



# FOR PETE'S SAKE™

*St Peter's Lutheran Church  
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

**March/ April 2011**



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

The days are getting longer and spring is in the air! It's time for spiritual spring cleaning! First, ashes mark our foreheads in the baptismal sign of the cross. The gritty ashes remind us of our mortality. Ashes have long been a element of soap, and can even be substituted for soap as a cleansing agent. So, the filthy smudge we wear also shows our desire to come clean.

We cleanse our hearts the way we clean our homes and garages: by making a more conspicuous mess at first, sometimes becoming overwhelmed by the task, and always proceeding through the grace of God. First we have to get all the stuff out in the open and spread it around to see what we're dealing with. Lent gives us a chance to get our spiritual house in order before participating in the renewal of our baptismal promises in the Easter season.

Scripture spreads out the mess of our human condition and encourages us with the grace of Christ as we work to clean up the messes we've made of things in our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. As discouraged and flawed as we may be, God is with us. By our own efforts we cannot make a clean break with the past. We depend utterly on God to redeem us. Cleaning up is not about perfection. In the process we may find some things we'd forgotten or lost, including ourselves. This Easter, may we be well prepared to accept the saving power of God that is first given to us in baptism.

Blessings! Pastor Nadine.

## **LENTEN SERVICES AND SUPPERS**

The Youth will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers to help with the supper are always most welcome.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion on March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



Beginning on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be Lenten Suppers throughout the Lenten Season. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the worship service to follow in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. These suppers and services are always well attended so remember to invite your neighbours and friends for tasty food, fellowship and worship.

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK**

- April 17<sup>th</sup> Palm/Passion Sunday with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday Seder Supper and Worship at 6 p.m. (See next page for more information)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday Service at 10:00 a.m.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Youth "SON"Rise Service at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast hosted by St. Peter's Youth Group---Freewill Offering. Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.





Maundy Thursday - Passover Celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Passover is the feast of freedom. Once again this year we will celebrate Passover at St. Peter's. It is worship, it is a party, and it is a feast. It is also a special time of learning, aimed especially at children, and at adults teaching their children the faith. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a remembrance of the plagues in Egypt, the passing over of the angel of death, and the flight to freedom. Then we will have a feast (in this case a potluck supper - no pork, bacon, etc, please).

Following the feast we will have a closing celebration. During the feast everyone gets 4 cups of wine, or grape juice, or some of each. Your choice, for yourself and your children. There is no need to drain each cup. But we invite you and your family to celebrate and to learn the background of our Christian celebration of communion.

**ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Peter Bornath and Susan Cordell were elected to St. Peter's Church Council for 3 year terms.
- Marg Deichert was elected to serve as Lay Delegate for the National Synod Convention to be held in Saskatoon, July 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Alternate Delegate is Steve Haberer.
- Steve Haberer was elected to serve on St. Peter's Cemetery Board.
- Ron Heimrich was elected to serve as St. Peter's representative for the Bluewater Rest Home.

Many thanks to retiring church council members, Jenni Boles and Mark Heimrich, for all their time and hard work spent serving our congregation. Thanks also to Don Rader for his service on the cemetery board the past several years...it is much appreciated.

**ANNUAL QUILT WORK-A-THON:**

The annual work-a-thon for the tying of quilts will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing all day. Women willing to help with this project are most welcome to come at their convenience—a morning, an afternoon or even just a few hours. If possible, please bring a small pair of scissors. If you are able to stay over the noon hour, please bring a bag lunch. In the past completed quilts have been donated to CLWR and to the Women's Abuse Shelter in Goderich.

## Saturday April 30, 2011

# London Conference Spring Meeting

The conference will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Woodstock. It will feature the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary global music choir, INSHALLAH.



- **9:30 a.m.- Noon: Lutheran London Conference business & Youth program**
- **1:00 p.m: Global music workshop**
- **3:30 p.m: Global Music Holy Communion Service** with the free-will offering going to WLS Kanata Centre & Canadian Lutheran World Relief

**Cost:**

Registration for Congregation Pastors, Delegates & Guests which includes lunch and workshops is \$15. To register please contact Pastor Nadine or Tracy Lather before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Tracy Lather will be attending as a lay member of the conference council. Tracy is asking for two members of St. Peter's to volunteer to attend this conference as voting lay delegates for our congregation. Also Pastor Nadine will be preaching at the Communion Service in the afternoon.

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Brooklyn and Connor Ralph have a new baby brother. Declan Thomas arrived on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the proud parents, Lindsay and Ryan Ralph, and grandparents Michele and Steve Haberer.

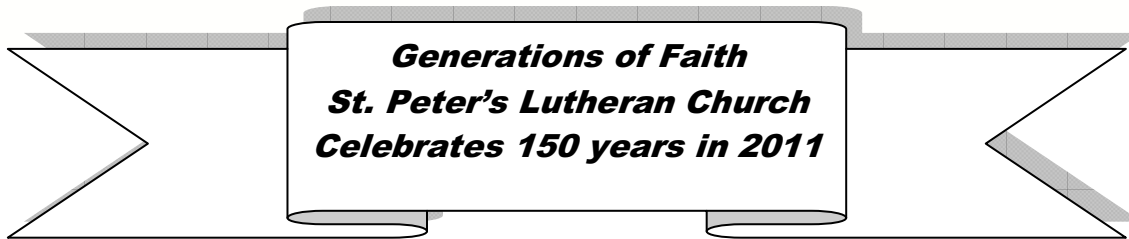


## **OUTREACH:**

**Angel Wings** continue to meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:30. Since September twenty two shawls have been given to comfort those who are in need.

The **Bluewater-Zurich Skating Club** is holding their first **FUTURES skating competition** on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bluewater Complex. Over 500 young skaters are registered to perform their solos one at a time in front of judges, friends and family! This is a lovely competition to give skaters a feeling of what it's like to compete and each child receives a trophy regardless of final standing.

It will also be a great opportunity to showcase our country hospitality! We invite you to spend a couple of hours at the competition which starts at 8 a.m. each day and runs into the evening.



### **150 years ago March 1861---Missions**

"The Canada Conference of the Pittsburg Synod proved to be a missionary body. During the years 1853-1861, some eighteen congregations were organized, two or three each year. Canada Conference missionaries visited Hay Township as early as 1854." In Zurich, services were conducted by L.H. Gerndt and J.A. Hengerer. J.N. Muenzinger "was licensed by the Pittsburg Synod, 1860, and assigned to the Huron Mission (Zurich)". A sister congregation was organized near Dashwood. By December 1861, Rev. Muenzinger had officiated at 142 baptisms – some from Bayfield, Stanley Township and Stephen Township. That same year he traveled and served communion to believers at Bayfield (11) at Egmondville (30) and in Hullett Township (14). This missionary work was continued by pastors who followed him with the result new congregations were organized at these places. Missionary visits continued into the 1880's.

### **150 years ago April 1861---Twos**

The number two describes our congregation quite well.

- Two denominations – The Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed united as one congregation on January 1, 1861.
- One pastor conducted services until 1872 for two congregations - St. Peter's, Zurich and St. John's, Bronson Line.
- Two languages were used for services and for records. By 1864 all marriages were written in English.
- Two churches were built on two different sites. In 1860, the first wooden church was built on Frederick Street near Main Street. In 1878 a brick building was constructed on Goshen Street.
- The first parsonage in 1860 was built on the same site as the present parsonage.
- The first pastor, Rev. Muenzinger, (1860 -1864) returned to our congregation for a second period of service from 1877 -1883).
- The first cemetery (near the public school) was used for burials from 1860 -1886. The second and present cemetery was opened in 1887.
- In 1878 a bell was placed in the bell tower. In 1884 - 85 Mr. Heinrich Klippert presented our congregation with the second bell.
- The first altar (presently situated in the Fellowship Hall) was replaced by our present altar donated by the Luther League in 1926 when the basement was finished.
- To enter the present sanctuary from the narthex, there were two doors – one for the men and the other for the women. In 1986 the new entrance was constructed.
- In 1908 a ladies' group (Ladies Aid) was formed under Rev. Maass. In 1932 a second group, the WMS (Women's Missionary Society) was formed by Rev. Turkheim. Two groups functioned until they amalgamated in 1965. As of 2010 there is no official ladies' group.

*Submitted by Phylis Deichert*

**The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** continued

The committee has met several times the past month to complete grant money applications forms.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a quilt block or helped someone submit a block. They are all unique and beautiful. Everyone certainly had their "creative juices" flowing! Once the blocks are put together everybody will have a chance to sign their name on the quilt. Thank you also for the tremendous support of the Valentine Cupid Gifts. The recipients were overwhelmed by not only the beautiful wrappings but especially the contents.

Below is information regarding April and May Anniversary events. You won't want to miss either event.



*Sunday, April 10, 2011 from noon to 5 pm*

*at 24 Mill Street, Zurich (home of Francine Vanasse)*

*Call Diane Klopp at 519-236-7999 to book your appointment(s)*

*The following half hour services will be offered:*

*Shannon Keller-LaPorte, RMT . . . . . Massage Therapy*

*Marlene Taylor, RCRT . . . Reflexology & Therapeutic Touch*

*Deb Patterson, RP-CPA . . . . . Reiki Massage*

*Kim Fisher, Esthetician . . . Mini Pedicures & Mini Manicures*

*Cost is \$35.00 for a half hour service*

*All proceeds will go towards the old cemetery restoration*



*The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
invites women of all ages to this "Hat and Glove" affair*

*on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.  
at Hessenland Country Inn located on Hwy 21*

*5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Social Hour*

*6- 7 p.m. Supper*

*7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Eleanor Wood -- "You are a Masterpiece"*

*There will be prizes for the oldest hat, the most glamorous hat,  
and the most outrageous hat.*

*Tickets: \$35 (includes the cost of the meal, taxes, and gratuities)*

*This event is open to the community, your relatives, friends and neighbours.*

*Throughout St. Peter's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, Tracy Lather will be interviewing members of the congregation and writing profiles about them. Tracy interviewed Phylis Deichert for this newsletter.*

**Member Biography: Phylis Deichert**



Phylis Deichert was born at her parent's home on Lot 4, Concession 11 in Stanley township. She was the only girl with 4 brothers. Her hobby was and continues to be music.

As a child, Phylis, first attended Blake United and later the Goshen church. Phylis's father was the Sunday School Superintendent and she remembers having a specified seat in church and when the adults went up for communion, the children stayed quietly behind in their seats. When she was a little older, Phylis played piano for the Sunday School and sometimes for church. For 3 years Phylis enjoyed going to the Christian summer camp, Camp Menesetung, and still remembers the fun of attending Youth Day Rallies at the Goshen church. When I asked if she had any regrets from her youth, Phylis said, "only that I never learned to skate".

Phylis attended Zurich Public School up to Grade 10. In order to finish grade 13, she had to board in Clinton from Monday to Friday. She received her diploma in 1946. Phylis's mother and grandmother were both teachers and she followed in their footsteps, as she was expected to. Though, unlike her mother and grandmother, Phylis continued to teach after her marriage, because after the war, "they were crying for teachers". I asked if Phylis had ever encountered any language barriers because of emigration but the only language problem she could remember was one child, who did speak English and had started school in Holland, did have difficulty with the written part of the English lessons.

Phylis met her husband Earl at a dance in Hensall (even though her grandparents and his were neighbours). She credits their mutual love of music for bringing them together. They married and had three children, though sadly there are only 2 surviving.

The first time Phylis came to St. Peter's was for a Fowl Supper. Everyone met in the basement of St. Peter's and the dinner was served in the shed (which stood where our current Fellowship Hall is). Phylis was never in the church proper until Reverend Turkheim's funeral. Phylis became a member of St. Peter's after Reverend Heimrich had made some home visits to her and Earl. Phylis has been (and continues to be) a valued member of our church who has served on council, in Sunday School, as church historian and as a member of the ELW. Phylis's favourite part of the ELW events was getting to visit other churches, to see their buildings and how other congregations do things whether differently or the same.

In 1975, Phylis had 2 children who were attending UWO and doing well, and she decided if they could excel, so could she. So off she went to University and in 1979 Phylis received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History...though she had started in another course that had only served to pique her interest in history.

After Phylis retired from teaching in 1985, she became interested in St. Peter's history when Pastor Stephen Alles found some baptismal records from 1860. Phylis had these copied at the public school for 10 cents a page and began compiling our church history through these and through birth, confirmation, marriage, death certificates and other sources. In 1996 she wrote a church history book for our 135th anniversary.

These days Phylis is enjoying her retirement by touring area rest homes with her friends and playing country music for the residents.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This year Vacation Bible School will be held mornings from July 11-15 at the Mennonite Church in Zurich for kids JK - GR. 10. VBS has been a long standing tradition in Zurich and all four church communities work together to put on a Bible School that is not only fun for children but also helps them to know Jesus and his love for each one of them. **Call Marilyn Heimrich at 519-236-4941 to volunteer.**



**February 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>** the youth went to a **sleepover at St. Matthews Lutheran in Kitchener**. There were 61 Lutheran and Anglican youth in attendance from Owen Sound to Windsor. We played "Get To Know You" games, had a Bible Study about the Salt and Light portion of the Sermon on the Mount (which seemed to really stick with the kids, as we heard about salt and light from them several times over the next 36 hours). We also played volleyball, drama games about community, sang praise songs, made new friends with the youth of St. Matthews and led the Saturday night service. When our hosts explained the rules of St. Matthews (i.e. the possibility of a lock down if any outside doors were found open) and that the reason for these rules was to keep everyone safe, the youth learned how difficult life can be for some people. Our Out Service Project at this event was helping to spring clean the nursery at St. Matthews. The youth washed toys, furniture, walls and windows, vacuumed and packed up old toys for donation to another organization and unpacked new toys that were donated to St. Matthews. When we were storm stayed for an extra night, the youth were very helpful and enthusiastic in shoveling us out of the parking lot.

*The youth and confirmation class hope that everyone enjoyed the Valentines that St. Peter's Sunday School handed out during the service February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

### **HELP WANTED ----- We need your help.**

With our youth leaders helping to organize this summer's Eastern Synod Youth Gathering, we need someone who will be willing to attend the event with our youth. At this point, it will need to be a female leader, but if we can talk some of our gents into going, we will also need a male leader. If you are not sure you might be up to the task, try it out by coming to our next SOC sleepover. It is a small taste of exactly what the summer gathering will be like.

Do you have any ideas on what **YOU WOULD** like to see the youth doing here at St. Peter's or at events hosted by our extended Christian family? Call Tracy or Marg, as we are always looking for new ideas!

### **COMING EVENTS**

**March 8th** is **Shrove Tuesday** and as always everyone is invited to join us for a great pancake and sausage supper hosted by the youth group and confirmation class. This is a free will offering event and is sponsored by Faith Life Chapter #76305.

**March 26 and 27** is a **sleepover event at St. Ansgar Lutheran in London** (Pastor Dick is the interim pastor there). The theme of the event "GO FISH" is also the name of the praise band that will be playing at the Sunday morning worship service. All youth age 12 and up are invited. Friends are welcome, as are parents who are willing to drive to the event and hang out with us. As always this event is FREE. Members of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Sunday Service too!

**April 3, 2011** - the Youth Group and Confirmation class will be helping with the **Green Service at 10 a.m.**

**April 24, 2011** - "**SON**"rise Service at 8 a.m. followed by **Easter Breakfast** at 8:30 am - everyone is welcome. Free Will Offering at Breakfast will go to the ELCIC's National Youth Project "12 for 2012".



**April 30, 2011** - Youth Portion of the London Conference Spring Meeting at Bethany, Woodstock.

### **YOUTH PRAYER**

*Father in Heaven, You graced us with the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, sent to walk among us. Then you gave us the gift of mercy as Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeem our sins. We ask You, our loving Father, to teach us to pass on Your wonderful blessings of grace and mercy to all the living things on earth: plants, animals, birds, fish, insects and especially other people. We know it won't be easy, but nothing is impossible if we follow Your lead. AMEN*

# JOIN THE **St. Peter's Pedestrians TEAM**

## For **Relay for Life**

**WHO:** You and a minimum of 6 other pedestrians

**WHAT:** Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser

**WHEN:** June 10 -11, 2011

**WHERE:** South Huron District High School

**WHY:** Because cancer CAN be beaten

**HOW:** Get your pledge sheets, collect your pledges, show up and walk. Other activities are available such as having your hair cut off for a cancer patient's wig, games, food, and music. Bring a tent to rest/sleep in.

**HOW LONG:** for 12 hours...alternate with your team mates

(i.e. if you have 8 team members you each walk for 15 minutes and rest 45 min in every hour - or if you prefer you and team mate walk a half hour and rest for 1.5 hours or whatever pattern you work out)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

March 6 Jacklyn Rader will be doing another "ME to WE" presentation during Sunday School time.

March 13 The movie How to train your DRAGON will be shown during Sunday School. This computer animated movie is extremely entertaining, heartwarming and exciting. It was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Film.



March 20 Sunday School on this Sunday will be based on the movie seen the previous Sunday.

### **St. Peter's Ladies Group:**

The first meeting of the Ladies Group was held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with 12 present including Pastor Nadine. The following will lead the group for a 2 year term.

Chairperson: Michele Haberer

Secretary: Chris Eagleson

Treasurer: Pauline Miller

It was passed that approximately \$400 from St. Peter's E.L.W treasury will be given to Praise Offering, a new church-wide Praise Appeal. "To Everything There is a Time" is the theme of the inaugural ELCIC Praise Appeal which this year will give thanks for the ministry of women in the church, looking back on the ministry of Evangelical Lutheran Women Inc. and looking forward to the new forms this ministry may take.

In the future, business needing to be discussed will be done at the beginning of the meeting. This portion of the meeting will not last longer than thirty minutes and will be followed by fellowship.



Future meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All women of the congregation are most welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings as this new group gets established.

# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

## USHERS

Captain: Mark Heimrich  
Alternate: Petra Aisenpreis  
Bob Fisher  
Ron Heimrich  
Karen McLellan  
Carl Elg

## LAY READERS

March	6	Pat O'Rourke
Ash Wednesday	9	Charlotte Norton
	13	Sharon Sanders
	20	Andrea Schaefer
	27	Tracy Lather

## ACOLYTES

March	6	Michaela DeVries
	13	Mackenzie Hendrick
	20	Kimberley Hendrick
	27	Matthew Thiel

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March	6	Tracy Lather, Doug Klopp
	9	Charlotte Norton
	20	Michael Schaefer, Karen McLellan

## ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Miller  
Sharon Brokenshire

## COFFEE HOUR

March	6	Susan and Ross Cordell
	13	Ann Steinbach / Bonnie Schenk
	20	Michele Haberer
	27	Elaine Weido / Pauline Miller



***The Cross***  
***A little word.***  
***But on it***  
***A mighty deed***  
***Performed.***



## LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

### USHERS

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

### LAY READERS

April 3 Youth  
10 Charlotte Norton  
17 Karen McLellan  
22 Michele Haberer  
24 Pat O'Rourke

### ACOLYTES

April 3 Kurt Bornath  
10 Tamara Heimrich  
17 Courtney McBride  
24 Natalie Miller

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 3 Tracy Lather, Doug Klopp  
17 Karen McLellan, Michael Schaefer  
24 Charlotte Norton, Doug Klopp

ALTAR GUILD Alma Westlake, Cathy Hugill, Sharon Sanders  
Jennie Boles, Tracy Lather

### COFFEE HOUR

April 3 Marg L. Deichert  
10 Shannon LaPorte / Bonnie Keller  
17 Shelley Miller  
25 Easter Sunday



*We live and die; Christ died and lived! ~John Stott*