



FOR PETE'S SAKE"

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev Ann Krueger

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

September 2009

Dear friends in Christ

Fall is a time for learning – the school buses are rolling and students have returned to their classrooms! Learning is also important for us as Christians. In the Great Commission, Jesus told his disciples,

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”*

Matthew 28:19-20a

So as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to both learn and teach – and it doesn't end with confirmation!

But in some ways learning – and teaching – as followers of Christ is very different from grade school or college. For what does it mean to be a child of God? Baptized, redeemed, loved? Who is this God who claims us as His own? That's a mystery we'll spend our lives unraveling!

Study in the Christian church is not just acquiring facts: instead it is faith seeking understanding. And faith is rooted in relationship.

So how can we get to know this unseen God who loves us? By cracking open our bibles – for in the gospels, Jesus reveals God to us. If we take time to read the gospels for ourselves, over and over, then the person of Jesus takes on life: he steps off the pages and into our hearts.

I suggest you start with the gospel of Luke. Read it slowly, savouring the words. When you get to the 4th chapter you'll read:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...” [Luke 4:18-19]

Those words are living and they are meant for you and me.

Learning takes on another whole dimension when we take what we have learned and put it to work. That's the lifelong journey called discipleship and there we learn by obedience. That's more challenging than reading our bibles! Consider these words of Jesus:

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*

[John 15:12-13]

The good news is this: as we practice the self-giving love of Jesus, our faith deepens and we come closer to the God who loves us.

So as the students return to school, let us become students too - reacquainting ourselves with the teachings of Jesus and putting them into action.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ann

Rally Sunday Outdoor Service Sept. 13th at 10 a.m.



This year we'll begin Sunday School with a family worship service – outdoors – at the Blackbush school. After the service, there will be a potluck lunch and games.

Place: Blackbush School, a heritage one-room school house at the corner of Blackbush Line and Huron Street.

What to bring:

- ◆ Folding chairs
- ◆ Food to share [potluck lunch]; beverages will be provided
- ◆ Dishes, cups and cutlery – we're trying to be green! If you forget your dishes, we'll have some ☺
- ◆ Also bring your singing voice and musical instruments!

Directions:

1. From the church, travel south to County Rd. 83.
2. Turn right toward Dashwood. Go through Dashwood to the first road, Blackbush Line.
3. Turn left [south] on to Blackbush Line. At the first crossroads [Huron Street], you'll see the school on your left.

If it rains?? Our service will be held at St. Peter's in the fellowship hall. If you're not sure, call the church – 519-236-4697 - we'll change the phone message to reflect what is happening.

Please come and help us make this a great beginning to our Sunday school year!
Pastor Ann, Sunday School team and Worship and Music committee

Do you knit or crochet?

Would you like to learn to knit or crochet?



Why not be a part of "Angels Wings" a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer Shawls are symbolic of an inclusive unconditional loving God. They wrap, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received shawls have been uplifted and affirmed as if given wings to fly above their trouble.

St. Peter's first "yarn" meeting date is Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. For more information you can contact Michele Haberer at 519-236-4905 or haberers@hay.net. Donations of yarn would be gratefully accepted.

Baby Quilts:

Michele Haberer has indicated more baby quilts are needed for the Child in Our Hands Ministry. All materials are supplied. The quilts can be hand or machine quilted. Contact Michele (519-236-4905) for more details and for supplies.



New Members:

On Sunday, August 16th Spencer Mark Heimrich was welcomed into our church family through the Rite of Holy Baptism. His proud family are Julie, Mark, Sarah and Scott.

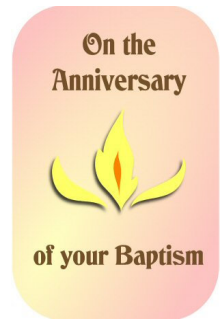
On Sunday, October 4th, Kelly and Jordan Jeffrey's, infant son Bryce, will be baptized.

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Pastor Ann has prepared a list of baptismal anniversary dates going back as far as 1986. She encourages others in the congregation to look up the date of their baptisms so we may celebrate their baptismal anniversary dates as well.

Baptism is not a momentary act. It is a life-long relationship to be celebrated and affirmed. Celebrate and rejoice as we remember the following on their baptismal anniversaries.

Sept 1, 1991	Nicholas Schilbe	Sept. 7, 2003	Sydney Sanders
Sept. 7, 2004	Laura Smyth	Sept. 8, 2002	Nina McKinnon
Sept. 20, 1987	Shelby Musser	Sept. 20, 1987	Christine Neeb
Sept. 21, 1997	Drew Hendrick	Sept. 21, 1997	Kimberly Hendrick
Sept. 21, 1997	Kristena Hendrick	Sept. 21, 1997	Nathaniel Sharpe
Sept. 21, 1997	Justine Sharpe	Sept. 21, 1997	Matthew Thiel
Sept. 22, 1996	Michael Beierling	Sept. 22, 1996	Kathleen Fox
Sept. 25, 2005	Erica Weller	Sept. 27, 1998	Nathalie Miller
Sept. 30, 2007	Thomas Boles		
Oct. 5, 2008	Frank Schaefer	Oct. 17, 2004	Chloe Gingerich



Best Wishes:

Congratulations to Aimee Dinnin and Andrew Huff who were married at the Huff Cottage on Lake Huron on August 19th. Pastor Ann officiated at the wedding. Aimee is the daughter of Bill and Cheryl Dinnin and granddaughter of the late Vic Dinnin.

Happy 75th Birthday Greetings to Virginia Elg on September 1st. Also Best Wishes to Virginia and Carl Elg as they celebrate their anniversary on September 8th.

Delford Schade is also celebrating a 75th birthday on September 25th. Have a great Day!!!!

God speed to Jaclyn Rader as she leaves on her Africa trip on Saturday, September 26. Jacklyn will be the guest speaker on Rally Sunday at Blackbush Schoolhouse. Our prayers are with Ashley Erb as she prepares to go to Korea to teach English this month.



Congratulations to Alice and Fred Deichert on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary coming up on October 10th. Members and friends of St.Peter's are invited to celebrate with them at an OPEN HPOUSE to be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 10th 2009 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Words of Thanks

A BIG THANK YOU to Donna and Glen Thiel and Marge Schilbe for their help furnishing the multipurpose room. Everything looks wonderful and the room is almost complete. We are currently looking for someone to help install the door between the rooms and build a new tabletop for the conference table. If you are able to help, contact Jenni Boles at 235-6267.

Our yard sale was a huge success. **Thank you to everyone for their donations** of baking and yard sale items. It was overwhelming on Friday evening to see the tremendous response from our congregation. To the many volunteers who worked not only on Saturday but also Friday we are truly appreciative. Profits from the Sale were \$701.00. There were no costs involved in hosting this sale. All the money raised was put into St. Peter's general fund.

More Thank You's

This year's Vacation Bible School was a fun and successful event for many children in the community and surrounding area. Our church had twelve people volunteering. Many thanks to all of them. We look forward to enjoying more of that ecumenical, enthusiastic response to learning about Jesus next year.



Thank you to Marie Deichert for agreeing to serve as a captain for the Prayer Chain Ministry. We're looking for volunteers to reach out and pray for others. The only requirement is to be willing to spend a little time each week in prayer and to keep the prayer requests confidential. Suggested ways to pray for that person will be offered.

Community Outreach:

St. Peter's continues to serve our community:

- The Salad Days program will continue to use our kitchen the last Friday of each month. This program provides nutritious lunches to school children in our area.
- T.H.E. Bus program will be using our building on Thurs. mornings (every other week starting Sept. 3).

Check the calendar outside the office for bookings like these. And please note that these programs will use other facilities if a funeral or other urgent need occurs at St. Peter's.

Mark your Calendar

Family games night returns! Bring your game face and join us for a fun night of fellowship on Friday, October 23rd at 7 p.m.

Green Team Remains Busy

The Green Team continues to work with the youth to implement a 'Stewardship of Creation' at St. Peter's. The most recent update has been the installation of a cone digester outside of the kitchen porch. All food scraps- including meats, coffee grounds, and napkins- can be put into the digester. This will cut down on our contribution to the landfill and create nutrient-rich soil for gardening. A green caddy can be found on the counter for convenient transport from the kitchen to the digester. Keep your eyes open for more greening of the church throughout the fall!



The 2009-2010 Youth Group year promises to be a busy one. It will consist of servant events (for which you can get H.S. volunteer hours), fun times together, youth services, sleepovers, and other cool ideas cooked up by YOU, the youth. The entire year will culminate with the CLAY 2010 in London Ontario. I recommend going to at least 1 of these National Events, as it is unlike anything else you will ever experience. I have outlined below, a few more details.

So, if you are a **youth aged 11 to 19** years, you really need to come out to our first event and get a taste of what's in-store for the year. If you are a parent, we can always use extra help as drivers, supervisors, cooks, fundraisers, leaders etc. Let us know if you are available.

We look forward to getting to know ALL of you better.

Peace

Tracy, Marg and Sharla



September 19-20, 2009 - **"COME TO THE BANQUET"**: A sleepover that includes Fun, Friends, Lots of Food, a Guest Speaker, Servant Event, Free Time, More Food, Christian Rock Concert, Midnight Ministry, even more Food, Games, Family Service, and a Congregational Luncheon. BRING A FRIEND! There is no cost, but we may ask you to bring a food item. RSVP to Tracy 519-228-6532 by September 13th (Rally Sunday) if you plan to attend.

Part of the 100 Mile Meal on the Saturday night of the SOC sleepover will be pie for dessert...Tracy has no problem making the 100 mile filling...but would be forever grateful if some awesome bakers wanted to donate a pie shell or two. They will need at least 10 pie shells. Let Tracy know if you are one of those awesome pastry makers.

September 19th, 2009 at 8 p.m. - **St. Peter's Youth Group Presents: "UNIFIED"** an original Christian Rock band in the vein of the David Crowder Band and Casting Crowns. This Concert is open to the community and while admission is free we will be collecting a Free Will Offering for Blessings Food Bank. (to purchase perishable foods like milk)

Date T.B.A. **Let's Go Bowling**...JUST FOR FUN...cost \$6 includes two games of bowling and shoes. Parents are welcome too!



Friday October 23 - 8pm...**In the Name of Love: U2charist II**... free for **ALL AGES** concert by a U2 cover band, with donations going to Keiskamma Trust in South Africa (they operate an HIV treatment centre along with offering other community services from Youth and Adolescents Development, Education, as well as an Orphans and Vulnerable Children program, to Art, and Poverty Alleviation, Organic Gardening, and Health Care specializing in HIV and TB) If we give them a donation...I suggest \$4-5 each...we can also join in the pizza dinner at 6:30pm. RSVP to Tracy by October 16th. (Note: a few of us went last year and had a great time. The music was awesome...just ask Kelsey, Jackie, Tracy or Sharla)

Get ready for CLAY 2010

CLAY stands for the "Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth" National Gathering. If you are between the ages of 14 & 19 (or have graduated Grade 8 by June 2010) YOU are eligible to attend. It will be hosted in our own back yard...London, Ontario. I will be up front and tell you that it will cost about \$700a person for registration and hotel. Generally each attendee is responsible for the \$200 registration + any amount not fundraised. A down payment of \$200 is required by December 15, 2009. If any parents have ideas on how to fundraise for this, please contact Tracy.

Many may not be able to cover this cost, especially in these difficult financial times, but we are willing to help, If you contact Pastor Ann, your request for help will be kept private.

A Youth Prayer

I love You, Jesus, and I ask for your guidance as I start a new school year. My schedule is so very busy Lord, that sometimes I get really stressed. I have school and loads of homework, I have my sports with games and practices and my friends who are just as busy as me, and I have my family stuff (and my job). Please help me to remember that it's only with You by my side that I can balance all of these things and meet any new challenges. Thank you for being with me everyday. Amen.



Do you have musical talents? The youth group is looking for anyone who can play an instrument or sing at the family service on September 20th. Contact Pastor Ann or Tracy Lather for more details.

Confirmation

From Friday, September 25 to Sunday, September 27th there will be a confirmation retreat at St. Peter's Brodhagen. It will be a great weekend as our young people join with the Leamington and Brodhagen confirmation classes.

St. Peter's Financial Update:

Current Account:

Actual Income to Date (August 29 th):	\$ 67,458.35
Actual Expenses to Date (August 29 th):	<u>\$72,946.21</u>
Balance	\$ -5,487.86

Mission (Benevolence)

Benevolence Commitment	\$ 9000.00
Actual Received (August 29 th)	<u>\$ 2850.00</u>
Amount Outstanding	\$ 6150.00

Building Fund

Income Received to Date \$ 2653.00

Memorial Fund

Income Received to Date \$ 757.00

ELW

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th in the Fellowship Hall. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the program will follow at 8:00 p.m. Diane and Heidi Klopp will be the guest speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend the program.

The October ELW meeting will held on October 13th....the time will be posted in the bulletin. The Fellowship of The Least Coin offering will be received at this meeting with special devotions.

ELW FALL CONFERENCE MEETING **"Be Not Afraid, Don't Worry, Be Happy"**

When: Saturday, October 3rd, 2009
Where: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Zurich ON
Registration: Begins at 9:00 a.m. Cost \$10.00
Guest Speaker: Phil Wagler from Zurich Mennonite Church. He is a talented man in our community – an author, as well he writes columns for Christian magazines, etc.

Registration cost includes coffee and snacks upon arrival, noon lunch and snacks at the closing

The conference includes a hymn sing and communion service led by Pastor Ann as well as reports on the various ELW activities.

All women of the congregation are invited to attend for fellowship, inspiration and information.

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

USHERS

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

LAY READERS

September 6 Karen Rader
13 Andrea Schaefer
20 Youth
27 Sharon Sanders

ACOLYTES

September 6 Mitchell Dietrich
13 Michael Beierling
20 Youth
27 Matthew Thiel

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

September 6 Don Rader, Tracy Lather
20 Youth Group

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Steinbach
Catherine Beierling
Alice Deichert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TBA

COFFEE HOUR

September 6 Karen Rader / Charlotte Norton
13 Rally Sunday at Blackbush School ...Potluck Lunch
20 Youth Group
27 Donna Thiel (Glen) / Gwen O'Rourke

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

USHERS

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



LAY READERS

October 4 Pat O'Rourke
11 Mark Heimrich
18 Tracy Lather
25 Karen Schade

ACOLYTES

October 4 Kurt Bornath
11 TBA
18 TBA
25 TBA

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 4 Derek Bornath, Laurie Erb
11 Marg Deichert, Michael Schaefer
18 Harvey and Charlotte Norton
25 Don Rader, Karen Schade

ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Miller
Sharon Brokenshire
Marlene Deichert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

October TBA



COFFEE HOUR

October 4 Cathy Hugill
11 Marg C. Deichert / Jen Schellenberger
18 Laurie Erb
25 Lisa Deitrich / Diane Becker