



FOR PETE'S SAKE

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter's

December 2012



**CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 23rd	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Hymn Sing Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Please join us for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion on Monday, December 24th. This worship experience is for **EVERYONE**. It will include the talents of our children, parishioners and adult choir. Carol singing begins at 6:30 and the service will begin at 7:00. Refreshments to follow.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Families are needed to light the Advent Candles on December 2, 9 and 23rd. Contact Jen Schellenberger or Pastor Nadine to volunteer.

AVAILABLE NOW:

London Conference Advent Devotional Booklets are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Pastors and Lay Members from the London Conference area wrote the devotions ---included are devotions written by Pastor Nadine and Tracy Lather (LC Council member).



Once again the **HURON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU** is collecting unwrapped gifts of new toys and clothing for needy families. Items can be placed in the Christmas Gift Box at the entrance of the church until Sunday, December 2nd. After Sunday, please take your donations to Precious Blood Church in Exeter. Volunteers work hard to provide over 1000 children with a Christmas made merry through YOUR generosity.

ANGEL WINGS continues to be active. If you know of someone who would be comforted by a shawl please let Pastor Nadine or Michele Haberer know. If you would like to crochet or knit a shawl during the winter months, contact Michele as there is lots of yarn to be used for shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has proven to be a valuable outreach as we work in partnership with St. Peter's in St. Joseph and St. Boniface. It is important that we continue to wrap our friends and neighbours with our prayers weaved into the Angel Wing shawls.

WOMEN'S GROUP:

On Thursday, December 6th, the Women of St. Peter's will celebrate the Christmas Season with a dinner at **The Colonial Hotel in Grand Bend**. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Michele Haberer or sign the list on the bulletin board if you would like to attend this social evening of good food, fun and fellowship. Invite a friend!

The January meeting of the Ladies group will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 3rd at 7 p.m. At this meeting they will begin to study the Ladies of the Bible. Plan to attend as there should be some interesting discussions.



to Pastor Nadine, Andy and family on the death of Pastor's brother, Mark Edward Schroeder on Monday, November 19th. We are all saddened by their loss and pray that God will give them courage and strength during this difficult time. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the volunteers for their assistance with the Annual Pork Supper by selling tickets, providing desserts, setting up, serving, cleaning up, as well as entertaining us. The support of the congregation made for a successful event.

Thanks to those who filled nine shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Each year, millions of children around the world receive gifts of joy and hope through Operation Christmas Child. Many of these children, living in circumstances of war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster, have never before received a gift.

Thank you to Doug Thiel for taking our monthly food contributions to BLESSINGS. Please remember the Food Bank this Sunday with your donations.

Our appreciation to Doug Klopp for decorating our church for Advent once again. This labour of love is appreciated by all of us.

Thank you to the Ihrig Family for donating the beautiful Advent Wreath in the Fellowship Hall.



The poinsettias that are on the altar and church windowsills have been provided by the Flaxbard family in memory of their parents, Earl and Ann Flaxbard. We, at St. Peter's are very grateful for their kindness and generosity.

St. Peter's is truly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. Special thanks to those who take care of the many maintenance and repair jobs both inside and outside our church building.

Thanks to Pastor Bob Hutchison for leading us in worship during Pastor Nadine's absence.

Current Account:

Bank Balance December 2011	\$ 3,167.12
Income to Date	\$ 100,368.80
Expenses to Date	\$ 98,826.96
Bank Balance as of November 18. 2012	\$ 4,708.96



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

Funds in Current Account allocated for the Steeple Repair \$2801.00
 Actual Funds available for 2012 Budget Expenses \$1728.98

Offerings are needed to meet the normal everyday expenses for December.

YOU (th) in MISSION FOR OTHERS

Are you looking for an inexpensive Christmas mission project? Then send a Christmas card to a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. Bring your purchased or homemade Christmas card to the church by Sunday, December 2nd and the Youth Group will see that your card gets to someone who needs some Christmas cheer. No postage required, no return address and please no last names -- just send a card wishing them a Merry Christmas with a note thanking them for their service. Address your envelope to: Canadian Forces, Belleville, ON K8N 5W6.



Courtney McBride, Marina and Tracy Lather attended a SOC event in Kitchener on November 24 and 25. The service project was for Operation Christmas Child. We went to the inspection warehouse in Waterloo, where we received 1/2 hour of training on how we would be helping out. Our SOC group then spent 2 1/2 hours on the warehouse floor inspecting shoeboxes. When we were finished, we had inspected, processed and packed over 6200 shoeboxes from an area approximate to the size of the Eastern Synod. Back at our host church, Holy Trinity Anglican, during "Da Bomb" we discussed how we FELT about what we were doing, how it related to our love for Jesus, and how our feelings changed after we read the scripture. After all my years doing SOC, I am still dumbfounded on how much our youth understand about scripture and how it relates to "real" life. Once again, I have again been SOC'd by the Holy Spirit. (NOTE: "da bomb" is what we call our bible study because a) "da bibles da bomb" and b) Bible study is designed to "blow apart" the scriptures so we can explore what the scriptures mean to us and others.)

COMING EVENTS

Our walking Christmas Caroling tour will take place again this year....the date will be announced in the bulletin. The congregation is welcome to join us in this community outreach and to warm up afterwards with hot chocolate and cookies.

Our next SOC event is in January at Trinity Lutheran in London. Our theme is "Here By the Water". Watch the bulletin for dates. Tracy Lather has permission slips. Youth ages 12-19 are welcome, along with any adults who would like to get involved with the youth group.

The clock tower / steeple committee is organizing to move forward. High in the clock tower, is found the best kept secret in the village of Zurich, namely a town clock which is indeed a treasure. Attention to the clock tower / steeple is a timely challenge. Research and consideration are necessary to ensure that actions taken are positive. Information will be shared as it unfolds.

The South Huron Community Lessons and Carol Service will be held at Trivitt Anglican Church in Exeter on Monday, December 10th at 7 p.m.

THE BACH MUSIC FESTIVAL OF CANADA

is holding a Children's Youth Choral Program

Monday, July 15 2012 - Friday, July 19 2012 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day

Registration is open to girls and boys 9 -18 years of age

Registration Fee is \$150 per registrant Early Bird Registration prior to January 31 is \$125

For further information and registration forms contact Andrea Schaefer

LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

USHERS

Captain: Pat O'Rourke
Alternate: Doug Thiel
Gary Hugill
Peter Bornath
Shannon LaPorte

LAY READERS

December 9 Charlotte Norton
16 Andrea Schaefer
23 Mark Heimrich
30 Pat O'Rourke

ACOLYTES

December 9 Kirsten Schellenberger
16 Kara McBride
23 Mitchell Schellenberger
30 Jennifer Beeler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

December 16 Tracy Lather / Ross Cordell
24 Tracy Lather / Diane Klopp
25 Marg C. Deichert

ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Miller, Sharon Brokenshire, June Fisher

COFFEE HOUR

December 2 Donna Klopp and Family
9 Charlotte and Harvey Norton
16 Marg J. Deichert / Jen Schellenberger
23 & 30 Volunteers

