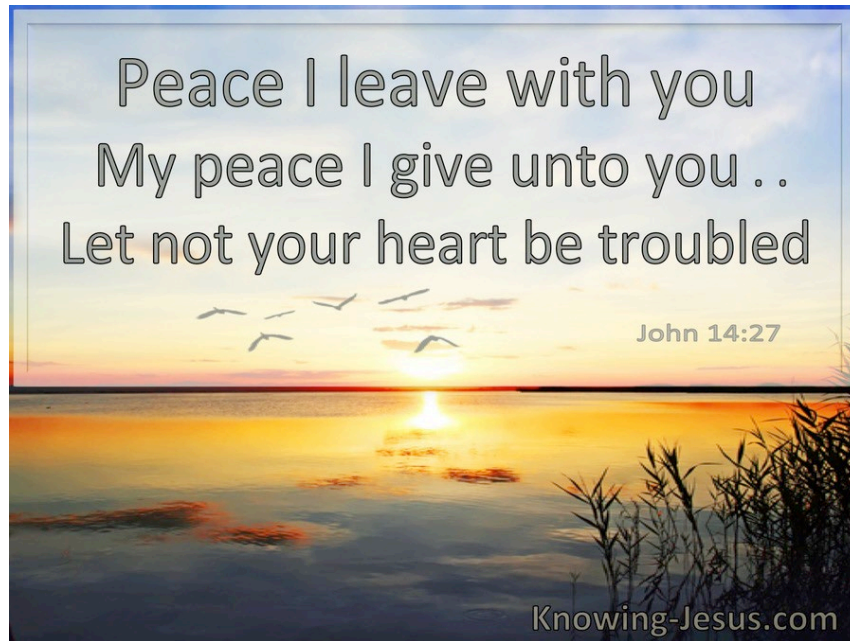
Organist Update: A candidate was interviewed at the church by Arlene, Trudy, and 3 choir members. It was decided her organ skills are not sufficient to lead congregational singing. Arlene will continue as organist for now.

Building Usage: we discussed how to proceed with a policy for our building usage for weddings, meetings by outside groups, etc. Trudy and Rexann will try to put together a plan for how to go forward.

Trudy handed out our hurricane protocol for 2022 which needs updating and assignment of duties to people willing to help out in anticipation of a hurricane. We will look over what has been done and try to work out a plan for our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Burm, secretary



2024-25 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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