



# "FOR PETE'S SAKE"

*St Peter's Lutheran Church  
Zurich, Ontario*

Interim Pastor: Rev Dick Holm

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

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June 2010

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Since your council is recommending that you call a new pastor, my time among you may not be much longer. That is both a joy and a sadness. Joy, because I get to retire again, looking forward to some more time to chase a few dreams that I left until retirement; and sadness, because I am just getting to know you, and I haven't even gotten all your names straight yet!

I must also apologize for my part in the upset that exists because of the ladies' group. I certainly had no intention of causing any difficulty for anyone; in fact I was only trying to answer one particular question, about the funds held when the ELW was disbanded.

That still needs to be dealt with, but other matters are more important. Why only one ladies' group? One suggestion from evangelism gurus is that churches should have many small groups - maybe only 3 or 4 or 5 people who get together for a specific purpose - young mothers looking to support each other; people who love to make shawls, people who are willing to serve funeral lunches, people who want an afternoon of fellowship, people who have only evenings and need time off from kids.

Recently I was asked about the possibility of a senior's group. Heaven knows that every church has its seniors. What would a senior's group do? Whatever they want!! But a recently formed group in my previous congregation call themselves "The Keenagers," and they get together once a month from 11:30 to 1:30, bring a bag lunch and have discussions. They have also, by the consent of the group, had longer meetings (a trip), joined another congregation's seniors for a meeting, had a travelogue from a couple who visited their son-in-law in the Holy Land and who presented a totally different side to that country. The purpose of this group is simply fellowship.

The point of all of this is that the church needs to have a wide variety of projects, groups, and activities. The more that happens in the church and through the church and because of the church, the more that the church serves the needs of the community and the more likely the church will grow. Also, small groups usually have only one focus, and when that need is met, they disband, perhaps to join or form another group with a different focus.

There are no guarantees, but the spirit of God is present where the needs of people are being met, and that may just lead some people to assist St. Peter's in reaching out to meet more needs, and in coming to worship.

Pastor Dick

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS AT ST. PETER'S

June 6<sup>th</sup> Join us as we welcome our new confirmands, Michael Beierling and Mitchell Dietrich, during coffee hour.

June 13<sup>th</sup> **ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF ST. PETER'S:**  
**Immediately following the worship service, church council will be holding a Congregational Call Meeting in the church sanctuary. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.**

The congregation is invited to join the Sunday School for a BBQ and games for all ages following the above meeting. The Sunday School will be providing the hotdogs and hamburgers and Sunday School families will be asked to provide the salads. The youth group will be offering their famous Sundae Sundays. A free will offering will be taken. Plan to attend this fun event...you won't be disappointed.

June 20<sup>th</sup> A follow-up congregational meeting regarding Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.



June 27<sup>th</sup> The annual Decoration Day Service will be held at St. Peter's Goshen Street Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Michele and Steve Haberer will be attending the **2010 Eastern Synod Assembly's Thirteenth Biennial Convention** in Toronto from June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**WHERE:** Zurich Mennonite Church  
**WHEN:** July 5-9, 2009  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
**AGES:** Junior Kindergarten through Gr. 10

This summer, bring your kids to the SonQuest Rainforest VBS. It will take their young minds into a vivid rainforest environment of jungle sounds, sights and smells.

Every year the various churches in the Zurich area support this community VBS held at the Mennonite church.

High school students wishing to add to their volunteer hours are most welcome to come and help out. Contact Marilyn Heimrich (519-236-4941) for more information.

## Worship Attendance and Offerings for the Month of April/May

	Attendance	Current Offering	Missions Offering	Building	Other	PAR	Plate	Total Offering
March 28	64	1880.00	87.00	108.00		556.86	6.00	2637.86
Holy Week / Easter	82 179	2890.00	287.00	13.00		565.31	291.00	4046.31
April 11	73	910.00	17.00	108.00	20.00	556.86	20.00	1631.86
April 18	91	795.00	22.00	113.00		565.31		1485.31
April 25	65	950.00	130.00	75.00		565.31	20.00	1740.31
May 2	62	895.00	52.00	18.00		565.31		1530.31
May 9	56	630.00	30.00	20.00		565.31	3.20	1248.51
May 16	85	1565.00	129.00	126.00		565.31	12.19	2397.50
May 23	67	710.00	37.00	28.00		565.31	20.00	1360.31

### **ANGEL WINGS MINISTRY - the first year:**

The first meeting of “Angel Wings” held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was attended by 11 ladies. During the year as many as 15 attended and as few as 2. The ladies continued to knit and crochet whether they attended meetings or not. Some members even did knitting while south for the winter. Another member got a “new knee” for Christmas.

In January, our group decided to meet on Thursday afternoons. This time change has worked out well. The ladies represent all the churches in Zurich—the United, St. Boniface, St. Peter’s R.C. and St. Peter’s Lutheran. The Mennonite church has a similar program to ours. On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Dick blessed several more shawls.

To date 56 shawls have been given out. In return we have received several wonderful thank you notes, donations of yarn, knitting needles and monetary gifts. Many who have received shawls have said they felt comforted, loved and thrilled to be thought of and they felt that God was truly blessing them.

Our last meeting will be on June 3rd. We will resume again in September. Over the summer shawls will still be given out to anyone in need of one. It has been a pleasure to be part of “Angel Wings”.

*Michele Haberer*

### **Baptismal Birthdays:**

Celebrate and rejoice as we remember the following on their baptismal anniversaries.

June 2, 2002	Caitlyn Bashara	June 5, 1988	Nathanael Alles
June 11, 2006	Kyle Michalcewicz	June 14, 2009	Aidan Krueger
June 14, 1998	Courtney Heimrich	June 14, 1998	Tamara Heimrich
June 21, 2001	Caroline Schaefer	June 25, 1995	Christoph Beeler
June 25, 1995	Rachel Finch	June 26, 1988	Amy Turkheim
June 28, 1928	Marge Schilbe	June 30, 1989	Samuel Thiel

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at St. Peter's:**

A volunteer is required to lead the worship service and deliver the sermon (which has been written by Bishop Michael Pryse) for Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact a member of church council if you are interested.

More volunteers are needed to serve on altar guild and to serve as ushers, lay readers, and communion assistants....please consider where you might fit in to volunteer and contact Jen Schellenberger at 519-238-6743 or [jschellenberger@hensallglobal.com](mailto:jschellenberger@hensallglobal.com) or Sharon Sanders at 519-238-8738 or [sanderst@hay.net](mailto:sanderst@hay.net) to have your name added to the schedule(s).

Youth volunteers are wanted to help finish priming and painting the fence at the cemetery. High school volunteer hours are available, so invite your friends to join in. There is a volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the office door.... include your phone number or e-mail address to be kept posted as to scheduled date/rain date.

Energetic adult(s) to help run bi-weekly youth meetings are needed for the 2010-2011 youth year.

## **THANK YOU:**

**Thank you** to Diane Klopp for organizing the successful Spa Afternoon held at the home of Francine Vanasse in April. Special thanks to Shannon Keller-LaPorte, Marlene Taylor, Deb



Patterson, and Kim Fisher for donating their talents for the many appreciative clients. Marlene is a Reflexologist, Shannon is a Massage Therapist, Kim is an Esthetician and Deb is trained in Reiki. Natalie DePaepe was the assistant.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Rader's Catering and CedarVilla Farms. Brokenshire's B&B provided flowers for everyone.

It's amazing what can happen when a group of people get together to share their time and talents for a good cause. A total of \$975.00 in donations from this event has been given to St. Peter's Church Council. This money is to go towards the repair of the old cemetery, beside Zurich Public School.

Everyone is hoping this will become an annual event...there may even be an afternoon for men too. A huge thank you to all who participated. The laughs and camaraderie made the day a huge success.

**Thank you** to Ross Cordell, Jenni Boles, and Tracy Lather for leading worship services during April and May. Thanks also to Kelsey Haberer and Mathias Memmel for their special music at the Earth Day service.

**Thank you** to Paul Klopp and Doug Thiel for all their HARD work refinishing the floor in the counting room, upper washroom, flower room, and hallway. You did an awesome job!!! Our gratitude to Tom McBride for all the big and little things he does around our church both inside and outside.

**Our appreciation** to Peter Bornath for serving as Sunday School Superintendent the past several years and to all our Sunday School teachers -- Michelle Haberer, Phil Erb, Tracy Lather, Marg Devries, Shannon Laporte, Jenna Beierling, Stacey Beierling, Jackie Lather, Kelsey Haberer, Jelica Bornath, and Derek Bornath -- for their dedicated service this past year.

**Jackie Lather would like to thank everyone** in the congregation for their generous donations towards the Breast Cancer Fundraiser held at Trinity in London May 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. The amount raised by Jackie, as well as the overall amount fundraised by the entire group will be announced on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing Jackie with her **pink** hair!



### The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Gathering 2010 needs your help!

The following is a list of things requested for CLAY. If you or someone you know can help supply any of these, please let Tracy Lather know ASAP!! They are looking at setting up 30 stations at Victoria Park. For each station they would like:

- 5 wooden bases (to create a mosaic) Size- I would guess 30-40 centimetres square approximately.
- a "bucket" of cement or compound for tiles
- 5 washcloths
- 5 sponges
- a "bucket" for water
- a card table (or TV table)
- a box to put all the supplies in (milk crate, etc.)
- 30 old paschal candles to be used in the procession
- 30 holders for those candles (I am thinking that a PVC piping that is translucent would work).

### Past Events

Several youth and 4 adult members attended the London Conference Spring meeting. The overall turnout was great. Hopefully everyone learned a little more about how the wider church operates and enjoyed the afternoon presentation by the SOC (Stewardship of Creation) youth and leaders.

A youth meeting was held at the church on Wednesday May 7th. Attendance for CLAY was finalized and forms were submitted. 5 youth from St. Peter's will be attending this year (4 confirmed youth and 1 outreach youth). The youth have decided that they would like to have a jersey style team shirt for the CLAY event this year. They are looking for a design for the front of their shirts-- something that represents St. Peter's. Anyone from the congregation with artistic talents is invited to submit a design. The deadline for designs is June 13th. (NOTE: the Stewardship of Creation group is also looking for a t-shirt design. See Tracy Lather with any and all your ideas)

### Upcoming Event

The next SOC event is July 2-4 and the topic is Worship.

We plan to stay at a church near Canada's Wonderland. Cost will include one day pass to the park and tickets to the multiple group Christian Rock concert on the Saturday night (check out Wonder Jam 2010 on line to see who's playing). Cost may also include a meal plan for the day we are at Wonderland. Ticket prices will depend on the number of people attending. Adult Drivers may be needed. **If you are interested, please contact Tracy by May 30 via e-mail [tlather@bell.net](mailto:tlather@bell.net)**

### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

---- to the family of the late Glen Herbert Neeb who passed away May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dick officiated at his funeral on Saturday, May 22nd.

## **ST. PETER'S NEWEST MEMBER:**

On Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Conway Alexander Ingram, son of Sarah (Walker) and Jason Ingram and grandson of Hub Thiel was welcomed into our congregation through the Rite of Holy Baptism.

## **OUTREACH:**

Once again **St. Peter's will be participating in Zurich's Town Wide Yard Sale in August** with our own goodies and treasures to sell. So hang on to those "no longer needed items". Once Sunday School is over, there will be a Sunday School room set aside for people to bring their donations for the sale. Last year's sale was a huge success. More information regarding the yard sale will appear in our summer newsletter and church bulletins.



As a board member of the **BLYTH FESTIVAL**, Diane Klopp and the other women on the board have been challenged by the male half of the board to see who can sell the most tickets. The benefit for you will be a dollar off the tickets you order.

Diane doesn't like losing so please visit [www.blythfestival.com](http://www.blythfestival.com) and order tickets and come to see some of the plays that are being offered.

Three of the four plays are new and the first one is written by Paul Ciufo from Grand Bend/Exeter. It's going to be a great season ----remember to mention Diane's name.

## **THIEL REUNION**

All those with Thiel bloodlines (and there are many in our congregation) will be interested in the Thiel Reunion to be held July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bluewater Arena in Zurich. The afternoon begins with registration at 12:30 p.m. and ends with a picnic supper at 4:30 p.m. It promises to be a great afternoon with Thiel's coming from all over...even Germany.



**Afternoon Activities** include a Getting Acquainted Mixer, a Lineage Number Activity, a Cemetery Map/Tour, a Photo Display, a Historical Display, "George Thiel Homestead" information, Genealogical Information, a Talent Show from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M., and Children's Activities (4 year-olds to teenagers) and Conestoga Wagon Rides from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

**A picnic supper will be held** at 4:30 p.m. Bring enough food for your own family. Refreshments will be provided. Draws and prizes will take place during supper.

For more information or to pre register contact:

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***"Families are flowers in the garden of life..."***

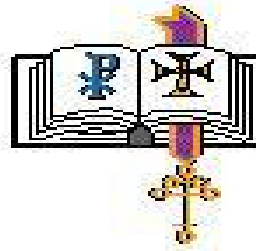
# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

## USHERS

Captain: Phil Erb  
Claire Deichert  
Ross Cordell  
Harvey Norton  
Michael Schaefer

## LAY READERS

June	6	Charlotte Norton
	13	Andrea Schaefer
	20	Ron Heimrich
	27	Karen Schade



## ACOLYTES

June	6	Matthew Thiel
	13	Kurt Bornath
	20	Shaelynn Ciupak
	27	Michael Beierling

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June	6	Don Rader, Michael Schaefer
	20	Tracy Lather, Volunteer Needed

ALTAR GUILD Alma Westlake, Cathy Hugill, Sharon Sanders

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

June	13	Laurie Erb
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## COFFEE HOUR

June	6	Welcome of Confirmands
	13	Sunday School Barbecue
	20	Shelley Miller
	27	Karen Rader

