



FOR PETE'S SAKE"

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

December 2010

Christmas Services.....Come and Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Sunday, December 19 th	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Zurich Ministerial is leading a Live Nativity and ecumenical Christmas Carol Service at the Zurich Ball Diamond.
Tuesday, December 21 st	7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service at St. Peter's.
Christmas Eve	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Hymn Sing Sunday School Program Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, December 26 th	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, January 2 nd	10:00 a.m.	150 th Anniversary Celebrations begin with a worship service followed by a Levee in the fellowship hall.
Sunday, January 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Worship followed by a congregational meeting regarding the restoration of the first cemetery.



The 2010 London Conference Advent Devotional Booklet is available in PDF format. Tracy Lather wrote the devotions for December 16, 2010. If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the booklet please email Tracy at tlather@bell.net or Sharon at sanderst@hay.net Tracy is a member of the London Conference Council.

Families are still needed to light the Advent candles at morning worship on December 12th and December 19th. To volunteer contact Jen Schellenberger.

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light.



**Generations of Faith
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Celebrates 150 years in 2011**

Generations of Faith Mission Statement

1. Remember and honour the faith and commitment of the founders of this congregation and community.
2. Seize the opportunity to regenerate our faith and commitment to our church.
3. Dedicate a renewed faith and commitment to the future.



Already the Anniversary Committee has participated in the Bayfield Parade advertising our 150th celebration with an awesome Generations of Faith banner and decorated truck....thanks, Diane, Lois and Alma.

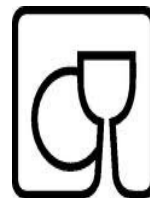
Look for us in the Exeter parade on Saturday, November 27th at noon and the Zurich Christmas parade in Zurich on December 5th at 5:30.

On Sunday, January 2, 2011 the year long 150th Anniversary celebration of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Zurich will begin. To honour our ancestors and to keep the spirit of the year 1861, the Anniversary Committee is encouraging people to wear clothing from that era to this service. Even top hats and muffs would suffice. This special service is not to be missed whether you dress in period costumes or not. Following worship, a Levee will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The Anniversary Committee has identified the restoration of the first cemetery to remember and honour the faith and commitment of the founders of this congregation and community. A monument on the present site, bearing the names of those interred in the cemetery will bring the past to the present and make this information available to current and to future generations. The committee has developed a proposal to remember the 126 pioneers who lie forgotten. This proposal has been presented to the church council and jointly we wish to share information with the congregation at a congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 9, 2011.**

150 years ago December 1860 -- Communion Services

The first pastor, J.N. Muenzinger, recorded the names of eighty five potential members (plus their 'fraus') of the Lutheran and Reformed congregation in alphabetical order. He served communion to fifty three members for first time on Christmas Day 1860. Eighty members communed on Easter Sunday in 1861 (including 22 confirmands), Twice more in 1861 at Pentecost and Christmas, members partook of the sacrament of communion. The pastor recorded each communing member's name. As more people arrived in Hay Township, their names were added to the list.



20 years ago December 1990 – Fellowship Hall

The dedication of our Fellowship Hall was held on Advent Sunday, 1990. Part of the church shed had been removed to accommodate a parking lot. The remainder was renovated to make a wheelchair accessible hall for community events. The bricks were bought from St. Boniface church members who were busy tearing down their church in order to build a new one.

Current Account:

Actual Income to Date (November 7th):	\$ 75,335.28
Actual Expenses to Date (as of November 7th):	<u>\$ 72,846.45</u>
Balance	\$ 2,488.83

**Mission (Benevolence)**

Benevolence Commitment	\$ 9,000.00
Actual Received (as of November 7th)	<u>\$ 4,551.00</u>
Amount Outstanding	\$ 4,449.00

Please note: Any time we have joint worship services with Trivitt Anglican, any offerings received at those services that are in St. Peter's envelopes will be returned to St. Peter's.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Doug Klopp for decorating our church for Advent...it looks beautiful with the new carpet recently installed in the narthex and at the back of the sanctuary. What a difference in appearance now that the rest of carpeting in the sanctuary and fellowship hall has been cleaned.

WOMEN'S GROUP

On Sunday, November 21st, a large gathering of women met to discuss and plan as they move forward together as an active group within St. Peter's. Pauline Miller and Michele Haberer will Co-chair this group. More information will follow in bulletins and future newsletters.

OUTREACH

Huron County Children and Family Christmas Bureau is collecting unwrapped gifts of new toys and clothes for needy families at Christmas. Items can be placed in the box at the church entrance until Sunday, December 5th. The Huron County Christmas Program presented gifts of food, new clothing, toys and food certificates to over 1000 children and their families in 2009.

Also don't forget your items for the Food Bank on December 5th. All canned foods, cereals, baby food etc will be donated to Blessings in Zurich.

**The Prayer Chain**

Contact Alma Westlake 519-236-4288 or Marie Deichert 519-236-4386 with your prayer requests so they can be in touch with their prayer partners to pray for your concerns.

Advent Challenge for Haiti

During Advent season, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is challenging Lutheran congregations across Canada to help meet an urgent need for school supplies in Haiti. There is a desperate shortage of every day supplies that we often take for granted. Please consider Tracy Lather's challenge (in the bulletin and last newsletter) for our congregation to provide 50 of these school packs to CLWR. Tracy will even do the shopping with any donations she receives. Each pack should contain 3-8x10 notebooks, 1 metric ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, and 1 pkg. of 12-16 coloured pencils or crayons. In addition, a special request is being made for deflated soccer balls and hand pumps for use during school recreation breaks.

Our Deepest Sympathy:

- We remember the family and friends of the late Luella Willert who recently passed away. A memorial service was held at St. Peter's on Wednesday, November 24th, with Pastor Nadine officiating.

Congratulations and Best Wishes:

- to Helma and Elmer Beierling who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 2nd. Wishing you many more years together.

Wanted:

- Tenders are being accepted for snow removal at St. Peter's. The job consists of clearing the parking lot as well as the boulevards surrounding the church. Please submit tenders to the church by Sunday, November 28th.
- People to sign up to make quilt blocks for the 150th Anniversary Generations of Faith Quilt. To sign up or for more information there is a sign up sheet posted next to the office door. Quilt blocks must be completed by January 31st.
- Youth and adults to take part in the Live Nativity on December 19th at the Zurich Ball Diamond. There are no speaking parts so "Get in the Act" and contact Pastor Nadine to volunteer.



Everyone is invited to attend
the 3rd Annual Crèche Festival at St. Peter's
on Sunday, December 5th
from 2 p.m. until the Zurich Christmas parade starts.

There will also be a chili available.

All freewill offering from this event will go to
support the Youth Group's Greening Initiatives.

***Don't miss this opportunity to view the beautiful nativities.
Invite others from our community to share in this special afternoon.***

In order to make this event a success, help is needed from the congregation. Do you have a nativity or other Christmas collection you would like to display? Are you willing to supply a loaf or two of bread, or a pot of chili, or some apple cider or hot chocolate? To register your display or to donate something for the chili dinner, please contact Jenni Boles or Tracy Lather.

YOUTH

On Saturday, November 13th, several youth from St. Peter's, Redeemer Lutheran London, Trinity Lutheran London, and Our Saviour's Owen Sound attended a sleepover event hosted by Trivitt Anglican in Exeter. We had an awesome time. In the afternoon we helped out seminary student, Sharla, with a project by being attentive and enthusiastic participants for a one hour information and discussion class that she gave on Isaiah. We helped set up for the Article One concert that we attended that night. It had everyone (even us old leaders) rockin'. The next morning we led the CLAY service which was very well attended by both Trivitt and St. Peter's members. We were fortunate to have Article One come back and play for the service! The offering at our CLAY service is going to the new National Youth project "12 for 2012".

FUNDRAISING

At the end of CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering), a youth initiative was set for the attendees to take back to their churches. We were asked to raise 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 for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice, 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 other groups who attend SOC events that we can raise \$5000 in the next two years for the "12 for 2012" initiative.

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

USHERS

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



LAY READERS

December 5 Pat O'Rourke
12 Andrea Schaefer
19 Karen McLellan
24 Tracy Lather (Candlelight Service at 8 p.m.)
25 Michele Haberer (Christmas Day)
26 Karen Rader

ACOLYTES

December 5 Courtney Heimrich
12 Kurt Bornath
19 Tamara Heimrich
25 Courtney McBride
26 Natalie Miller

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

December 5 Michael Schaefer / Don Rader
19 Karen McLellan / Laurie Erb
24 Tracy Lather / Doug Klopp (Candlelight Service at 8 p.m.)
25 Marg C. Deichert

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Steinbach, Catherine Beierling, Alice Deichert

COFFEE HOUR

December 5 Charlotte and Harvey Norton
12 Margaret J. Deichert / Jen Schellenberger
19 Cathy Hugill
26 Volunteer

