



FOR PETE'S SAKE™

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

September 2012



We are God's ambassadors. 2 Corinthians 5:20

Behold God is doing a new thing. Isaiah 43:19

During the 2012 Eastern Synod Assembly Bishop Pryse introduced Michael Harvey as the Bible Study leader for the gathering. Michael Harvey is the initiator of the "Back to Church Sunday," a movement that has become global. He spoke about Unlocking the Growth, speaking of ways in which we the church are afraid of inviting others to church and how to become an inviting congregation. On Sunday September 9th our congregational Assembly delegate, Marg Deichert and I will be presenting highlights from our Assembly experience and an overview of Michael Harvey's 'Back to Church' initiative. Please plan to attend!

12 Steps to Becoming an Inviting Church Unlocking the growth, Michael J. Harvey

1. Vision – If everyone of us invited a friend and they accepted we would double our congregation. Let's do it!
2. I as the church leader am going to invite someone, will you?
3. Make sure every member of the church has had a personal invitation to invite someone.
4. Teach about how God connects people through friendship.
5. The Power of Your Story – To re-remember who invited you.
6. Get every member to ask themselves the question – Who has God been preparing in my life?
7. Practice the question – Would you like to come to church with me?
8. Pray for courage to invite, and pray for those being invited.
9. Make the invitation.
10. Go and pick up your invited guest from their home.
11. Introduce them to friends over food and coffee.
12. Assume they are coming the following time you meet as a church and invite them again!

Thursday, September 6th **St. Peter's Ladies** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stacey Pfaff will be the guest speaker. She will share information about the Bluewater Rest Home and the events and programs that are available to others. Elections for the position of secretary will be held at this meeting.

Saturday, September 8th **Confirmation class** will be held from 10:00 to 12 noon in the youth room. Future classes will then be held the second Saturday of each month - Oct. 13, Nov 10, etc

Sunday, September 9th Pastor Nadine and Marg Deichert will update the congregation on the business of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's (ELCIC) Eastern Synod assembly that met July 5-8 at Wilfred Laurier University.



Sunday, September 9th Choir practice will resume after the worship service. New members are always most welcome.

Experience: Applications not required from persons who have sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower or to the radio. No age limit.

September 16th is Back to Church Sunday. This is a great time to invite and bring a friend or relative to church to see what St. Peter's is all about. **Sunday School Classes** will begin this day with the children going downstairs following the children's message. Sunday School teachers will be installed at the worship service. Wear your St. Peter's golf shirt.

There will be a pot luck lunch following the service...hot and/or cold items and/or dessert would be most welcome. There will be a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Wednesday, September 19th **Church Council** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 20th a **Women's Only Retirement Planning Workshop** will be held in Mitchell. Further information is available in this newsletter.

Upcoming is the Annual Pork Supper (with all the trimmings) to be held Saturday, November 10 in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember the Food Box located in the church entrance with your donations.

ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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| Current Account - Opening Balance | 3,167.12 |
| Income to Date | 71,194.53 |
| Expenses to Date | 71,421.87 |
| Bank Balance | 2,939.87 |



Council would like to thank everyone for their generous financial support with their donations this summer. As you can see, we are very close to operating in "the red". With 2012's budget in place, we require approx. \$2,349.50 each week in offering to meet the target expenses for the year. Please prayerfully consider how you might help our church move into "the black."

Christa Ihrig is St. Peter's Representative on the Blue Water Rest Home Board of Directors. Marg Deichert resigned from the BWRH board due to the change in their meeting times from evening to noon.

THANK YOU :

- to Doug Deichert and Faith Life for donating a parachute to our Sunday School.
- to Peter Bornath and Ross Cordell for leading worship services this summer when Pastor Nadine was on vacation.
- to the volunteers who made coffee and supplied goodies for coffee hour after worship during July and August.
- to Jenni Boles, Michele Haberer, Shannon LaPorte and Hub Thiel for volunteering at Zurich's Community Vacation Bible School.
- to everyone who helped with the preparations and setup before and after the Dedication of the Pioneer Cemetery Service.



- to Ruth Ann Flaxbard for donating a photo album of pictures taken at the Pioneer Dedication Service held on August 12, 2012



Thank you to the congregation for their support in my journey to Kenya. I reached my goal for fundraising and your support throughout, especially the bake sale, helped make that possible. Now that I have returned, I look forward to sharing many stories with my church family.

Jelica Bornath



All Youth age 12-19 are invited to a **brief** youth meeting following church on Sunday, September 9th 2012 in the youth room. We'll be brainstorming what YOU would like to do with the YOUth group this year-- how often YOU would like to meet, what day is best to meet, what kind of activities YOU'd like to do, what kind of topics YOU'd like to discuss, and what YOU like to eat. See you there!

SOC Sleepover Event – PROJECT X Music Festival

September 14-16th, 2012 our hosts are the youth, leaders and Pastors Thomas and Dani Mertz from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Leamington, Ontario. This is an open event for any youth who are ages 12 to 19. As usual, the event will include bible study and a service project, as well as having the youth lead the service on Sunday. Friday and Saturday evenings we will be attending the PROJECT X music festival that is held every September. The line-up includes "The Almost", "KJ-52", "To Tell" and "Downhere".

For more information <http://www.project-x-online.com/About.html>

We must RSVP to our hosts by Wednesday September 5th, so please RSVP to Tracy in person at church on Sunday, September 2nd, or via email at tlather.home@gmail.com Travel arrangements TBD. Volunteers also welcome....contact Tracy or Pastor Nadine.

IT'S OFFICIAL! The **2014 National Youth Gathering (CLAY)** will be held in Kamloops BC. This event will be open to all youth who are age 14 to 19 years (or who have graduated grade 8) by June of 2014. CLAY is a Christian experience that everyone who attends will always remember.

If you are interested in attending CLAY 2014 as either a youth or youth leader, please contact Tracy ASAP. We will set up a parent and youth meeting for anyone who is interested in going to go over any questions you may have about what types of things go on at these events and what we have to do to get there.



is on September 16th at St. Peter's. While some of our youth and Tracy will be away at the music festival and others will not, this is the weekend to invite someone to our church or to join us at the music festival in Leamington. We're not saying you have to "drag someone" along to church that day. All we'd like to hear is that you ASKED, even if your friend says no.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"Religion is different from everything else; because in religion, seeking is finding."

Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947)

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- to TJ and Jocelyn Klopp who were married at St. Boniface church on August 18th. TJ is the son of Heather and Paul Klopp and grandson of Donna and Herb Klopp.
- to David and Susi Deichert on the birth of their daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth on July 29, 2012. Proud grandparents are Alice and Fred Deichert.

Women's Only Retirement Planning Workshop

The First Step!
It's Not just about Money!

**Grace Lutheran Church
108 St David St. Mitchell, Ontario**

**Thursday September 20th 5:30 PM
Light Supper Provided- Catered By Carol Satchell**

**Presentation 6PM – 9PM
Richard (Rick) Atkinson
Author of the best-selling book**

Don't Just Retire – Live it, Love it!

Beyond concerns for money, leisure, health and relationships, women often have retirement concerns that differ from those of men when considering the loss of a spouse, reduced income and living alone.

Limited to 30 People

**Pre-Registration Required
Rev. Ted Radke (519) 348-4363 June Demerling (519) 348-9655**

Cost – Only \$5.00 for the workbook

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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 2 Sharon Sanders
9 Anne Schade
16 Michele Haberer
23 Tracy Lather
30 Andrea Schaefer

ACOLYTES

September 2 Michelle Beeler
9 Ryan Miller
16 Kara McBride
23 Kirsten Schellenberger
30 Mitchell Schellenberger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

September 2 Doug Klopp, Tracy Lather
16 Diane Klopp, Michael Schaefer

ALTAR GUILD

Cathy Hugill
Sharon Sanders
Alma Westlake

COFFEE HOUR

September 2 Audrey Haberer
9 Volunteer
16 Marg DeVries
23 Elizabeth Merner
30 Marg C. Deichert / Jen Schellenberger



The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book. ~Author Unknown