



# FOR PETE'S SAKE"

St Peter's Lutheran Church  
Zurich, Ontario

Interim Pastor: Rev Dick Holm

Ministers: The People of St Peter's

February / March 2010



It is a tradition of long standing that Lent should be a penitential season. Jesus died in order to forgive our sins, and so we should feel sorry for sinning.

But I have been wondering for some years if we are not denying the Christ's good gift to us by any practice of penitence. He died in order that we might have an abundant life, not a penitential one!

And generally our penitence has devolved into giving up something for Lent, usually something

which doesn't matter very much anyway. I could give up chocolate for Lent. Of course, after Lent I'd be back at the chocolate. But my crabapple tree doesn't eat chocolate for Lent, either, and it makes about as much difference. Occasionally we might give up a habit like smoking, that affects our health, and we continue after Lent is over. That's a better approach. It would be what God wants for us. We might give up desserts during Lent, and send the money saved to a charity. That would also be an appropriate approach to some kind of spiritual discipline.

I personally choose only to focus on the Christ's sacrifice for me, and then to try to live to the fullest the kind of life he intended by his sacrifice - a full life, a forgiven life, a life modeled on his own. Then I find that what I need to give up are not so much sweets and habits, but selfishness and similar attitudes. And that's a far harder discipline, and a far more rewarding one.

Pastor Dick

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There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be Lenten Suppers throughout the Lenten Season in the Fellowship Hall. These suppers will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a worship service to follow at 7:00 p.m. These suppers are always well attended, so remember to invite your neighbours and friends for tasty food, fellowship and worship.



*Join us for a meaningful journey this Lenten Season.*

A Message to the Members of St. Peter's from Church Council Chair, Mark Heimrich.

Several of you have wondered about or questioned the set up of Pastor Dick's schedule. I'd like to share how this came to be. Firstly, Pastor Dick was appointed by Synod to act as our interim Pastor. It is customary for church councils to accept Synod's decision on who will serve them during a vacancy. Ultimately there are not many choices and we liked what we heard about Pastor Dick. I, and council as a whole, discussed and negotiated with Pastor Dick what level of service we were looking for and what he was comfortable providing. We came up with what was an amicable schedule for all.

The general outline is and likely will remain as follows:

Pastor Dick will be with us for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month (Holy Communion) and on Festival Sundays when Communion is celebrated. He is conducting visiting on Tuesdays and attending council meetings and confirmation. He is extremely well organized and I would say is providing good value for our time. Pastor Dick is at our service for any and all pastoral needs. Keep in mind Tuesday is generally the day he is in and around Zurich. Pastor Dick & Linda's phone number in Woodstock is 519-537-8948. It was a joint decision between Pastor Dick and Council for him to attend approximately every other Sunday. He is writing or supplying a sermon for the alternate Sundays as most of you are aware. We pay him for his prep time with regard to the sermons. This overall scheduling decision was reached based on a few factors:

- Pastor Dick is actually retired and preferred not to come every Sunday. He was, however, willing if we really wanted him to. He was and is remaining very accommodating to our needs.
- The Synod prescribed mileage charge is .49 cents per km. Therefore the mileage alone is just over \$100 per trip, two ways, back and forth to Woodstock. Council felt we could save on some of this. Obviously he is also paid for his time on the road too.
- Council also felt we could also save by having members participate in conducting services and reading sermons. It has worked well so far, however we are still looking for more volunteers to lead the liturgy and deliver the sermon. Please see me or Jen Schellenberger to say "YES" I would like to volunteer and to arrange a Sunday. Volunteers are in place for February but are still needed for March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- As the call process unfolds, we should have the opportunity to elicit the services of the four new student candidates who will be graduating from our Synod this year. This is an opportunity to use their services (to fill in on Sundays) and see how they "fit" our church and congregation.
- Our budget - we have run a deficit for three years in a row. We're trying to be prudent with church money!

I hope this helps to explain the structure we have employed with Pastor Dick. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me or any other member of your Church Council.

Thanks to Mark Heimrich, Ron Heimrich, Tracy Lather, Charlotte Norton, Jenni Boles and Peter Bornath for their leadership at the Sunday worship services on the Sundays when Pastor Dick was not presiding the past 3 months.

Committee Reports for the Congregational Annual Report are due Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
 (Please note: If they are not submitted by this date, they will not be included in the Report)  
 Please email [jschellenberger@hay.net](mailto:jschellenberger@hay.net) or give them to Jen Schellenberger.



St. Peter's Annual Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (weather permitting) in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. (freewill offering) and the meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

## Worship Attendance and Offerings for the Month of January

	Attendance	Current Offering	Missions Offering	Weekly Par	Building	Plate	Total Offering
Jan 3/10	28	251.00	30.00	530.31			811.31
Jan 10/10	50	1287.00	25.00	530.31	30.00	5.00	1877.31
Jan 17/10	62	1515.00	193.00	530.31		2.00	2240.31
Jan 24/10	51	625.00	78.00	530.31		12.00	1245.31

Church Council is hosting a **Roast Beef Supper** on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Cost is adults \$15 and children \$6. For tickets call the church office or any member of church council. Invite your family, friends and neighbours...these events are always great fun.

### **Baptismal Anniversaries for February and March:**

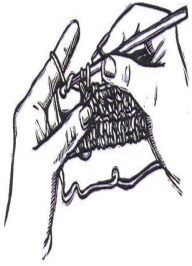
Celebrate and rejoice as we remember the following on their baptismal anniversaries.

Feb. 1, 2004	Cody Michalcewicz	Feb. 3, 2002	Mey Westlake
Feb. 6, 1994	Derek Bornath	Feb. 8, 2004	Jackson McLlwain
Feb. 13, 2000	Michelle Beeler	Feb. 25, 1996	Bradley Holmes
Feb. 25, 1996	Katherine Thiel	Feb. 27, 2000	Kylie Sharpe
Feb. 27, 2000	Kelsey Sharpe		
Mar. 6, 2005	Madison Teeter	Mar. 6, 2005	Raydon Teeter
Mar. 11, 2001	Emily DePaepe	Mar. 17, 2002	Madison Schilbe
Mar. 24, 1996	Jelica Bornath	Mar. 28, 2004	Chloe Hohner
Mar. 31, 1991	Marsha Taylor		

*“See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God.” 1John 3:1*

### **OUTREACH:**

**St Peter's Lutheran and FaithLife Chapter #76305** are working together to raise funds for disaster relief for Haiti. FaithLife will match up to \$350 in donations. A donation jar has been placed in the Fellowship Hall until the end of February for anyone wishing to make a contribution. Donations can also be made by cheque directly to Canadian Lutheran World Relief or World Vision.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** On Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, several new knitters and crocheters attended the first get together of 2010. Twenty more shawls (they had been completed since December) arrived at the meeting. Well done ladies! You continue to amaze me. Since we began in September we have given 25 blessed shawls to friends and neighbours in our community. We work with our own church, Father Peter, and the United Church. The churches take turns having shawls blessed during worship services. The Pastors from the various churches as well as our group of ladies suggest names of people who are in need of an "Angel Wing" hug. If you know of someone who could use a shawl hug please forward their name(s) to Michele Haberer.

Once again donations are always cheerfully accepted. New faces are also most welcome to come to our fun group. The time together is informal with an opening and closing prayer and lots of visiting, helping, and laughter. We meet every other Thursday until further notice in St. Peter's Fellowship Hall. Our next gathering is on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

### **E.L.W. UPDATE:**

A decision was reached to dissolve our connection to the larger E.L.W. as a result of several discussions among E.L.W. members in 2009 and the women's meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (attended by a caring group of 22). The ladies plan to continue to serve our congregation and community to the best of our abilities. As long as we receive the assistance needed, we will still serve funeral lunches and do as much visiting as possible. We have arranged to serve the luncheon prior to the Congregational Annual Meeting to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. This year we will be hosting Zurich's World Day of Prayer Service on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The annual quilt work-a-thon is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Committees to lead some activities have been formed. We ask for your prayers and help in the future. Our appreciation is extended to all the members and executive, especially Mrs. Margaret Deichert who has served as E.L.W. president for many years. We wish her a complete recovery.

A meeting of St. Peter's Church Women will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to share in this time of devotions, some business and fellowship.

*Submitted by Marilyn Heimrich*

The annual work-a thon for the tying of quilts will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Follow-up and clean-up will be on the following Wednesday morning. Women willing to help with this project are most welcome to come at their convenience—a morning, or an afternoon or just a few hours. If possible, please bring a small pair of scissors. A bag lunch for Tuesday is required—beverages will be provided. Completed quilts are donated to CLWR and to the Women's Abuse Shelter in Goderich.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE** so very much to for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, food and flowers that I have received since my recent surgery in December. You are a very thoughtful congregation. My recovery is going well and I look forward to being back among you soon.

*Sincerely, Louise Schade*



" **Let Everything That Has Breath, Praise God,**" is this year's theme for the World Day of Prayer Service to be held at St. Peter's on Friday, March 5<sup>h</sup> at 2 p.m. An open invitation is extended to everyone in the community to attend this service. We will be joining people all over the world for a service which the World Day of Prayer Committee in Cameroon has prepared.

This year's theme takes its cue from Psalm 150 and begins the way the Psalm does, "Praise God." Through this invocation, God is called up as "...our refuge and strength, ever ready to help, strengthen, guide and enlighten us in times of joy and sadness."

### **Past Events:**



On December 6th, we held the 2nd annual Crèche Festival. We had many beautiful nativity scenes and other Christmas decorations. The same day we also hosted a chili dinner, which was also very successful. The youth would like to thank all those who made and donated chili, vegetables, buns, desserts and more.

We had five youth attend the Crash the Cathedral Event at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed pizza beforehand and then went Christmas Carolling in Victoria Park in London.

January was a very quiet month with all the youth finishing projects and studying for and taking exams. Hope everyone passed with flying colours.

### **Coming Events:**

**February 16 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - 5-7 pm. Once again the youth will be hosting their traditional pancake and sausage supper. Invite your neighbours and friends. There will be a freewill offering. We would like to have as many youth as possible out to help with this event.



**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Planning Meeting for remainder of the year, and to discuss C.L.A.Y. Anyone interested in going should RSVP to Tracy at [tlather@bell.net](mailto:tlather@bell.net) (Must be 14 years old OR will graduate grade 8 in June 2010)

**March 6 & 7 - SOC Sleepover in Woodstock** - Theme TBA

**Friday, March 26** - Pizza and Movie Night (will include a brief practice for the Easter Son Rise Service)

**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Son Rise Service and Breakfast.

## **CLAY 2010:**

CLAY stands for the "Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth" National Gathering. If you are between the ages of 14 & 19 (or will graduate Grade 8 by June 2010) YOU are eligible to attend. London, Ontario is hosting this year's event. Registration cost is \$300. A down payment of \$50 is required by February 14, 2009. Parents please contact Tracy with fundraising ideas.

I understand that many may not be able to cover this cost, especially in these difficult financial times, but we are willing to help. If you contact Tracy Lather at 519-228-6532, your request for help will be kept private and confidential.

## **OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION:**

There is a Haiti Benefit Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral in London on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4 p.m. Join with local artists and dignitaries as St. Paul's Cathedral hosts this event to raise funds to support the disaster relief fund for earthquake victims in Haiti. For more information and up-to-date details visit their website [www.stpaulscathedral.on.ca](http://www.stpaulscathedral.on.ca)

Trinity Lutheran FROGS Youth Group in London will be hosting their Annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Our youth are invited to attend and serve at the dinner which will be followed by an overnight Lock-In. The youth will be helping with the Sunday worship. Members of St. Peter's are welcome to attend the dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Cost: \$15 a person or \$25 a couple.



St. Peter's Youth has a Facebook page... check it out when you are on Facebook. (Where it says search in the top right corner, type in St Peter's Lutheran Church.) Tracy Lather is keeping the event section (bottom left) updated after each newsletter. Anyone with pictures or information they would like to see included can email it to Tracy at [tlather@bell.net](mailto:tlather@bell.net).

### *A Prayer for Youth*

*Dear God; Sometimes it is hard to include You in every aspect of our lives, whether it be school, sports, family or work. But we love You, and will strive to be worthy of You in all we do. Thank You for the gifts of Your forgiveness and love. AMEN*

## **Terrorist Groups Operating in Churches**

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell, known by the name Bin Prayin, is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whomever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

To which cell group do you belong? No church is exempt. You can spot them if you "bin looking".

# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## USHERS

Captain: Steve and Michele Haberer  
Alternate: Fred Haberer  
Gary, Matt and Jon Eagleson  
Nick Haberer  
Marlene Deichert  
Doug Deichert  
Charles Kalbfleisch  
Marilyn Warner

## LAY READERS

February 7 Mark Heimrich  
14 Andrea Schaefer  
17(Ash Wed) Ron Heimrich  
21 Karen Schade  
28 Michelle Haberer

## ACOLYTES

February 7 Mitchell Dietrich  
14 Kimberly Hendrick  
17 Courtney McBride  
21 Michael Beierling  
28 Matthew Thiel

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 7 Tracy Lather, Jackie Lather  
17 (Ash Wed) Don Rader  
21 Derek Bornath, Laurie Erb

ALTAR GUILD Alma Westlake, Cathy Hugill, Sharon Sanders

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

February 14 Laurie Erb  
28 Michele Haberer

## COFFEE HOUR

February 7 Sharon and Ted Sanders  
14 Jenni Boles  
21 Annual Meeting (lunch prepared by St. Peter's Church Women)  
28 Donna Thiel (Ken) / Kelly Jeffrey / Dana Thiel

# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

## USHERS

Captain: Mark Heimrich  
Alternate:  
Bob Fisher  
Rob Schellenberger  
Ron Heimrich  
Karen Schade  
Petra Aisenpreis

## LAY READERS

March 7 Karen Rader  
14 Pat O'Rourke  
21 Tracy Lather  
28 Mark Heimrich

## ACOLYTES

March 7 Kurt Bornath  
14 Shaelynn Ciupak  
21 Michael Beierling  
28 Kimberly Hendrick

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 7 Marg Deichert, Laurie Erb  
21 Doug Klopp, Karen Schade  
28 Michael Schaefer, Don Rader

ALTAR GUILD Shelley Miller, Diane Klopp, Karen Rader

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

March 28 Diane Klopp

## COFFEE HOUR

March 7 Michele Haberer  
14 Ann Steinbach  
21 Lorna Daters  
28 Marg DeVries





St Peter's Lutheran Church Calendar			~ February 2010 ~			Zurich, Ontario
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember the FOOD BANK the first Sunday of the month	1	2  7 p.m. Confirmation (Snacks- Courtney)	3	4	5	6
7 EPIPHANY 5  10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  Coffee Hour Choir Practice	8  1:30 p.m. Angel Wings	9  1:30 p.m. St. Peter's Church Women meeting in Fellowship Hall  7 p.m. Church Council	10	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration of Our Lord  10 a.m. Worship  Coffee Hour Choir Practice  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15  FAMILY DAY  Happy Birthday Marsha Taylor	16  5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Youth Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Everyone Welcome  Happy Birthday Ross Cordell	17  ASH WEDNESDAY  7 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion	18	19  Happy Birthday Pauline Miller	20
21 LENT 1  10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:30 Annual Meeting	22  1:30 p.m. Angel Wings	23  Happy Birthday Michele Haberer	24  5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship	25  Happy Birthday Ashton Willert	26  Youth Planning Meeting	27
28 LENT 2  10 a.m. Worship  Coffee Hour Choir Practice	<p><b>Notes:</b> The earliest date Ash Wednesday can occur is February 4<sup>th</sup> which happened in 1573, 1668, 1761 and 1818. The latest date is March 10<sup>th</sup> which occurred in 1546, 1641, 1736, 1886 and 1943. Ash Wednesday has never occurred on Leap Year Day and it will not occur as such until 2096.</p> <p>The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. This color symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.</p>					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember the FOOD BANK the first Sunday of the month	1	2	3 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship  Happy Birthday Michelle Beeler	4	5 2 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service at St. Peter's	6 Youth SOC Sleepover in Woodstock  6 p.m. Annual Roast Beef Supper
7 LENT 3 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  Coffee Hour Choir Practice	8 1:30 p.m. Angel Wings  Happy Birthday Jackson Bornath	9 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Quilt Work-a -thon in the Fellowship Hall	10 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship	11	12	13
14 LENT 4 10 a.m. Worship  Coffee Hour Choir Practice  Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Happy Birthday Caroline Schaefer	20 1 <sup>st</sup> DAY OF SPRING
21 LENT 5 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  Coffee Hour Choir Practice Newsletter Deadline	22 1:30 p.m. Angel Wings  Happy Birthday James Ciupak	23	24 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship	25	26 Youth Pizza and Movie Night	27 Happy Birthday Nick Haberer Mitch Dietrich
28 PASSION / PALM SUNDAY 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  Coffee Hour Choir Practice  ***	29	30 7 p.m. Confirmation (Snacks Mitch)	31 Happy Birthday Marina Lather  5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper followed by Worship	Notes:  ***Happy Birthday to Jenna Beierling, Shannon LaPorte and Sharon Sanders on March 28 <sup>th</sup> .		