



“FOR PETE’S SAKE”

St Peter’s Lutheran Church

Zurich, Ontario

Pastor: Rev Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter’s

February 2011



"Love is like a tree whose planting is bitterly painful, but the fruit of which is sweet and palatable."

This evocative quote by an anonymous female mystic rings true to anyone who studies the Good News of Christ. God is love, and love is God; the words are interchangeable. The love of God and the Divine is never ending. God loves us before we are born and forevermore. Alone, we can experience God's love for us through prayer and contemplation, but because God and love are contained within each other, we also find God through our active love of the people around us.

Our twins were born a week before Valentine’s Day, 2004. Andy and I missed this secular holiday as we found ourselves spiralling through a love so consuming that began before their birth and continues to amaze and inspire us. Love is hard. To be a parent is hard. I love all my children with insurmountable passion. They make me so very happy and they make me so very crazy. With their every breath I watch to see that they take another. I worry, knowing that I have no control over their hurts or the obstacles they will face in life. With their every breath my heart leaps with thanksgiving and anticipation for their lives. The only way to reconcile these emotions comes in offering my love of my family to God.

I hope that we can all offer our anxieties and our hopes, our longings and our love to God and in doing so enter that divine realm in which we know and we trust that all good things are possible with God.

Valentine’s Day can be a good day for Christians to remember who they are and whose they are. You belong to God. Your loved ones belong to God. Therein lies your security, and your peace. God loves you. Rejoice, be glad, and share the love!

Pastor Nadine



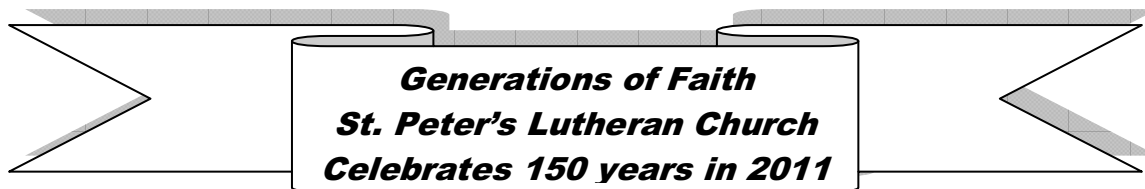
REMINDERS:

Please bring items for the Food Bank on Sunday, February 6th. All canned foods, cereals, baby food, paper products etc will be donated to Blessings in Zurich.



St. Peter’s Annual Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, February 27th, 2011. Plan to attend this important meeting. Reports for publication in the Annual Report are due Sunday, January 30th.

The women of the congregation will be serving a lunch prior to the meeting. A freewill offering will be taken.



From the Anniversary Committee:

The January 2nd 150th Anniversary Kickoff Sunday was a huge success. Jacklyn Rader's 'Me to We' presentation was excellent and inspiring for all of us.

The choir's anthem "Come Build a Church" left everybody humming its catchy melody and we look forward to hearing it again in the future.

The first Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church developed by Rev. Muenzinger (Michele Haberer) received an overwhelming approval. Almost all the male members of the congregation renewed the 96 signatures of January 1, 1861. Despite Mother's (Lois Thiel) attempt to keep Otto (Douglas Klopp) who was not yet 21 from signing, he did sign the document at the end of the service. Marguerite (Diane Klopp) expressed her disapproval of the discrimination against women, when she could not participate. Thank you to Alma Westlake for writing the script.

The Levee after the service provided an opportunity for guests to celebrate the anniversary of the acceptance of the first constitution 150 years ago. Several guests dressed in period costume for the occasion. Our 150th anniversary placemats which were donated by a member of our congregation were used for the first time.

On January 9, the congregation unanimously approved "that the Anniversary Committee proceed with plans to restore the pioneer cemetery provided that the funding for part or all of it becomes available, with the church/cemetery board being responsible for up to \$10,000." This support for the first cemetery is appreciated and the committee will undertake to find funding to complete the project.



Sunday, February 13th at the worship service, the Valentine's gifts that have been "lovingly" provided by several members of our congregation will be blessed prior to giving them to Blessings for distribution. This outreach project spearheaded by the Anniversary Committee has been a huge success. 45 female social service recipients will be surprised and honoured with a small gift on Valentine's Day. Thank you to everyone for their support...your response has been amazing.

A Women's Spa Day will be held Sunday, April 10, in the afternoon. Watch for announcements of other anniversary activities as plans are finalized.

The Anniversary Committee hopes to compile a pictorial history of the past 150 years at St. Peter's. We are searching for old photos of family events which occurred in the church, old photos of the church &/or church activities such as Sunday School Picnics, Youth Group, Ladies groups, Choir. Photos can be given to any committee member and will be returned after copying.

150th Golf Shirts

Golf shirts (\$35) and t-shirts (\$15) with the church logo are now available for ordering. They will be available throughout the year. Although they will be available, due to the company running short of this particular item that we have been selling, they may change slightly. To order a shirt contact one of the anniversary committee members. Sample sizes are available to try on.

150th Quilt

Thank you to everyone who has let their creative juices flow. You have made the most beautiful and crafty blocks. The response has been overwhelming. The deadline for the blocks is the end of January as the quilt needs to be put together and finished for our Celebration Weekend in October. For those of you, who are concerned that you did not, or could not make a block, don't fret because everyone will have a chance to sign this quilt all around the beautiful blocks. This will be available to sign for several weeks so everyone will be included. Thanks for all your help on this project.

150 years ago February 1861 The German Language

"German" is the first word in the original name of St. Peter's congregation at the official organization on January 1, 1861. An examination of the baptismal records reveals that these people came from Hessa, Baden, Prussia, Alsace-Lorraine, Mecklenburg, Bavaria, Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein, Hannover, Wuerttemberg, and from Waterloo County, Pennsylvania and Hamilton.

For almost fifty years all records (except one) were written in the German language. One exception is the marriage records. Reverend J.N. Muenzinger copied the first twenty one marriages into English in 1864. Subsequent records of marriages are written in English.

To satisfy a growing need at this time among the youth, English services were introduced in 1908 on Sunday evenings. This was the beginning of the difficult but necessary transition from the German to the English language that continued for many years.

Heritage Quilt Show:



This event is being held at Trivitt Memorial Church in Exeter on Friday, March 25th from 10-8 p.m. and Saturday, the 26th from 10-5 p.m. It is sponsored by the Bach Music Festival. The committee is looking for old quilts that you may have in your home, attic or in a trunk somewhere. We would like to show them in this unique quilt show – there will be no new quilts. This show will also be featuring quilts from the collection of Gerald Fagan. Quilt Appraisals by Judy Lyons will be available. She will also be giving a lecture on Friday at 2 p.m. If you have a quilt you would like to put in the show or would like to volunteer contact Michele Haberer at 519-236-4905. Admission is \$5.

Prayer Shawls:

We continue to meet on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our numbers have been low, but people are still knitting and crocheting on their own. Thank you for that, as we continue to give these shawls to those in need.

FaithLife:

Diane Klopp is now the chapter leader and contact person for the FaithLife Chapter #76305 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Zurich. She is the person to contact when looking for matching funds when doing fundraisers as well as ordering supplies such as serviettes when needed.



Doug Deichert is still the FaithLife Representative for our congregation and will be available as needed to support Diane in operating the chapter within our congregation.



- to Robert and Alma Westlake on the arrival of their first grandson, Henry Robert, born on November 26, 2010 to proud first time parents Jayne and Rob Edmonds.
- to Keriann O'Rourke (daughter of Gwen and Pat O'Rourke) and Kelso Beggs on their wedding held December 31st in Phuket, Thailand. The newlyweds are residing in Singapore.

BELATED JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

3	Russell Schroeder-Kranz	4	Tim Westlake
6	Brooklyn Ralph	7	Don Rader
10	Wendy Heimrich	12	Rob Edmonds
14	Jelica Bornath, Paul Klopp, Ted Sanders	16	Joanne Deichert
18	Ashley Heimrich	19	Thelma Thiel, Peter Bornath
21	Glen Thiel	27	Kim Hendrick

*These birthday wishes may be
Just a tad late,
But you're always wished much happiness
No matter what the date.*

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- to Tootie and Bob Merner on the death of Tootie's mother, Margie Johnson who died on December 15th. Pastor Nadine officiated at the funeral.

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE has ordered 13 dozen juice glasses and 13 dozen water glasses for the kitchen. Also two more cupboards will be built and installed in the kitchen to store supplies.

THE GREEN TEAM would like to thank everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Crèche Festival. We couldn't have done it without those who donated pots of chili and those who displayed their beautiful crèches and other Christmas collectables. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed a delicious chili supper before the parade (despite the weather).



How to be Green this Winter

- Make a conscious decision to "Go Green".
- "Follow through" on all the Green tips you already know.
- Read books on protecting the environment to get more tips.
- "Cuddle Up" using blankets made from organically grown natural fibres like cotton or wool.
(If you have to choose a manmade fibre, choose polyester over acrylic.)
- About 40% of "heat loss" is from wall/floor joints, doors and windows. Use a lit beeswax candle to check for drafts in these areas and seal them up.
- Allow sunlight in during the day for "passive solar heating" and close blinds and curtains each night to keep the heat in.
- If you can, boost the insulation of roofs, attics, floors, walls and basements to keep you toasty warm in winter (and cool in summer).
- Use a ceiling fan on low to push the warm air down
- Turn your thermostat down or use a programmable thermostat when you are away during the day.



PAST EVENTS

In November at a Youth Group planning meeting it was decided that due to declining attendance by the youth, we would join with the confirmation class (who are youth age) to put on a series of Youth services and other events at our church.

In December, the Youth had a ball doing Christmas stuff. After a delicious Pizza supper, thanks to Parish Life, we went Christmas carolling with other members of St. Peter's. We helped the Trivitt Youth Group decorate their church; in return some of the Trivitt youth (along with other churches in Zurich) came out and helped with Zurich's Live Nativity. On January 30th, St. Peter's Youth will be leading the worship service on the Beatitudes. As always we would appreciate your support.

FUNDRAISING

At the end of **CLAY** (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering) (www.clay2010.ca), a youth initiative was set for the attendees to take back to their churches, deaneries, dioceses, and synods. We were asked to raise the money to build 12 sustainable communities in developing countries by 2012. "**12 for 2012**". It costs approximately \$5000 to make a community sustainable in a developing country. So, through **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**, and **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)** the Anglican Church of Canada's agency, a portion of all money raised by our youth group will go towards "**12 for 2012**". It is our hope that between our group and the other groups who attend SOC events that we can raise \$5000 in the next two years for the **12 for 2012** initiative.

JUST A NOTE

The youth leaders of the SOC group have been asked and have accepted the challenge of planning this summer's Eastern Synod Youth Gathering which we are calling A.L.S.O.C. If there is anyone from St. Peter's who would like more information about helping out at this gathering, please contact Tracy Lather.

COMING EVENTS

February 4th and 5th We have been invited to a **sleepover at St. Matthew's in Kitchener**. All youth, age 12 and up, are invited. Friends are always welcome as are parents who are willing to drive to the event and hang out with us. This event is free (as is the March 26 and 27th sleepover).

February 13 **Special Valentine's Event** ... we are still in the process of nailing down the details. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins.

March 8th is **Shrove Tuesday** and as always everyone is invited to join us for a great pancake and sausage breakfast (this is a free will offering event and is open to the community)

March 26 and 27 **Sleepover Event at St. Ansgar's in London** (Pastor Dick is the interim pastor there). The theme of the event "GO FISH" is also the name of the Praise Band that will be playing at the Sunday morning worship service. All youth, age 12 and up, are invited. Once again friends are most welcome as are parents who are available to drive to the event. Members of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Sunday Service too!

YOUTH PRAYER

Abba, You are with us always, watching over us at church, at home, at school and out in the world. Thank You for Your loving concern (we know it is not always easy). And though we know we should, we are not always comfortable giving that same loving concern to other people, but with Your help, Father, we can learn. After all, You gave us the ultimate example of Your loving concern for us when You sent our Lord Jesus to lead us by example. Again we thank You and praise Your name forever. Amen

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

USHERS

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

LAY READERS

February 6 Andrea Schaefer
13 Michele Haberer
20 Karen McLellan
27 Charlotte Norton

ACOLYTES

February 6 Natalie Miller
13 Tamara Heimrich
20 Courtney McBride
27 Kurt Bornath

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 6 Michael Schaefer
Marg C. Deichert
20 Karen McLellan
Marg C. Deichert

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Steinbach
Sharon Sanders

COFFEE HOUR

February 6 Phylis Deichert / Leisa McBride
13 Donna Thiel / Kelly Jeffrey / Dana Thiel
20 Marg DeVries
27 Annual Meeting

True Love

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
his on**L**y
Begott **E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

