



FOR PETE'S SAKE"

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

September / October 2010



As you are aware, changes are occurring as I settle in as your new pastor. The parsonage is a busy and loud place so I have moved my office to the church in the photocopier room. A very old 'OFFICE' plaque appropriately adorns the door. So far I expect to spend the most time in the office on Thursdays and Saturdays. Please do not hesitate to drop in or make an appointment for any other time during the week. If I'm not in the office on Thursday or Saturday chances are I am next door at the parsonage, so please, seek me out! I can be reached via email at nschroederkranz@hotmail.com.

You may leave messages on the church phone 519-236-4697. You may also reach me at the parsonage (especially for emergencies) 519-236-4337. Forgive me though, when I'm at the parsonage the children frequently interrupt! So far I have scheduled MONDAYS as a day off. Thank you for your patience and your support as schedules and routines slowly develop.

Thank you so much for your warm welcome! The children, Andy and I are very happy to be here and are slowly getting unpacked and returning to a new sense of normal. We have much gratitude for your attention to the parsonage prior to our move and for your helpfulness throughout this transition. We look forward to the coming months and milestones throughout our first year among you. St. Peter's has quickly become 'MY CHURCH' to each member of the Schroeder-Kranz household! You have made us feel at home and at ease as we enter into this new family of faith. May every blessing be upon the whole of St. Peter's as we cross the threshold on this new relationship and new ministry together!



Team Schroeder-Kranz: Chloe, Pastor Nadine, Russell, Rachel, Andy and Owen in front

ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Current Account:

Actual Income to Date (August 20 th):	\$ 57,245.67
Actual Expenses to Date (August 15 th):	<u>\$ 52,741.25</u>
Balance	\$ 4,504.42

Mission (Benevolence)

Benevolence Commitment	\$ 9,000.00
Actual Received (August 15 th)	<u>\$ 3,945.00</u>
Amount Outstanding	\$ 5,055.00

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR NADINE

On October 3, 2010 everyone is invited to join us at St. Peter's for the installation service of Pastor Nadine Schroeder-Kranz. The service will be held at 2 p.m. (*please note there will be no morning worship service on this Sunday*). Pastor Richard Brown, London Conference Dean, will conduct the installation service and Pastor Mike Schroeder (Pastor Nadine's father) will deliver the sermon. The service will be followed by a welcome reception for Pastor Nadine.

We are thankful to the Lord that Pastor Nadine has accepted the call to serve us at St. Peter's and look forward to her ministry among us. Set this afternoon aside to come and celebrate with us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The opening of Sunday School will take place on September 12th. Please join us (and invite your friends) for a balloon release (eco-friendly, biodegradable), games and potluck. The congregation is invited to participate in all the activities and attend the potluck.

Regular Sunday School classes will begin September 19th, beginning at approximately 10:15. The Children's Sermon will occur after the Prayer of the Day with the children being dismissed for Sunday School immediately after. Children will return during the offering on communion Sundays to sit with their families. All children are welcome to attend Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the little ones as well.

A Sunday School teacher's meeting was held on August 15th to discuss autumn activities, lesson plans and teaching schedules. This year's teachers are Marg DeVries, Phil Erb, Michelle Haberer, Shannon Keller, Tracy Lather, Andrea Schaefer, Liz Teeter and Jenni Boles. It had been brought to Jenni's attention that there are concerns regarding the couches in the main Sunday School room. This was put on the agenda at the meeting which resulted in a unanimous vote to keep the couches. The children enjoy having a soft place to plop during opening activities before heading into their classrooms and they are considered a valuable part of Sunday School life.

Please let Jenni know directly any concerns or questions regarding Sunday School issues. This will allow them to be addressed immediately and with accuracy. She can be reached at 519-235-6267.

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMANDS



Jackson Bornath, Kurt Bornath, Kimberley Hendrick, Courtney McBride, Matthew Thiel, Courtney Heimrich, Tamara Heimrich, MacKenzie Hendrick, Natalie Miller, and Michaela DeVries plus any other Grade 7/8 students: If you have not already heard from me, Pastor Nadine, rest assured you will! WE will try having 45 minute confirmation classes after Sunday Worship every Sunday beginning, September 19th.

FEEL LIKE SINGING....then come and join the church choir. Practices will resume on September 5th following the worship service. We are always looking for new recruits.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arthur Horst for his 50 years in ministry.

BEST WISHES to Karen Schade & Jason McLellan who will be married at St Peter's on Sat. Oct. 9th.

**Share Your “Art in Worship”
at the
“London Conference Art Show”
to be held at
Trinity Lutheran in Windsor Ontario
on October 23rd, 2010 beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

We are looking for: Vestments and Alter Cloths, Photos/Drawings of our church's interesting Architecture, Woodwork, etc., Wall Hangings and Banners, Paintings and Crafts, Videos or Recordings,

Also wanted is a **photographer** to take pictures of the various interesting aspects of our church building to display at the Art Show.

For more information please contact Tracy Lather by e-mail
tlather@bell.net or by phone 519-228-6532 (evenings)



ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PORK SUPPER

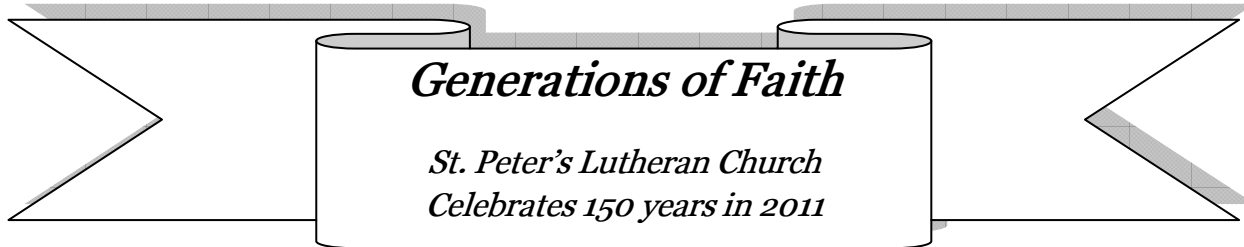
The annual pork supper (with all the trimmings) will be held Saturday, November 6th in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available from any Parish Life Committee member (Jenni Boles, Mark Heimrich, Brad Holmes, Paul Klopp, Jen Schellenberger, Ann Steinbach,) or by calling the church office at 519-236-4697. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 6 -12, free for kids under 6.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the late Stewart Elmore Thiel, who died on Saturday, July, 31st. Pastor Nadine officiated at his funeral on Wednesday, August, 4th.
- We remember the family and friends of the late Bruce Harvey Church who died on Thursday, July 29th. Pastor Nadine presided at his funeral on Thursday, August 5th.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: St. Peter's continues to serve our community.

- Remember your **food contributions** on the first Sunday of the month. They are in turn given to Blessings for distribution.
- **T.H.E. Bus program** will be using our building on Thurs. mornings (every other week starting Sept. 2 and soon to be every week.....more details to follow).
- **Angel Wings** will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New people are always welcome as well as all returning ladies.



St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Committee

St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Committee has begun meeting to plan for next year's celebration. The committee is planning activities which will commemorate and celebrate the official founding of St. Peter's congregation, January 1, 1861. Various activities will occur throughout the year, 2011.

The anniversary theme is **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**. The anniversary special project will be the restoration of the first cemetery to commemorate the founders of this congregation, to honour their faith through trials, unknowns, grief and hardships, by restoring their presence in the present and for the future.

Anniversary committee members are Christine Eagleson, Michele Haberer, Diane Klopp, Sharon Sanders, Lois Thiel, and Alma Westlake (chair). Phylis Deichert has prepared historical information which will appear in the newsletter each month. Phylis also has a photo display and a copy of the "temple talks" (which can be borrowed) she gave in 2001 in the Fellowship Hall.

150 years ago in August

August 12, 1860 was an important date in the history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The first church in Zurich was the Reformed Lutheran. A small frame church, 24 feet x 34 feet, having a capacity to seat 200 people at a cost of \$800 was built on Lot 54 at the corner of Edward and Frederick Streets. This church was dedicated on August 12, 1860. At the same time a Pastor's house had been built on the same site as the present parsonage on Goshen Street.

After our present church was built in 1878, the old church building and lot were sold to Will Klopp for \$100. Years later the building was moved to the Clarke farm at Blake where it was recently demolished.

150 years ago in September

Canada Conference missionaries visited Hay Township as early as 1854. In Zurich, a combined congregation of Lutherans and Reformed was founded, services were conducted by L.H. Gerndt and J.A. Hengerer. J.N. Muenzinger who resided in Monroe, Michigan, 1852-1860, was licensed by the Pittsburg Synod, 1860, as a missionary pastor and assigned to the Hay Mission, Canada West. A few weeks afterward he was installed as pastor of the German Lutheran Church in Zurich by Pastors Hengerer and Kaessman. He directed the building of a frame church in 1860. A sister congregation, St. John's Evangelical, was organized on the Bronson Line on the site of the present Lutheran cemetery. It was affiliated with St. Peter's for about 10 years.

The 1861 census of Hay Township lists J. N. Muenzinger as aged 36, his wife, Mary, 37 and a daughter, Barbara, 16.

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150 years ago in October

Church records show visits to Hay Township (Zurich) by two missionary pastors who baptized children of different ages. On April 16, 1860, L.H. Gerndt from New Hamburg baptized seven children followed by J.A. Hengerer from Sebringville on June 10, 1860 baptizing five more. The resident pastor, J. N. Muenzinger, began baptizing July 15, 1860. He performed this sacrament for 47 more children and young adults; some from other places than Zurich. In 1861 there were 83 baptisms of which 21 were from other places-Stanley Township, Clinton, Tuckersmith Township, Egmondville and Bayfield.

WORDS OF THANKS



This year's yard sale was another huge success. *Thank you to everyone for their generous donations* of baking and yard sale items. Special thanks to Ann Steinbach for organizing this fundraiser. To the many volunteers who worked Friday evening and on Saturday we are truly appreciative. Profits from the sale were \$927 (which is \$225 more than last year). All the money raised will go towards the cost of new carpeting in the narthex and surrounding area.

This year's Vacation Bible School held at the Mennonite Church was a fun and successful event for many children in the community and surrounding area. Thank you to Jenni Boles, Kelsey Haberer, Michele Haberer, Julie Heimrich, Marilyn Heimrich, Shannon LaPorte, Sharon Sanders, Andrea Schaefer and Liz Teeter for volunteering throughout the week.

A Thank You from Pastor Dick—*“Thank you for the going away luncheon and the gift of summer sausage and a silver belt buckle. The summer sausage has already been tried and found delicious and the buckle is large enough to hold in the belly behind it! Thank you for the gifts, and for the memories of so many precious and delightful people.”*

All the best to the following St. Peter's youth as they begin their first year of university or college. They will be beginning a whole new phase of their lives with many challenges and changes. Good Luck to all!

- ❖ Jackie Lather is enrolled in the Honours History program at Trent University in Peterborough.
- ❖ Jenna Beierling will be attending the University of Toronto (Mississauga campus) in the concurrent education program.
- ❖ Stacy Beierling will be attending UWO in London taking Health Sciences.
- ❖ Kelsey Haberer will be attending Niagara College - Niagara on the Lake campus taking hospitality and tourism.
- ❖ Kaitlyn McBride will be attending Laurier University in Waterloo taking Honours Math.
- ❖ Michael Dietrich will be attending the Ontario Agriculture College in Ridgetown.



Lauren Haberer will be going to Washington, DC on September 1st and will be attending school and doing an internship at the Canadian Embassy in Washington until Christmas. In January she will return to the University of Ottawa.

God speed to Jaelyn and Brenda Rader as they leave for Nairobi, Kenya on September 12th for 3 weeks. They will be volunteering and providing supplies for Cheryl's Children's Home

ST. PETER'S YOUTH NEWS

PAST EVENTS

Yard/ Bake Sale and BBQ

The youth would like to thank everyone for their support at the BBQ and the next day in purchasing the leftovers. We'd also like to congratulate the ladies and gents who organized the Yard and Bake sale for the success they had.

Hands On - C.L.A.Y. 2010

The youth had a FANTASTIC time at "Hand's On" and are looking forward to sharing their experiences with the congregation at a future date. Thank you to everyone who helped us get there! "Lift up your strawberry to the Lord!"



Some of our youth in the mosh pit...



Kelsey Haberer and a new friend Alma

COMING EVENTS

September 1, 2010 - Youth Advisors' Meeting - 7 p.m. at the church.

Are you interested in what the youth group will be up to in the next year? This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, age 18 and up who wish to be involved in the planning of the next year's youth meetings, to those who have ideas about what they would like to see from our youth and to those who are merely curious about what goes into planning youth events.

September 15, 2010 - 7 p.m. Youth Group Meeting at the church. This meeting is open to all youth ages 12-19. Come and find out what is planned for the next year and have input into what **YOU**, the youth, would like to do this year.

Date TBA - "Hand's On" Service. Please watch the bulletin to find out when this service will happen. The youth who attended C.L.A.Y. 2010 will lead the service and tell you about the "Hand's On" youth gathering, and how it affected them.

YOUTH PRAYER

Loving Father: We know how much you love us and we return that love. We want to be like You and like the Good Samaritan who loved his Jewish enemy. But it's hard. We humbly beg you to show us how to live your message of love at home, at school, at work, and in relating with each other....especially now that school is about to start and the pressures of a teenager's life are about to begin again after the beautiful summer You gave us. Remind us when we need it, that we are all responsible for each other, and grant us peace. AMEN

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

USHERS

Captain: Michael Schaefer
Tom McBride
Ryan Ralph
Bob & Elizabeth Merner
Wayne Keller
Mark Taylor
Marsha Taylor

LAY READERS

September 5 Karen Rader
12 Michele Haberer
19 Tracy Lather
26 Charlotte Norton

ACOLYTES

September 5 Kurt Bornath
12 Kimberly Hendrick
19 Matthew Thiel
26 Shaelynn Ciupak

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

September 5 Don Rader / Jenni Boles
19 Tracy Lather / Doug Klopp

ALTAR GUILD Pauline Miller, Sharon Brokenshire

COFFEE HOUR

September 5 Audrey Haberer
12 Sunday School Opening -- Pot Luck
19 Alice Deichert / Donna Thiel (Glen)
26 Gwen O'Rourke

“Drumming Youth” at the Clay Event



LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

USHERS

Captain: Mark Heimrich
Petra Aisenpreis
Bob Fisher
Ron Heimrich
Karen Schade
Carl Elg

LAY READERS

October 3 Sharon Sanders
10 Ron Heimrich
17 Pat O'Rourke
24 Andrea Schaefer
31 Karen Schade

ACOLYTES

October 3 Courtney McBride
10 Natalie Miller
17 Michaela DeVries
24 Courtney Heimrich
31 Tamara Heimrich

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 3 Marg C. Deichert / Doug Klopp
10 Michael Schaefer / Laurie Erb
17 Don Rader / Charlotte Norton
31 Karen Schade / Tracy Lather

ALTAR GUILD

Alma Westlake
Cathy Hugill
Sharon Sanders



COFFEE HOUR

October 3 No 10:00 a.m. worship service,
Pastor Nadine Installation Service at 2 p.m. followed by reception in F.Hall
10 Marg C. Deichert / Jen Schellenberger
17 Laurie Erb / Julie Heimrich
24 Lisa Deitrich / Diane Becker
31 Andrea Schaefer / Petra Aisenpreis