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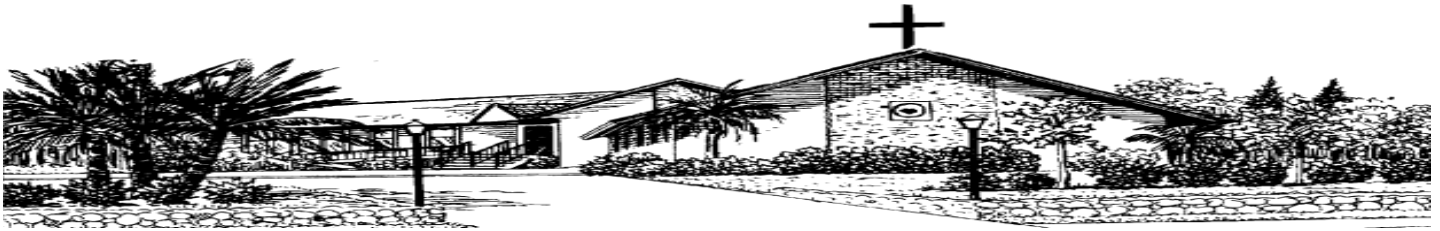
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Pastor Sharon Taylor Retires

On Saturday, July 29, Deacon Connie Schmucker was on hand to help us say goodbye to Pastor Sharon and release her as our Pastor. Amid many tears and hugs, we bid Godspeed to Sharon and continue our faith journey, led by Pastor Andreas Stein as temporary Pastor.

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From the Worship and Music Committee

MARTIN LUTHER QUOTES

"When the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved."

"An unjust law is no law at all."



September

BIRTHDAYS

9/4 Frances York

9/5 Vic Berecz

9/12 Lisa Miller

9/15 Jan Lange

9/16 Greg Dawson

9/19 Debbie Smalley

9/21 John Linebarger

9/23 Linda Beck

Marilee Schoenwald

9/30 Jim Look



September

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 David & Mary Anne Maiser

9/4 Jerry & Susan Frantz

9/5 Paul & Becky Grothe

9/15 Don & Jan Schmidt 61years!!

9/21 Bob & Brenda Miller 60 years!!

Congratulations to everyone ! !



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



Hebrews 13:8

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

Welca has changed: We are lost after Ian last September. Life changed as we knew it. Our meeting place was washed away, but our spirit wasn't. It was tested and we continue to meet and support our projects and that has been difficult. We will look to you for support.

Isaiah 43:18-19

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert a new thing, now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

God's Blessings, Marilyn Torstveit and Diane Allen

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POSSIBILITIES - A RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IAN

In response to the catastrophic damage wreaked by Hurricane Ian on their individual worship facilities, leadership from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church, and the United Methodist Church met on May 20th to explore how we can best work together to meet the worship and spiritual needs of the residents and visitors of the beach community.

There have been ongoing meetings with representatives of the three churches involved. At this time, the task force has come up with several possibilities for moving worship back on or very near the Beach. Both governing bodies of Chapel by the Sea and St. Peter will discuss at separate meetings for further action.

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

This simple statement at the beginning of Ecclesiastes leads into a long list of opposites, but it doesn't say that the time of each is opposite. It's easy for us to think that we can't be happy and sad at the same time or mourn and dance in the same day. But we can. Because it is all God's time and we should be glad to follow His plan in His time.

So mourn and dance, weep and laugh, search and give up, be silent and speak and all the rest, just work hard to do it in God's time.

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ST PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

Present: Jason Kurtz, Arlene Burm, Mark Venturin, Sharon Taylor, Rhona Diamond, Jana Clevenger, Lynn Larson

Pastor Sharon Taylor announced her retirement from St. Peter Lutheran Church effective July 31, 2023. A letter will be sent out by e-mail to the congregation, and it will be announced in church (See attached letter). The council expressed their good wishes for her retirement along with appreciation for the excellent job she has done for us during very trying times.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 5:30 council meeting

Present: Jason, Arlene, Mark, Sharon Taylor, Jim Look, Lynn Larson (by phone)

Opening devotions on John 1:38 by Pastor Taylor.

Motion made by Arlene and seconded by Mark to accept the meeting agenda. Motion passed. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Lynn to approve the May 18 council minutes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Lynn to approve the Mary 31, 2023 treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Staff Evaluations: These are usually done in August but in our new circumstances it is more difficult to accomplish. We will meet individually with Trudy, Jim K. and Lisa to discuss their jobs before September.

Old Business:

1. Keys Claims – submitted to Citizens insurance. They recommend hiring an attorney to help strengthen our case.
2. Signage at Peace Lutheran is up courtesy of Mark Venturin
3. We are waiting on a quote for electrical work to be done
4. Roofs have been tarped
5. Task Force has not met yet. Sharon will get in touch with Diane Means from Chapel By the Sea to get things moving.

New Business:

1. Shirley Roe – since Shirley is playing for the Saturday services it was decided to pay her an extra \$250.00 for the summer
2. The Luthersprings Lutheran Camp Disaster-Response team of young people were available to help us with some work such as painting and reorganizing our pod in the church parking lot. They cleaned up a lot of the debris left by the roofing company.
3. Pastor Sharon Retirement: Connie Schmucker, our synod contact has been in touch with Jason to help us move forward. She has talked to Pastor Andreas from Peace Lutheran to step in as our interim pastor which he is willing to do. She will forward a contract to us to look over and try to set up a date for us to meet with him. We will plan on having a celebration on July 29, 2023 which will be Sharon's last Saturday.
4. Task Force:

Suggestions were made for Trudy and Arlene to consider in discussions with Chapel-By-The Sea and Methodists:

Temporary worship space and future worship space

Financial issues

Staff

Worship leader

Set goals for 3-6 months, 1 year, 5 year

Rev. Lucas from Lamb of God willing to give us ideas

Motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 5:30 at the home of Arlene Burm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Burm, Secretary

There was no July Council Meeting

"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: 'Go down again — I dwell among the people.'"

—John Henry Newman



God's helpers

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick



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2023 – CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT..... Dr. Jason Kurtz

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mark Venturin

SECRETARYArlene 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 more than 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.

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