



# “FOR PETE’S SAKE”

*St Peter’s Lutheran Church  
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev Ann Krueger

Ministers: The People of St. Peter’s

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Dear friends in Christ,

Last night, driving through the village, there were old treasures out with the trash - broken chairs, old mattresses, even computers. Yes, it was Large Household Garbage pick up today – an opportunity to get rid of big, bulky things that have been hanging around, taking up space. It is spring my friends – time to heave the old, make way for the new!

Perhaps you’ve noticed how we get attached to our worn out treasures. No doubt plenty more could have been out at the curb – but for sentimental or other reasons, they are still tucked away.

I confess to ‘guilty’ in that department. That’s why the book “When Organizing Isn’t Enough: SHED your Stuff, Change your Life” jumped off the library shelf into my hands the other day. But rather than sending me out to buy more organizers, or throw out everything more than 5 years old, this author wants me look at my things in a new way. I’m to learn how to SHED:

Separate the treasures - “*What is truly worth hanging on to?*”

Heave the trash - “*What’s weighing you down?*”

Embrace your identity – “*Who are you without all your stuff?*”

Drive yourself forward - “*Which direction connects to your genuine self?*”

I may not have the courage to follow through, but already I’m connecting the dots to the renewal work we have been doing at St. Peter’s. Those have been first steps in figuring out who we are – that’s “embracing our identity”. We’ve done some work on what is “God’s mission for us?” – That connects to “drive yourself forward.” But (shudder) – maybe we need to separate the treasures and heave the trash! Maybe God is calling us to be lighter, more flexible, less burdened with the clutter of stuff and traditions so that we can follow him into a future we can’t yet envision!

I’ve been thinking about cleaning the basement for some time and am still working on the courage to do it. I know in my heart that I need God’s help. Only connected to Him in prayer, will I be able to look at old stuff and old habits to know that I no longer need them – that He is enough. Only connected to Him will my heart begin to yearn for the uncluttered future He’s leading me toward.

Prayer does that you know. Prayer opens us to God – it lets the Holy Spirit wiggle past our old ideas and worn out habits to breathe in new life. Through prayer, God can open our minds and hearts to new possibilities – and give us the courage to step into the future with Him.

May you have a prayerful spring and summer, dear friends!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ann

*“I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication” Psalm 11:1*

## PASTOR ANN'S SUMMER SCHEDULE



Pastor Ann will be attending the **Twelfth Biennial National Convention of the ELCIC** in Vancouver, BC. She leaves June 22<sup>nd</sup> and returns July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Jackie Lather is also attending Synod Convention.)

Pastor Ann will be on vacation from July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>.

- On June 28<sup>th</sup> Church Council will lead the worship service and Pastor Arthur Horst will lead the Decoration Day Service at the Cemetery at 2 p.m.
- On July 12<sup>th</sup> Ron Heimrich will lead the worship service.
- On July 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Bob Hutchison will conduct the worship service.
- On July 26<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sunday will be led by the Worship and Music Committee.
- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Carey Meadow from Christ Lutheran, Maynooth & St. Stephens Lutheran, Schutt will be doing a pulpit exchange with Pastor Ann. Pastor Meadow will lead our worship.



Pastor Bob Hutchison will be providing pastoral care while Pastor Ann is away. His home phone number is 519-271-5808.



As Council works to deal with our current budget deficit, we are renewing a discussion of fundraising guidelines and definitions:

**Raffles** will *not* be allowed at St. Peter's. We are defining raffling as tickets being sold specifically to 'win' a prize.

**Door Prizes** are defined as gifts for supporting an event. These will be allowed.

The following fundraising options are still being discussed. We are interested in *your* feedback before our next council meeting on June 16th. Please find a council member on Sunday mornings, call, or email us to let us know your views.

**Auctions- Silent or Live**

**Bake Sales and Bazaars**

**Yard Sales**

**Hall Rental for Commercial Ventures such as Trade Fairs**

However, Council is aware that we are called by God to support our church **first** through our **Free Will Offerings** of time, talent, and money; that's what Stewardship is all about! So keep tuned for creative **Stewardship Programs** that council will be launching this Fall.

## Communion Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent communion survey. Thirty-three people took part.

The trial period during Lent and Easter has been a learning experience for all of us. We began this as a way of lessening the burden for the Altar Guild members as it was getting harder to find sufficient local team members to do the set up. Pre-filling the individual glasses is time consuming. We thought that we would try what some of our sister churches do – have a second communion assistant use a pouring chalice to fill the glasses. That would save on time and save on waste.

The survey results show that you are comfortable with this change. 73% [24 people] were either “very much” or “somewhat” in favour. 12% [4 people] were neutral. 9% [3 people] were somewhat against and 6% [2 people] were very much against.

The “against” comments were very instructive. Those folks told us that they felt rushed – they were missing the opportunity for a moment of silent reflection before the altar for they were too aware of the lineup behind them. Council members understood that feeling and ushers will be instructed to limit the number in line. This is a sacred moment for all of us – please take the time that you need for reflection. We will continue to work at addressing this need.

Based on your responses, council has adopted this new way of distributing communion. Thank you to those who are willing to contribute to a pouring chalice, those who are willing to help out as communion assistants and make communion bread.



Also during this time, swine flu became a concern – so we talked about pandemic procedures and even had a “dry run” one Sunday. While we will need to do more to get ourselves organized, we did learn that intincting [dipping the wafer into the common cup] is not a sanitary practice: it is safer to have a sip from the common cup, where the high alcohol content of the wine, the silver of the cup and the vigorous swabbing of the cup edge by the assistant with a clean part of the napkin reduces most germs! Again, another learning opportunity!

While this began because of an altar guild concern, another concern – the greening of our church – has intersected. That is why we asked you whether we should continue to use plastic, recyclable glasses or whether we should return to using our ‘glass’ glasses. There we are evenly split. Those who are passionate about being ‘green’ say glass is the only way. Some of them have offered to wash up after the service. But some of you have indicated that plastic is better – more sanitary and can be recycled. Altar guild members who are also choir members appreciate less clean up time. Also it has been questioned - if we are running the commercial dishwasher only for the communion glasses, is there really a savings with the extra use of soap, water and electricity for heating the water and running the machine?

Those are all good questions. Council debated the issue but decided in favour of ‘glass’ glasses, with the hope that those concerns can be worked out.....*Pastor Ann & Church Council*

### **A Request from Your Pastor:**

Dear friends – There are times when folks share a need with me and ask for prayer. There are times of emergency when grave illness strikes, an accident happens, and your prayers are needed. An organized prayer chain would be a great help to me as your pastor. It would be a great help to all of you at St. Peter’s to know that you can ask for prayers. For prayer is a gift, a powerful gift. Jesus tells us to pray when there is a need.

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I think we hesitate to ask for prayers because we live closely together- it is hard to trust the painful details of our lives to others. However in a prayer chain, those who agree to be part, promise as your brother or sister in Christ to keep private things private. The details do not need to be shared – simply a name to lift up to God – for God knows the details.

Please read the following and prayerfully consider being a part of a prayer chain at St. Peter's..



## How to Link Up A Prayer Chain

A prayer chain is a line of communication among believers who are willing to be "on call" to pray for a specific need. The setup allows requests to be relayed immediately without waiting for the pastor to announce them at the Sunday service; one phone call activates the network.

Here's how to set one up:

- 1. Locate at least two "anchor people" to head up the network.** It's a good idea to have more than one person in charge in case one can't be reached or is on vacation. Publish these names in your weekly church bulletin and ask volunteers to get in touch with them.
- 2. Divide into teams.** Make a master list of volunteers' names and phone numbers, and then divide them into groups small enough to allow the full chain to be activated in a reasonable time.
- 3. Have a simple format.** Give each person in the chain a list of phone numbers or email addresses for his team. When one of the anchor people gets a prayer request, he calls or emails the other anchor. Each then calls or emails half of the team captains who, in their turn, contact the first person on their teams. That person contacts the second one, and so on. If someone isn't home, the caller skips to the next name and tries later to reach the one who was missed. Last person on the list notifies the captain of the team that the full team is functioning.
- 4. Keep phone calls and emails brief.** Prayer-chain communications should be quick and efficient. The person receiving the call should listen carefully, repeat the request to make sure he understands it, hang up and call the next person on the list.
- 5. Pray at once, in your own way.** It doesn't matter where you pray or what you say. Getting in touch with God is the important thing. Some people are most comfortable with a traditional prayer, such as "The Lord's Prayer" or a favorite Bible reading. Others prefer to make up a prayer or to meditate quietly.

That's all there is to it. Updates on a specific situation are optional. But usually people on the chain appreciate hearing if there is a change in the need or an answer to prayer. Whether you're linked at the sending or receiving end of a prayer chain, I think you'll find it's a very good connection.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Jayne Westlake and Robert Edmonds who will be married at St. Peter's on June 6<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Ann officiating.
- to Sarah Walker and Jason Ingram who will be married on June 27<sup>th</sup> in Sarnia. Sarah is the daughter of Hub Thiel and the late Mary Walker Thiel. Mary's brother, The Venerable Dr. Gordon Simmons will be officiating.
- to Julie and Mark Heimrich on the arrival of their son, Spencer Mark born on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. A wee brother for Sarah and Scott.
- to Kelly and Jordan Jeffrey on the birth of their son, Bryce.

David Wirt will be ordained as a Pastor on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at St Matthew's Church in Kitchener. There will be a bus leaving our church at 3 p.m. traveling to Kitchener for this event. Contact Glen Thiel by June 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like to travel on the bus. Prior to the service, the Zurich group will enjoy supper at the Swiss Chalet at 525 Highland Road (near Fisher Hallman) in Kitchener.

## BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

- to Albert Deichert who celebrated his 93rd birthday on May 16th.
- to Dianne Becker who celebrated her birthday on May 24th.
- to Phylis Deichert who celebrates "a special birthday" on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. An open house will be held in our Fellowship Hall Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- to Becki Dietrich who celebrates her birthday on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- to Audrey Haberer (my grade one teacher). She will celebrate her special birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.



On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we welcomed new members Melvin and Ruth Greb into our church family at St Peter's.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, **Kelsey Becker, Nathalie Beeler, Jelica Bornath, Andrew Deichert, Marina Lather, Colin McBride, Bradley Stuckless, Katherine Thiel and Josie Underhill** will be confirmed. There will be celebration welcoming them into full membership on Sunday, June 7th during coffee hour.

## BAPTISM:

On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> Aidan Robert Krueger, son of Violet and Rob will be welcomed into church membership at St. Peter's through the Rite of Holy Baptism. Pastor Ann and Bob are the proud grandparents of Aidan.

*Grandparent-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandparents are short on criticism and long on love.*

## **THANK YOU:**

to the Deichert Family for having the chairs in the chancel area reupholstered.

## **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

to Wendy and Dave Heimrich on the death of Wendy's father, Engbert Rhebergen.  
to Gwen and Pat O'Rourke and family on the death of Pat's mother, Claire.  
to the family of Eleanor Lawrence on her passing this week. A private funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Anyone who wishes to place flowers on the altar or in the church during July and August in honour of birthdays; anniversaries etc. please call the church office at 519-236-4697 and leave a message several weeks before the occasion.

**At the June ELW** meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> Jaclyn Rader and John Becker will show pictures and talk about their recent experiences in Nicaragua. An open invitation is extended to all women and men of our congregation to come to hear about the mission work being done in Nicaragua. The program will begin at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN DAY AND BBQ FOR EVERYONE**

On Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be games for "children of all ages" after the service. Parents of the Sunday School children are asked to provide the salads for the barbecue. The youth will be offering their famous Sundae Sundays. Drinks will be provided. Plan to attend this fun event...you won't be disappointed.

## **JOB POSTING:**



We are looking for someone interested in taking over the Sunday School superintendent position and possibly someone to take on the Sunday School Christmas presentation if there is interest in splitting these responsibilities. The Christmas presentation obligation would begin with the 2009 Christmas season and the superintendent position would start in Sept 2010 (even if the responsibilities aren't split).

This is lots of notice, so please consider if this is a calling you can hear. Speak with Peter Bornath if you are interested.



## 2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

**WHERE:** Zurich Mennonite Church  
**WHEN:** July 6-10, 2009  
**TIME:** 8:45 A.M. to 12 noon  
**AGES:** Junior Kindergarten through Gr. 10



This adventure camp is like no other! As SonRock campers, your kids will learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

High school students wishing to add to their volunteer hours are most welcome to come and help out. Contact Marilyn Heimrich (519-236-4941) for more information.

## Multipurpose Room Update

Despite carpeting setbacks and scheduling conflicts we are nearing the finish line with the room. Thank you for all of your patience!!! When the room is complete, it will provide a comfortable place for a small group to meet, socialize and possibly watch DVDs. Eventually we would like to have a direct video feed from the sanctuary. The room will also contain a library where a variety of books can be checked out. There will be a desk in the corner for studying and to write. This room is not meant to exclude children, but rather to be a place for supervised play. Toys, a change table and a small colouring table will also be in the corner of the room.



The conference room can be a place for meetings, paper sorting/folding and money counting. The photocopier, paper cutter and paper will remain in there. The filing cabinets will not be returning to the room. If you are interested in taking a filing cabinet home, please contact Jenni Boles at 519-235-6267.

Below is a list of what is needed to finish the two rooms. We are looking for donations of time, furniture or money. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help and contact Jenni or Pastor Ann if you are able to do so.

- Install door between the two rooms.
- Baseboard painting and installation (Hub and Damien).
- Bookshelves (Horst).
- New conference table top (Hub)
- End tables and table lamps.
- 2 comfy chairs and a new couch.
- Coffee Table
- A new TV and DVD player [preferably flat screen].

A big thanks to the Room Committee, Doug Thiel, Bob Krueger, Steve Boles and Phil Erb for their help with painting, furniture construction, heavy lifting, lighting and window installation. Thank you to Lorna Daters for the couch donation.

We are anxious to complete this project and look forward to it becoming a valuable space for our church family.

## New Date and Time for Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen will now be held on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. *Children 6 and older are welcome* with an accompanying adult. Learn and share valuable cooking skills, nutrition basics and save money while preparing meals for your family or neighbors. Join us for a great time of food, fun and fellowship!

Contact Jenni Boles at 519-235-6267 if you would like to become a part of this fun group.



### New Stuff

We are so excited! Zurich is scheduled to host their first Stewardship of Creation (SOC) event in September. We have a lot of excellent ideas on what to do at this event...and how to open this event to the wider community (possibly a concert on the Saturday night). Zurich has chosen a really fun topic..."FOOD". We'll be talking about food miles and organics.

It will be a community service event. We are hoping that ALL the food we feed our guests that weekend will either be 100 mile food...or organic. If it can be BOTH that would be awesome. However...we WILL need some help from the congregation. We have ideas on how to make the evening meal fun, but we will need volunteers who love to cook to help prepare this meal in order for it to work. We look forward to everyone catching the excitement **WE** have for this event and we are hoping it will be a very memorable for everyone.

We also want to thank the ELCIC Eastern Synod for accepting our application for funding for these SOC events through their ES- YAYA grant program. The funding we received will be split equally with the other churches who host an SOC event in 2009. We will be applying again in the fall for our 2010 events.



### Past Events

The Easter Sunrise service was very well attended, as was the breakfast afterwards. We hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as the youth liked doing it. Thank you for your support.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, we had 1 youth and 2 leaders attend the spring conference with Pastor Ann in Milverton. The topic was "Do You Speak Youth?" - We learned if you don't speak you can't spread the gospel to youth. I was also very pleased to hear from the guest speakers that, unlike their parents, the youth of today are part of a new rebellion, which is to come back into the church. This gives me great hope for the future. Our very own Jacklyn Lather presented a report to the attendees on what the youth of the London Conference have been up to at their SOC events. The people who attended the event were so impressed that they voted for the free will offering at the closing service be donated to the SOC sleepover events. Jacklyn also led the other youth attendees in the separate youth portion of the event.

At the end of April fifteen youth from St. Peter's were challenged by the youth of Trivitt Anglican to a game of laser tag in London. We then adjourned to one of the private rooms for snacks and drinks and socializing...It was a great evening.

May has been a very slow month for the youth group, with the older members preparing for exams and working on final assessment projects and the younger group preparing for confirmation. I also believe some of our youth will be participating in the "Relay for Life" on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Coming Events

June 7<sup>th</sup> - **Sundae Sunday** and the closing of Sunday School.

June 14<sup>th</sup>- **Coffee Hour and Youth Meeting** to firm up some planning of the September youth event...to update where we are on our Green Project...to brainstorm for a fundraiser to help the church replace the stoves in the kitchen with newer energy efficient models. *If the youth could please let Tracy know ASAP what you are bringing for coffee hour so that we can make sure we are not going to be short, I would really appreciate it.*

June 24-28 - **National Conference** in Vancouver to be attended by Jacklyn Lather and Pastor Ann.

June 27-28 - "**Off the Grid**" SOC event at Trivitt which will be a fundraiser for Temba House. Temba House is an AIDS Hospice in South Africa. (Youth will find Temba House sponsor sheets and permission slips in their parent's mailboxes at the entrance of the church. If you don't get one...please contact Tracy, Marg or Sharla)

August – **Magnetic Faith** This Eastern Synod youth gathering will be held in Barrie. Information is posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in attending please contact youth leaders or Pastor Ann for more information and funding help information. Please register soon.

### ~~~~ **All members of St Peter's have blessings to share** ~~~~

This poem is about those who share their blessings doing things in our church.

We celebrate Pastor Ann as she prepares her sermons late into the night,

We celebrate the acolytes and the candles they light;

We celebrate the altar guild, who prepare the bread and the wine,

We celebrate our organist and all the musicians who make our worship divine.

We celebrate those who volunteer for Vacation Bible School in summer;

We celebrate our Worship and Music Committee who certainly come up with some hummers.

And where would we be without our Sunday School Teachers, Helpers and Superintendent,

And Moses who brought us the Ten Commandments!

We celebrate our communion assistants, our lectors, and greeters,

We celebrate all the members of the ELW and Bible Study leaders.

We celebrate those who work hard to guide our youth:

We celebrate those on Sunday who count the cheques and the cash,

We celebrate our custodian who takes out the trash.

We celebrate all those who serve on the many committees and there is still more;

What about all the people who labor spring, summer, and fall to make St. Peter's look great outdoors?

Then there is the Church Council, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and President and the Vice;

And the donations from the Faith Life Chapter which have been very nice.

We celebrate those who visit our homebound and Pastor Ann who brings them communion;

We celebrate our volunteer carpenters and plumbers for their many hours and they don't even belong to a union.

For coffee, cookies and juice on Sunday morning we have many people who are responsible;

We celebrate them and those who bring food for the Food Bank, for in this way their Christian love is demonstrable.

We celebrate those who respond to visitors with notes and smiles and a kind "How do you do?"

We celebrate the quilters and sewers who stitch to keep so many people warm;

We celebrate Christmas Carolers who bring Christmas cheer no matter how bad the storm.

We celebrate those who have painted the mural of Noah's Ark;

We pray for those who secure our building by checking the bathrooms and locking up after dark.

We celebrate the Memorial Fund and the donations that St. Peter's people give.

We celebrate those who organize and serve lunches for families whose loved ones have died;

We celebrate those who clean and decorate our church and keep it looking beautiful inside.

We celebrate the huge number of people on this list and the many more that have been missed;

But without each and every one of you this part of God's kingdom would be quiet and dead;

So let's keep sharing and celebrating our blessings instead!

Thank you all for the wonderful partnership in the Gospel that we have shared and can't ignore.

And may God keep us serving him together for many, many years more.

# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

## USHERS

Captain: Phil and Laurie Erb  
Alternate: Claire Deichert  
Ted Sanders  
Harvey Norton

## LAY READERS

June	7	Tracy Lather
	14	Michele Haberer
	21	Jackie Lather
	28	Pat O'Rourke



## ACOLYTES

June	7	Mimi Lather
	14	Andrew Deichert
	21	Mitchell Dietrich
	28	Bradley Stuckless

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June	7	Doug Klopp
	21	Michael Schaefer

**ALTAR GUILD** Pauline Miller, Sharon Brokenshire, Marlene Deichert

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

June	14	Cathy Hugill
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## COFFEE HOUR

June	7	Sunday School Barbecue, Welcome of Confirmands
	14	Youth Group
	21	Margaret L. Deichert
	28	Ann Steinbach



# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

## USHERS

Captain: Hub Thiel  
Alternate: Doug Klopp  
Dale Miller  
Marie Deichert  
Don Rader  
Paul Klopp  
Dana Thiel



## LAY READERS

July	5	Ron Heimrich
	12	Karen Schade
	19	Karen Rader
	26	Sharon Sanders

## ACOLYTES

July	5	Jelica Bornath
	12	Colin McBride
	19	Katherine Thiel
	26	Kelsey Becker

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July	5	Derek Bornath
	19	Don Rader

ALTAR GUILD Alma Westlake, Sharon Sanders, Cathy Hugill

