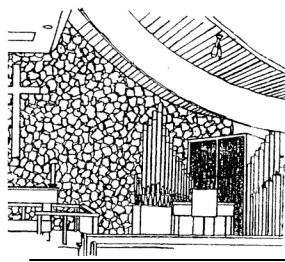


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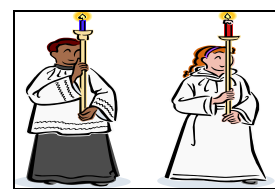


CHOIR

Love to Sing? Come join the Chancel Choir! We rehearse on Sunday's immediately following the service. There's a chair waiting for you right now. For more information, contact Debbie Mar.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

The acolyte schedule I up in the Fellowship Hall for the rest of the year. We will have an acolyte class on September 18th After Church. For more information Contact Sherrill Ehlen



COME AND JOIN US CELEBRATING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MIAMI SHORES

(formerly Advent Lutheran Church)

Will be Celebrating its 60th Year in Existence

Sunday, September 18, 2011

4:00 pm Special Service

**Preaching is Pastor David Anglada, ELCA Director of Evangelical Mission
Followed by Dinner RSVP APPRECIATED 786-375-1202**

FALL FAIR

Our Fall Fair is Saturday, November 19th. We are in need of rummage sale items, and raffle prizes. Prize request letters are located in the narthex and in the church office. For more information contact Ebba Peterson

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Deborah Wong Mar, Organist



FROM THE PASTOR

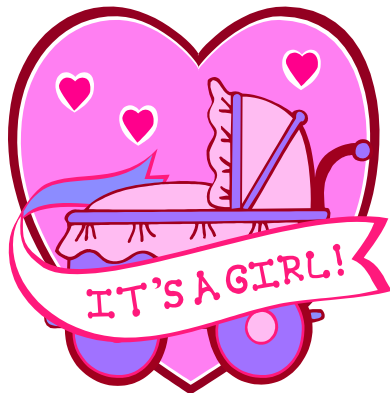


Reverend Daniel C. Coy, Pastor
 Pastors Office Phone: 305 232-1227
 Pastors Home Phone: 305 254-5558
 Pastors Cell Phone: 305 302-5094

As we begin our Sunday School program I would like to encourage all the adults to attend as well as the children. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall from 9:00 to 9:45. This is the same time as the children are in class. We learn about Jesus through studying the Bible. Jesus uniqueness lies in the fact that he was the only person who ever was or whoever will be perfectly obedient to God's will. Jesus was the only person who never did what he liked but always did what God liked. So what is adult Sunday all about? It is about some older folk trying to seek help on acting like grown-ups. Welcome to Sunday School!

In Christ,

Pastor Coy



**BABY
SHOWER**
 Your
 Invited...

WHAT: Baby Shower
WHO: Dorami Peterson-Basurto
 (Ebba Peterson's Granddaughter)
WHEN: Saturday, Sept 10, 11:30 am
WHERE: Church Fellowship Hall
RSVP: Lorraine Coy 305-302-5094



PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Members

Amy Petrusky Brown
 Bud Plehn
 Ella Derr
 Ginni Egan
 Helen Marlar
 Louise Yankowskas
 Wes Roberts
 Dalia Berge

September Birthdays

9/7 Ginni Egan
 9/14 Savannah Nylan
 9/16 Joan Steffens
 9/17 Jason Allgair &
 Margaret Scofield
 9/21 Lily Adamo
 9/22 Ella Derr
 9/23 Tatiana Stieve
 9/25 Luke Lee
 9/26 Gaby Ledbetter
 9/29 Debbie Elliot

Worship Assistants

LECTOR

Randall Scott

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Mary Schott

ACOLYTE

9/4 Needed
 9/11 Needed
 9/18 Emily Ehlen
 9/25 Needed

ALTAR GUILD

Sherrill Ehlen

USHERS

9/4 Anita Seale
 9/11 Anita Seale/Ginni Egan
 9/18 Anita Seale/Ginni Egan
 9/25 Needed

We ask that you extend your prayers to:

Family & Friends

Abby Duff	Maria Gentle
Alice	Michael Lamons
Charles Acheson	O'Campo Family
Dolly	Orin Coy
Dr. Ermilio Rosado	Priscilla
Heather Grier	Sally Real
Jacqueline Jimenez	Schooley Family
Jim Crouse	Scott
Johnson Family	Tanya
Mack McCullough-	The McCune Family
Melodie	Vic

DEDICATIONS

Septembers Flower Dedications

Thank you to everyone who sponsored
 September's flowers.

September 4, 2011

In Honor of Mom & Kelli
 Love Dawn

September 11, 2011

In Honor & Memory of the Heroes &
 Victims of 9/11/01

September 18, 2011

In Honor of Ella Derr's Birthday
 By Dennis & Kim Derr

September 25, 2011

In Loving Memory of Byron Gentle
 By The McCune Family

Eternal Candle

*The Eternal Candle will burn during
 the month of September
 in Honor of the Glory of God.*



WELCA

Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Retreat

FALL GATHERING

Lake Wales, Florida

November 11 - 13, 2011 Cost \$175.00

Includes registration, room

(per person double occupancy) and meals

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX.

CHURCH OFFICE OR AT www.flwelca.com



Who Is Our Neighbor?

WHEN: November 11 – 13, 2011

Friday, November 11 - Delegate training begins at 3:00 PM. **Our Opening Service begins at 4:00 PM.** Bring your homemade instruments to join us in lively song. The first business session opens at 5:00 PM followed by dinner and the second business session. You'll join your neighbors in music and song, hear from Bishop Benoway, and end the evening meeting with your conference.

Saturday, November 12 - Morning devotions kick off our day before breakfast. The day continues with business sessions, elections, workshops, updates from our Love Offering, Daughters of Naomi, and our churchwide representative, Bible Study, our traditional banner procession, and a Communion Service. After dinner, we'll have another business session if needed. To finalize our evening, we ask each conference to join us on stage with skits, dances, and presentations celebrating "Holidays Around the World" and sharing refreshments from various countries. All are invited to wear multi-cultural dress on Saturday night.

Sunday, November 13 - After morning devotions and breakfast, wonderful workshops abound. We close our weekend with our installation and sending service and lunch before we are homeward bound.

WHERE: Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg

Set on a beautiful lake among towering oaks, Lake Yale offers motel-style accommodations. Rooms may contain either two beds or one king-sized bed in two-story buildings. Six cafeteria-style meals are included in the weekend package.

WHAT: Worship, Workshops, Fellowship, Business, and Fun Opportunities for worship include an opening service on Friday, Bible study and a Eucharist Service on Saturday, installation and closing worship on Sunday, and daily devotions. About 40 different workshops will be offered Saturday and Sunday including several designed for our youth. Our Saturday evening event "Holidays Around the World" will both entertain and enlighten us. Business topics handled by delegates from each active congregational unit will include electing a President, Secretary, and four Board Members as well as voting on resolutions presented. Personal time for reflection and meditation will complete your spiritual renewal.

Each congregational unit should send a delegate as elections will be conducted.



GETTING TO KNOW

By Lisa Hagen

God works so many miracles in all of our lives... and bringing Ebba Peterson all the way from a Lutheran Church in Denmark to St. Thomas is just another example.

Ebba was born and raised in Kolding, Denmark, where she attended a Lutheran Church with her brother and parents. In 1959, through mutual friends of her parents, she was introduced to her future husband Bob, whose dad was also originally from Denmark; however the family was living in Iowa at the time. When they met, Bob was serving in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Germany. Their long distance relationship blossomed, and just a year and a half after meeting, they married and Ebba joined him in Germany. After the last six months of his four month tour, Bob and Ebba returned to Waterloo, Iowa where they would have the support of Bob's family.

Their lives took hold in Iowa. Following his military tour, Bob began a career in the insurance industry. While Ebba had studied pharmacy in Denmark, she was unable to continue her studies in Iowa, and then motherhood became her focus. In 1963, their first daughter, Lori was born. Ebba was busy being a homemaker and got even busier when just two years later, they were blessed with a second daughter, Susan.

In 1978 when the girls were teenagers (13 and 15 years old), Bob transferred to Miami through a connection with his current insurance company to take on a new assignment with a larger company that was based in South Florida, where he had a very fruitful

Ebba Peterson



career for the next 20 years.

Upon their arrival to South Florida, it was important for the Peterson's to find a Lutheran Church. They initially became members of Christ the King Lutheran Church until they found St. Thomas in 1998. Since joining the St. Thomas family, Ebba has been very involved leading the women's group, and supporting the annual garage sale. As the kids got

older, Ebba began her career as a court translator and a bookkeeper for a law firm in South Miami. Their roots became stronger as their children grew and began families of their own. Today, their lives have become even busier with an extended family, which now includes two grandsons, Logan and AJ, and granddaughter Dorami, who will be bringing them a new blessing in October – their first great grandchild. When they are not travelling between West Palm Beach and Jacksonville spending time with their family, you can rest assured that they are either at the gym, swimming, on a computer, or Ebba is busy winning at Bridge.

Twice Ebba has retired, but the law firm she has worked at for the past 20 years keeps calling her back. Between family, work, and church, Ebba keeps busy and stays young. She enjoys the pastor's sermons and the music at St. Thomas.

You will often find Ebba surrounded in her pew by her beautiful family, but no matter what, you can't help but "catch" her happy spirit and smile, which no doubt is grounded in God. Ebba and her family have been a true blessing to the St. Thomas family.



September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	2 <i>LUTHERAN FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MARLINS & TAILGATE</i> 5:00 pm <i>Sun Life Stadium</i>	3 
4 <i>9:00 am Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am Communion</i> <i>11:00 am Choir Practice</i> <i>Food Pantry Collection</i>	5 LABOR DAY 	6 <i>7:00 pm</i> <i>Cook for Camillus House</i>	7 <i>Worship Service with Healing 7:00pm</i> <i>Outreach Committee Meeting</i>	8 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	9 	10 <i>BABY SHOWER FOR DORAMI PETERSON-BASURTO</i> 11:30 am
11 <i>9:00 am Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am Worship</i> 11:00 am Choir Practice	12	13 <i>Council Meeting</i> 7:00 pm	14	15 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	16	17 <i>Monthly Munchers at the Schmekels</i> 7:00 pm
18 <i>9:00 Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am Communion</i> <i>11:00 am Choir Practice</i> September Birthday Celebration <i>Acolyte Class</i>	19 	20	21	22 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	23	24
25 <i>9:00 am Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am Worship</i> 11:00 am Choir Practice Feed The Homeless Teed Off for Homeless	26	27	28	29 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	30	