



“FOR PETE’S SAKE”

St Peter’s Lutheran Church

Zurich, Ontario

Interim Pastor: Rev Dick Holm

Ministers: The People of St. Peter’s

April / May 2010



The annual meeting raised some questions about benevolence.

We use four words almost interchangeably when we speak about our support of the national church - benevolence, apportionment, mission, and synod. The words aren’t important, but what we support with those dollars is important.

We talk of mission. We support a few missionaries overseas. We support several congregations who are not yet able to support themselves, such as Pastor Ann’s new congregation. Mainly we support our seminary in Waterloo, and to a lesser extent, our other seminary in Saskatoon. Without such support, there will be no new pastors for St. Peter’s or anyone else.

We talk of Synod. This supports mainly the staff of Synod - our Bishop, two assistants, a bookkeeper, and some secretaries. We have the help of one of the Bishop’s assistants for our call committee. It also supports some of the programs of synod, such as youth work, youth events, and training for people in the parish such as Sunday School teachers, etc. A good percentage also supports our National Bishop, and the programs of the national church. You are invited to read about this work in “The Canada Lutheran” and in the “Eastern Synod Lutheran.”

Benevolence and apportionment are words used in the past to describe these funds. If we do not support mission (or synod, benevolence, apportionment), very soon there will be no church. We all know that costs increase. If our mission support does not increase, again, there will soon be no church. It will just take a little longer to die.

How the money that is sent to synod (missions) is spent is determined by your delegate to the conventions of the church. Sometimes it seems that we have little say in such matters. We are only one congregation of over 200 in Synod, and about 600 across Canada. But we are a congregation like almost every other congregation, with a love for God, for his people and his creation, and a concern that we try to be good news to everyone.

We may not agree with every decision, but that is true here at St. Peter’s, too. God simply invites us to continue to be faithful to his word, his church, his mission.

The church is the only institution that exists entirely for the benefit of others. We ourselves have already heard the good news, how that Jesus died, our sins are forgiven; he rose, and we also shall rise. Now we share it. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2010

Chairperson: Mark Heimrich 519-235-4033 meheimrich@yahoo.ca
Vice-Chairperson: Jenni Boles 519-235-6250 jenniboles@sympatico.ca
Secretary: Ann Steinbach 519-236-4097 eandaonmill@hay.net
Treasurer: Jen Schellenberger 519-238-6743 jschellenberger@hay.net

Councilors:

Matt Eagleson 519-238-2676 Matt@eagleson.com
Paul Klopp 519-236-4291 klopps@hay.net
Doug Thiel 519-236-4983 doug@hay.net
Pastor Dick Holm 519-537-8948 recholm@execulink.com



COMMITTEES FOR 2010

Learning: Peter Bornath, Jenni Boles

Service to the Community: Jenni Boles, Michele Haberer (Prayer Shawl Ministry), Alma Westlake (Prayer Chain)

Facilities: Mark Heimrich, Matt Eagleson, Doug Thiel

Stewardship: Mark Heimrich

Evangelism / Renewal: Jenni Boles, Mark Heimrich, Ken & Marg Devries, Chris & Gary Eagleson, Laurie & Phil Erb, Diane Klopp,

Worship & Music: **Chair:** Chris Eagleson 519-238-2676 eagleson@hay.net
Ann Steinbach, Laurie Erb

Communications: **Chair:** Sharon Sanders 519-238-8738 sanderst@hay.net
Jenni Boles, Matt Eagleson,

Youth: Jenni Boles

Parish Life: Jenni Boles, Mark Heimrich, Jen Schellenberger, Ann Steinbach, Brad Holmes, Paul Klopp

Cemetery: **Chair:** Don Rader 519-235-4547 Paul Klopp, Claire Deichert

Green Team: **Chair:** Tracy Lather 519-228-6532 tlather@bell.net
Jenni and Steve Boles, Jackie Lather

Worship Attendance and Offerings for the Month of February

	Attendance	Current Offering	Missions Offering	Building	Other	Plate	Total Offering
February 7	80	870.00	122.00	8.00			1000.00
February 14	51	500.00	47.00	8.00			555.00
February 20 Mo. PAR		2315.00	45.00	40.00			2400.00
February 21	64	1055.00	87.00	103.00			1245.00
February 28	54	1025.00	252.00	13.00		45.00	1335.00
March 7	65	1730.00	112.00	53.00		19.00	1914.00
March 14	48	582.00	77.00	13.00	400.00	20.00	1092.00
March 20 Mo. PAR		2315.00	45.00	40.00			2400.00
March 21	65	1090.00	47.00	63.00		8.50	1208.50

\$ 2441.00 is required each week to meet the 2010 Budget passed at the annual meeting.

Current Account:

Income to Feb. 28 th	\$ 13,461.00
Expenses to Feb. 28 th	\$ <u>11,003.71</u>
	\$ 2,457.29

PAR- Your Questions answered....

Many times throughout the year in the bulletin and newsletter we make reference to PAR.

What does PAR stand for?

PAR is preauthorized remittance and it is a way for you to give your church offering through an automatic bank deduction. No more remembering envelopes or writing cheques. It's an easy way to remember your church contributions each month.

How do we get involved?

To register for PAR is easy. A quick call to the church office or Jen Schellenberger will have a registration form on its way to you. Just complete it, return it with a void cheque (sorry, Visa /MC cannot be accepted) and Jen will take care of the rest. Just remember to complete the portion allocating your givings. Deductions from your account are made on a monthly basis on the 20th of each month.

What if I am already a PAR contributor and wish to make changes?

Changes can be made at anytime, not only at the beginning of the year. Your written request can be submitted to the church office (email is fine also to Jen Schellenberger jschellenberger@hay.net) and your changes will be made.

PAR is easy and simple and one less thing you have to remember for church each Sunday. It reduces paper as we then have to order fewer church envelopes each year. If you wish to make any extra donations (i.e. Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas) throughout the year place your donation in an envelope with your name and put it on the offering plate.

Schedule of Services For Holy Week

March 28th Palm/Passion Sunday with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

April 1st Maundy Thursday Seder Supper and Worship at 6 p.m. (See below for more information)

April 2nd Good Friday Service at 10:00 a.m.



April 4th Easter Sunday Youth Son Rise Service at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast hosted by St. Peter's Youth Group----Freewill Offering.
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday - Passover Celebration

Passover is the feast of freedom. This year we will celebrate Passover at St. Peter's. It is worship, it is a party, and it is a feast. It is also a special time of learning, aimed especially at children, and at adults teaching their children the faith. We begin at 6 p.m. with a remembrance of the plagues in Egypt, the passing over of the angel of death, and the flight to freedom. Then we have a feast (in this case a potluck supper - no pork, bacon, etc, please). Following the feast we have a closing celebration. During the feast everyone gets 4 cups of wine, or grape juice, or some of each. Your choice, for yourself and your children. There is no need to drain each cup. But we invite you and your family to celebrate, and to learn the background of our Christian celebration of communion.

Baptismal Birthdays:

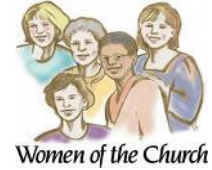
Celebrate and rejoice as we remember the following on their baptismal anniversaries.

April 1, 2007	Brooklyn Ralph	April 6, 2003	Hannah Weller
April 14, 1996	Nathalie Beeler	April 18, 2004	Ashton Willert
April 19, 1992	Kristin Sutton	April 20, 1986	Christopher Fisher
April 20, 1986	Deryk Rader	April 21, 1991	Selena Harrison
April 22, 2001	Alexander Michalcewicz	April 27, 2008	Jenna Metcalfe
May 1, 1994	Blain Snell	May 7, 1989	Stephanie Musser
May 8, 2005	Annaliese Bornath	May 11, 1986	Meghan O'Rourke
May 12, 1946	Sharon Sanders	May 12, 1991	Jenna Beierling
May 12, 1996	Andrew Deichert	May 12, 1996	Mitchell Dietrich
May 16, 1993	Jackie Lather	May 16, 1999	Robin Chowns
May 17, 2009	Melvin Greb	May 20, 2001	Kristen Schellenberger
May 23, 2004	Dylan Schellenberger	May 26, 1991	Emily Yarrow
May 28, 2006	Danielle Daters	May 28, 2006	Jamilyn Daters
May 31, 1991	Brian Desjardine		

Baptism is not a momentary act. It is a life-long relationship to be celebrated and affirmed.

St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies:

Several ladies attended our group meeting on February 9th. Devotions were shared. Business was discussed and the treats and fellowship were enjoyed. The name above was voted on and is official.



We will begin having evening meetings since we are anxious to accommodate more women (of any age). The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Please reserve Tuesday, May 11th to attend our Mothers Day Supper at 6:00 p.m. Bring relatives or friends.

Thank you to all who assisted with hosting and participating in the World Day of Prayer Service. It was an inspiring programme, written by the women of Cameroon. We all enjoyed Jaclyn Rader's presentation and we commend her for her willingness to serve by helping with the orphanage in Kenya. The fellowship with women of the Zurich community churches was a special ending.

Appreciation is extended to those who assisted with the Annual Meeting lunch and the recent Fisher funeral. Your efforts help us to serve our church community.

Angel Wings update from Michele Haberer:



Our great group of ladies continues to knit and crochet up a storm. To date we have given out 54 blessed shawls. Pastor Dick blessed eight more shawls on March 21st. Father Peter also blesses shawls. We try to keep some on hand all the time. So far we have been able to keep up. As the warmer weather approaches our production may slow down, as most of us also like to garden and be outside.

We continue to meet every other Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Our next meeting is on April 8th. This pattern will continue until the end of June and then we will break for the summer and start back in September. As always anyone may join us at any time. Not everyone attends every meeting.

We always have lots to talk about and have a few laughs. Our ladies are very talented and a lot of our meeting is spent admiring each other's work. Help is always available from each other for our knitting and crocheting questions.

As I always say you ladies make this ministry a blessing. Thanks again to all of you. It's a pleasure to spend the afternoons with you. Any questions or names of people you think should receive a shawl please let me know. They do not need to be from our congregation.

Call Committee Update:

On Thursday, March 11th, the call committee met with Rev. Dr. Mark Harris, assistant to Bishop Pryse, as they begin the call process. Committee members will meet again in April. Keep the Call Committee in your prayers throughout this journey.



On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd Michael Beierling and Mitchell Dietrich will be confirmed. There will be celebration welcoming them into full membership on Sunday, May 30th during coffee hour.

LONDON CONFERENCE SPRING MEETING

Saturday, April 17, 2010
at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tavistock

Registration cost \$15.00
Two members from St. Peter's are required to be our voting delegates.

Contact Tracy Lather at 519-228-6532 if you are available at attend this meeting.

A Request:

Anyone from the congregation who would like to help with the Earth Day Service in April please get in touch with either Tracy Lather or Jenni Boles.

Thank You:

~~ Thank you to church council for organizing another successful Roast Beef Supper. It couldn't have been done without the support of all the volunteers who sold tickets, set up, served, cleaned up, and donated cakes and pies. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all---thank you entertainers.

~~ Thank you to the seven dedicated ladies who came to our workathon and helped tie four twin size quilts and three crib size quilts. Special thanks to those who took on the added task of hemming the finished products. One machine quilted crib quilt and twelve receiving blankets were also donated. All of these quilts will be given to Canadian World Relief or to the Goderich Women's Shelter.

~~ Our thanks and appreciation to Peter Bornath for serving as Sunday School superintendent the past several years and to Jenni Boles for volunteering to assume the role of superintendent.

Congratulations and Best Wishes:

~~ to David and Susi (nee Weller) Deichert who were married February 3, 2010 on the beach of the Gran Bahia Principe resort in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Several family members and friends from our area attended the wedding.

Our Deepest Sympathy:

~~ to Bob and June Fisher and their family on the death of Kim Fisher. Pastor Bob Hutchison conducted the memorial service at St. Peter's on Saturday, March 13th.

~~ to Brenda and Jerry Rader on the recent death of Brenda's father.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS IN THE YOUTH GROUP

Past Events

Shrove Tuesday was a great success again this year. Thank you to everyone who rallied around and helped out with the dinner. This year went smoother than ever before.

March 6th, 2 of our youth and at least one member of our Sunday school attended the Article One concert at Trivitt. What an AWESOME Concert!!! The church was (literally) bouncing!!! The band is a 2009 Juno Award nominee for Best Christian Rock Band. They played songs that I was surprised to have recognized from popular radio. They also did a cover of Great Big Seas (I would) walk 500 miles. The young man, who played the violin, rocked the instrument like I'd never seen before! We followed this up by going to the Trivitt youth house and putting together some scrap book pages from past SOC events for one of our youth SOC friends, Becci Bair, who lost everything in a house fire. We also made her a new prayer cloth to replace the one she lost.

Coming Events

March 27/28 –SOC Event hosted by Bethany Woodstock. The topic is "Transportation- It's a Spiritual Issue". All youth are invited to bring a friend. RSVP to Tracy by March 24th.

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Son Rise Service and Breakfast hosted by the confirmation class and youth group.



Friday, April 16th - Youth sleepover event at Trivitt Memorial. Saturday morning all the youth will go to Tavistock for the London Conference Spring Meeting.

Friday April 30th - YOUTH CHALLENGE from St. Peter's Milverton - **Bowl for Kids in Stratford**. This is an ALL AGES event. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Tracy know ASAP so they can get a pledge form.

CLAY 2010

CLAY stands for the "Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth" National Gathering. Youth between the ages of 14 & 19 are eligible to attend. This year London ON is hosting this event. Registration is \$300. A down payment of \$50 is required ASAP. Let Tracy know any ideas you might have for fundraising for this event. Contact Tracy at 519-228-6532 if you require financial assistance

Youth Prayer

Dear God,

Spring is here and we are humbled again by Your generosity. We are all getting busier and busier as we "wind down" to summer. Hockey season is just about over and baseball and soccer are just about to start. Some of us are starting new jobs. We know that whatever we are doing, You will be right there beside us, and that gives us comfort. We promise to try and keep You in our minds and hearts everyday, not just on Sundays. We ask You to forgive us when we fail and smile with us when we succeed. Thank you Father. AMEN.

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

USHERS

Captain: Pat O'Rourke
Alternate: Glen Thiel
Peter Bornath
Doug Thiel
Shannon LaPorte
Gary Hugill
Tim Teeter
Fred Deichert

LAY READERS

April	4	Sharon Sanders
	11	Andrea Schaefer
	18	Ron Heimrich
	25	Tracy Lather

ACOLYTES

April	4	Courtney McBride
	11	Mitchell Dietrich
	18	Matthew Thiel
	25	Kurt Bornath

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April	4	Mark Heimrich / Laurie Erb
	18	Tracy Lather / Don Rader

ALTAR GUILD Ann Steinbach, Catherine Beierling, Alice Deichert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

April	11	Jenni Boles
	25	Tracy Lather

COFFEE HOUR

April	4	Easter Sunday
	11	Marg L. Deichert
	18	Elaine Weido / Pauline Miller
	25	Eleanor Horst / Louise Schade



LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

USHERS

Captain: Ron Rader
Bob and Elizabeth Merner
Wayne Keller
Michael Schaefer
Mark Taylor

LAY READERS

May 2 Michele Haberer
9 Karen Rader
16 Pat O'Rourke
23 Karen Schade
30 Mark Heimrich

ACOLYTES

May 2 Shaelynn Ciupak
9 Michael Beierling
16 Kimberly Hendrick
23 Courtney McBride
30 Mitchell Dietrich

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 2 Marg Deichert / Doug Klopp
16 Derek Bornath / Laurie Erb
23 Karen Schade / Mark Heimrich

ALTAR GUILD Pauline Miller / Sharon Brokenshire

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

May 9 Ron Heimrich
23 Cathy Hugill

COFFEE HOUR

May 2 Ann Bornath / Catherine Beierling
Mother's Day 9 Doris Hamilton / Marie Deichert
16 Dot Hess / Isabel Gascho
23 Marge Schilbe / Janice Junker
30 Confirmation Welcoming

