



FOR PETE'S SAKE"

St Peter's Lutheran Church

Zurich, Ontario

Pastor: Rev Ann Krueger

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

April / May 2009

Dear friends in Christ,

The miracle of spring has happened once more! The first spring flowers are peeking out and morning greets us with the sound of birdsong. Six weeks ago, in the midst of blowing snow, we all wondered if spring would ever arrive. But once more God is faithful!

Winter can be more than a season on the calendar. It can also be a season of the heart where we long for a miracle of love and warmth to thaw our desolation and bring spring to our souls. Those are times when we need the love and care of other human beings.

CARE also stands for the new purpose statement the renewal group has drafted out of the Saturday morning Vision Meetings this winter. It goes like this:

God's purpose for us at St. Peter's is to be:

Centered in Christ;
Active in faith;
Responding to need;
Empowered to serve.

It sounds very active, very mission focused. That's because it grew out of our work, as we studied the early church in the book of Acts and asked ourselves questions like 'What's God up to? How were the first Christians empowered to share the Good News and live Jesus' commandment of love?' Then we asked ourselves: "God is on a mission to save the world – so where is He at work in our community? How does He want us to be part of His mission? Where are we needed? What is His purpose for us at St. Peter's?"

Four years ago, in January 2005 we went through a visioning process with Dr. Arnie Weigel. After a day of work we came up with our familiar mission statement:

*We the people of St. Peter's are called, by the grace of God,
to be a welcoming and worshipping congregation,
growing in faith through the gospel
and reaching out to the community and the world.*

It is a good statement and we have grown into it. Our new draft purpose statement shows that we have grown in our faith journey together since then: it has more energy, it is more dynamic – and so are we. If we choose to adopt it, it will again give us something to grow into.

On Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m., we'll be meeting again. Please join us! This time we'll explore ideas for how God is calling us to invite, welcome, and help others in need. For God is indeed on a mission – and we're invited to take part!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ann

Annual Meeting Highlights

The meeting began at 12:45 pm with a quorum of 39 members.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Barrier Free Access – on hold due to lack of money; and lack of volunteers to go ahead. Meanwhile an alternate was suggested – expand use of the parish hall as it is wheelchair accessible. It is now wired with the new sound system. An in-house TV would provide connection to those worshipping in the sanctuary.
- A new roof was installed last fall, including the area by the Good Shepherd window. The cost of \$18,222 will come out of our memorial fund and will show up in the 2009 financial statement.
- The rug in multi-purpose room/office was determined to be defective. Since the meeting a replacement date has been set for early April. Then the project can be completed. Thanks to Horst Bornath for building the cupboards in the hall and to those who helped with painting.
- Quarterly financial reports – council will provide these to the congregation in 2009.
- Counting room – sanding and refinishing of the floor was discussed.
- A binder containing church council minutes is available in the office for interested parties.
- Memorial Givings – privacy concerns prevent names and amounts from being published.
- Capital budget – it was suggested this should be added to the annual budget.

Church Treasurer's report:

As of Dec. 31, 2008, we were in arrears in the amount of \$18,491.47.

Proposed 2009 budget:

- Not included are future charges for municipal upgrades to the lagoon and repairs to the existing storm water drainage system. The parsonage and church are in the affected area and will be assessed part of the cost. Margaret C. Deichert will keep us updated; the work may not be done until 2010.
- GST rebates – it was suggested that we contact retired Pastor Wiseman, who consults for churches on GST rebates – there may be additional refunds available.
- Bulletin expenses – it was suggested that we stop using preprinted bulletin covers to save money. We can create our own in-house bulletins and still include the weekly lessons. It was suggested that re-cycled paper be used.
- Debt reduction – it was suggested that we form a debt reduction committee. Diane Klopp volunteered to head this.
- After much discussion, the 2009 budget was approved.



Appointment of Financial examiners for 2009:

Paul Klopp and Doug Thiel

Bluewater Rest Home representative:

Ron Heimrich was re-elected

Council nominations:

- Three council members were needed to replace Horst Bornath, Charles Kalbfleisch and Michelle DePaepe.
- Ann Steinbach was elected for a second term.
- Matt Eagleson, Paul Klopp and Jennifer Schellenberger were elected for a three year term.
- Jackie Lather was elected as a youth representative on a one-year term; this is a new position voted on at the meeting. This increases the council members to 8 from 7.
- A motion was adopted for a nominating committee to be formed by November 1st of each year so that vacationing members can be included.

Vacation Bible School Representative: No one stepped forward at the meeting. Since then Marilyn Heimrich has become our representative.

Parish Life asked for more members. Brad Holmes and Bob Krueger agreed to take part in planning games nights, etc.

New Business:

- Church envelopes – those on PAR stated that they do not need envelopes. It was suggested that the envelope numbering system needs to be revamped. Also suggested was that our membership list be updated. It was moved that this project be completed by January 1, 2010. Ron Heimrich volunteered to help with the process. Pew envelopes for visitors were asked for. It was suggested that envelopes should be delivered by the end of February.
- Weekly bulletins to shut-ins: a discussion revolved around how to make sure that our elderly members are kept connected to the church by receiving weekly bulletins.
- Youth project “Stewardship of Creation”. The youth want us to work towards becoming an accredited “green congregation”.
- Historic chairs originally used in the chancel have been re-upholstered thanks to the Deichert family. The members in attendance agreed that the small benches should be replaced with the historic chairs.
- Promotion of St. Peter’s – it was suggested that we work to create a greater awareness of ourselves in the wider community through community news, tourist info booths, club houses in subdivisions, local newspapers. The Green Team would like to be part of this. Council will work on producing a brochure for this venture.
- A quarterly meeting of all committees and groups within the church was suggested to facilitate better communication.

Thank You:

- o to Doug Thiel for his dedication to our historic clock, and to Bob Krueger for his help.
- o to Horst Bornath for 7 years on council and to Charles Kalbfleisch for 8 years on council with 6 years as chairperson
- o Glenn Deichert expressed thanks for the Christmas flowers.

Submitted by Ann Steinbach, council secretary

Schedule of Services For Holy Week

April 5th –Palm/Passion Sunday with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

***April 9th -- Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship with Holy Communion
Supper at 5:45 Service at 7 p.m.***

April 10th --Good Friday Service at 10:00 a.m.

***April 12th --Easter Sunday Youth Son Rise Service at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast.
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.***



CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2009

Chairperson:	Mark Heimrich	519-235-4033	meheimrich@yahoo.ca
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Pastor Ann (ex officio)	519-236-4337	pastorann@hay.net	



COMMITTEES FOR 2009

Learning:		Michael Ciupak, Peter Bornath, Pastor Ann
Service to the Community:		Jennifer Boles
Facilities:		Mark Heimrich, Matt Eagleson
Stewardship:		Mark Heimrich
Evangelism / Renewal:		Jennifer Boles, Michael Ciupak, Mark Heimrich, Laurie & Phil Erb, Christine & Gary Eagleson,
Worship & Music:	Chair:	Christine Eagleson 519-238-2676 eagleson@hay.net Ann Steinbach, Pastor Ann, Laurie Erb, Doug Klopp
Communications:	Chair:	Sharon Sanders 519-238-8738 sanderst@hay.net Jennifer Boles, Matt Eagleson,
Youth:		Jennifer Boles, Michael Ciupak, Jackie Lather
Parish Life:		Jennifer Boles, Mark Heimrich, Jen Schellenberger, Ann Steinbach, Bob Krueger, Brad Holmes
Cemetery:	Chair	Don Rader 519-235-4547 Paul Klopp, Clare Deichert
Mutual Ministry:		Steve Haberer, Shelley Miller, Petra Aisenpreis
Green Team:	Chair:	Tracy Lather 519-228-6532 rlather@cabletv.on.ca Jennifer and Steve Boles, Jackie Lather

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 4th** **9:00 a.m.** Renewal Event in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in.
7:00 p.m. The Exeter Community Choir and The Exeter Community Children's Choir will be presenting A Passion Concert at Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church. Tickets are available from Doug Klopp -- Adults \$10. Youth 12 and under \$5.
- April 5th** Food Bank Items will be collected at the worship service. All canned foods, cereal, baby food etc will be donated to Blessings in Zurich.
- April 7th** Community Kitchen at St. Peter's at 7 p.m. These evenings are a great opportunity to get to know new people, have fun, and gain cooking and nutrition tips. The Community Kitchen can help you save money as you stock your freezer with tasty, nutritious meals. Contact Jenni Boles at 519-235-6267 or jenniboles@sympatico.ca if you are interested in participating.
- April 18th** **London Conference Spring Meeting at St. Peter's in Milverton...**see below
May 12th **6 p.m.** ELW invites all women –mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, friends, or “other mothers” to a Mother's Day banquet in the Fellowship Hall. More information will follow. Plan to attend this annual event.
- May 31st** On Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, the following young people will be confirmed—
Kelsey Becker, Nathalie Beeler, Jelica Bornath, Andrew Deichert, Marina Lather, Colin McBride, Bradley Stuckless, Katherine Thiel and Josie Underhill. Please keep these senior confirmands in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation Sunday.
- June 12th** On Friday, June 12th at 7 p.m. **David Wirt** will be ordained as a Pastor at an Ordination Service which will take place at St Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. It is expected that many of our congregation will want to be present for this service. Glen Thiel has reserved a bus for that date ...those interested in going on the bus please contact Glen Thiel at 519-236-4060.

brb g2g ttlyl - Do you speak youth!

**Youth today are talking a new language and if you can't understand them,
you can't communicate the gospel with them.
Get some helpful youth tips for your church and your conference.**

LONDON CONFERENCE SPRING MEETING

at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Milverton

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009 9a.m.

Registration \$15

Guest Speakers:

**Pastor Bonnie Schelter-Brown, St James, New Dundee
and**

**Pastor Joel Crouse, Easter Synod Ministry Director
Youth and Young Adults Ministries**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Stewardship of Creation – New National Youth Project



This is a congregational project that is very important to our youth. Council has been very supportive and has approved our ideas for changes to be made between now and the end of August.

- The formation of a “Green Team” is to help our church become accredited.
- Children’s songs sung in church will be put in duo tangs by the end of March (so we don’t keep copying them).
- All of the taps will have aerators by Easter.
- By the end of May we will have installed a composter...or have arranged for waste to go to the new Zurich community garden.
- Rain barrels will be installed at the parsonage for watering plants and the lawn.
- By the end of August, motion sensor lights will be installed in small rarely used rooms.
- As current supplies run out, office paper will be replaced with recycled paper.
- All incandescent bulbs will be replaced with CFL bulbs as they burn out.
- We will be searching for a green option for the outside lighting as well (since CFL bulbs are not recommended for that use).
- Washroom hand soap will be replaced with a natural product.
- Cleaning supplies will be replaced with cheaper, more natural options.
- Fair Trade Organic coffee will be promoted for coffee hour (environmental & advocates human rights).

You can support this initiative by sharing what you are doing to go green at home, and by giving us ideas on what you think St. Peter’s, as a congregation, can do at church to go green. Please contact Tracy to share your thoughts and ideas.

Past Events

February 7-8th – Youth from grades 7-12 from the London Conference were invited to a Sleepover at Redeemer Lutheran in London. We expected 25 youth and were pleasantly surprised to have 40 young people come out. It was an awesome time. Everyone had fun getting to know each other as we kicked off the **Stewardship of Creation** project.



February 24th - Shrove Tuesday was a very successful night. Thank you to everyone who helped us out again this year. Claire Deichert for helping with the potato pancakes, Jerry Rader for donating the potatoes, Albert Schilbe for donating the maple syrup, the Klopp farm for the eggs, Krista Ihrig from Hessenland for supplying a large portion of our regular pancakes, and of course Bob Krueger for cooking all the sausage and helping again at night with the pancakes! Thank you to our sponsor Faith Life and all the parents who stayed to help us clean up afterwards. God bless you all!

March 1st - A youth meeting was held to discuss how we could make St. Peter's a green church.

March 28 -29 - Between 40 and 50 people attended **the Stewardship of Creation Sleepover Event St. Peter's Milverton**. We renewed acquaintances with people we met at the Redeemer event. Some youth tied a quilt, some sang at the rest home, some stuffed and sewed bears for Victim Services, some made greeting cards for children in the cancer clinic, some designed and made a banner for St. Luke's, and some wrote letters to Canadian Soldiers in Afghanistan. These activities were based on the "Neighbours and Communities" theme. After 4 hours sleep on Saturday night, the youth led the worship service which was followed by a congregational lunch. During this event we also decorated 4 toilets **for Toilet Fundraisers**. (As part of the Stewardship of Creation project, many churches have decided to replace their toilets with "Dual Flush" models which can save as much water as a low flow, but flush better.) Everyone left tired but excited for the next sleepover event at Trivitt Anglican in June, where we will try to live COMPLETELY Carbon Free for 24 hours...that means no heat, no lights, and nothing electronic.



Coming Events

April 12 – “Son Rise” Service at 8 a.m. followed by Easter breakfast at 8:30. (Free Will Offering)

April 24th – **Laser Tag** –Trivitt youth have challenged us to a laser tag game. Cost is \$5 per youth. (Youth group will cover the other \$10) It includes 2 games of laser tag, pop and snacks in the party room between games. We need 15 players. First 15 to get their \$5 to Tracy will be on the team!

May??? – Youth to help with the Spring Clean-up / Green meeting
– Fun event to be planned (Maybe the drive-in or something???)

July – Youth Gathering in Barrie – more info to follow.

St. Peter's youth are looking for local sports events, music recitals, dance recitals, plays, poetry readings, karate grading etc to attend. If YOU (youth or adult) have a game or something coming up, let them know. They would love to come out and watch!

ELW:



The April ELW meeting will be held April 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ELW'S Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25th at St. Angar Lutheran Church in London from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The guest speaker for the day will be Sandy De Visser from Waterloo who has volunteered with LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) teaching VBS in Northern Aboriginal Communities.

Registration is \$10.00 which includes lunch and \$2.00 for a craft. Please contact Margaret Deichert by April 12th (Easter Sunday) at 519-236-4130 if you wish to attend this ELW event. All women of the congregation are invited to this day of fellowship, music, learning and worship.

Quilt Show: Everyone is invited to attend the quilt show sponsored by the Zurich Quilter's Guild at the Bluewater Recreation Centre in Zurich on May 23rd. Our ELW will be serving lunch and refreshments at this event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Quilter's Guild meets in our Fellowship Hall every 3rd Monday of the month. An open invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend these meetings.

The Zurich Agricultural Society is hosting the OAAS (Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies) District 8 Ambassador Competition on Saturday, May 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the evening's events at 7 p.m. when the Ambassadors from the fairs in Huron and Perth Counties make their speeches. Admission is by a donation at the door.

IN SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to:

- Leisa and Tom McBride and family on the recent death of Keith Stephenson.
- Lloyd Otterbein, Jim, Dennis and Carla and their families on the sudden death of Wayne Otterbein, March 19th.
- Joanne and Doug Deichert and family as they mourn the death of Joanne's father, Norman Carlton.

Thank you:

- to church council for organizing another successful Roast Beef Supper. The support of all the volunteers who sold tickets, set up, served, cleaned up, donated cakes and pies were much appreciated. Once again the entertainment was superb both before supper and after supper. Even Elvis was present.



- to everyone who volunteered their time to create the beautiful quilts. Thanks also to Phylis Deichert for displaying all the quilts for the blessing at the worship service on March 29th.

Belated Birthday Greetings:

- to Mitch Dietrich who celebrated his 13th birthday on March 27th .
- and to Nick Haberer who celebrated his 25th birthday on March 27th .



Happy Birthday Wishes: to the following who will be celebrating birthdays in April and May.

- Ryan Ralph celebrates his 28th birthday on April Fool's Day, April 1st .
- Bradley Stuckless celebrates his birthday on April 2nd .
- Fred Haberer celebrates a special birthday on Easter Sunday, April 12th .
- Kelsey Becker will celebrate her 14th birthday on April 18th .
- Kelsey Haberer turns 17 on April 28th .
- Hubert Schilbe will celebrate his birthday on May 19th .
- Jen Schellenberger and Marilyn Heimrich celebrate their birthdays on May 21st .

CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Amy Walper (daughter of Pam and Ron Walper) and Andrew Bedard who will be married on Saturday, April 18th at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Father Peter Poel will be officiating with Pastor Ann assisting with the service.
- to Nick Haberer and Mary Gregus who are getting married on May 9th at the Community Bible Church at R.R. #3 Lucan.

A POINT OF VIEW

An English professor wrote the words, "A woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed the students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "A woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "A woman: without her, man is nothing."



Andrea Schaefer is looking for a university or college student for babysitting and light housekeeping from Mid May until Mid June (daytime hours). For further information contact Andrea at 519-235-1677.

Thought for the Day

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If he had a wallet, your picture would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring

He sends you a sunrise every morning.

Face it...he is crazy about YOU.

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

USHERS

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

LAY READERS

April	5	Sharon Sanders
Good Friday	10	Mark Heimrich
Easter	12	Michele Haberer
	19	Pat O'Rourke
	26	Ron Heimrich

ACOLYTES

April	5	Bradley Stuckless
	12	Mitchell Dietrich
	19	Jelica Bornath
	26	Colin McBride

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April	5	Michael Schaefer
	12	Marg C. Deichert
	19	Doug Klopp

ALTAR GUILD Shelley Miller, Diane Klopp, Karen Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

April	19	Laurie Erb
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COFFEE HOUR

April	5	Alice Deichert
	12	Easter Sunday
	19	Elaine Weido / Pauline Miller
	26	Marg DeVries



LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

USHERS

Captain: Ron Rader
Alternate: Hubert and Marge Schilbe
Bob and Elizabeth Merner
Wayne Keller
Michael Schaefer
Mark Taylor
Bill Taylor

LAY READERS

May 3 Karen Schade
10 Jackie Lather
17 Karen Rader
24 Sharon Sanders
31 Mark Heimrich

ACOLYTES

May 3 Katherine Thiel
10 Kelsey Becker
17 Nathalie Beeler
24 Josie Underhill
31 Michael Beierling

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 3 Tracy Lather
17 Don Rader
Pentecost 31 Marg C. Deichert

ALTAR GUILD Ann Steinbach, Catherine Beierling, Alice Deichert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

May 10 Jenni Boles
31 Diane Klopp / Donna Klopp

COFFEE HOUR

May 3 Marge Schilbe / Janice Junker
Mother's Day 10 Marie Deichert / Marilyn Warner / Doris Hamilton
17 Louise Schade / Marlene Deichert
24 Eleanor Horst / Virginia Elg
31 Shelley Miller

