



# "FOR PETE'S SAKE"

*St Peter's Lutheran Church*

*Zurich, Ontario*

*Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz*

*Ministers: The People of St. Peter's*

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*February 2012*

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Lent begins a season of contemplation and reflection that helps us recognize our need for a loving God in our broken and confusing world. I came across a telling poem from a woman named Lyn Martin (1897-?) She was from Barbados and began writing religious poetry when she was just a child.

"Each morning as I lift my eyes to the rising sun, and softly whisper, "Thy will be done."  
All I ask for, I may not receive; help me not to murmur, not to grieve,  
But bless Thee for the gift of sight to see the radiance of the sunlight.

As I go about my daily task, for strength, dear God, of Thee I'll ask;  
Help me to scatter happiness along the way, and gather the tears that fall each day;  
When my daily chores are sincerely done, I'll bless the Lord, through Jesus Christ the Son."

## **Upcoming at St. Peter's in February**

**Angel Wings** will meet on **Thursday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This important meeting is open to all women even if you do not you knit or crochet. There will be a discussion on ways to continue this important ministry.

**St. Peter's Ladies Group** will meet next on **Thursday, February 2 at 7 p.m.** At the **March 1** meeting Julia Truemner will be the guest speaker. She will be speaking about Alzheimer's. A harpist will be assisting in her presentation. As always, this evening is open to all ladies. The meetings are a great evening of faith and fellowship. In May, there will be a "Mother's Day" supper.

Please bring items for the **Food Bank on Sunday, February 5.** All canned foods, cereals, baby food, paper products etc will be donated to Blessings in Zurich.



### **Secret Cupids**

Back again this year, after a successful and fun experience last year, is the Secret Cupid Event.

Blessings have provided us brief descriptions of women for our members to choose from. Information slips are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Diane Klopp know the # of the profile you have chosen and then have the joy of selecting and wrapping a small gift(s) of approximately \$10 for the recipient.

Bring your wrapped gifts to the church by **Sunday, February 12.** Pastor Nadine will bless the gifts at the morning worship service. St. Peter's has a history of sharing goodwill within our community and this is just another way that we can continue reaching out in our area.

Don't Miss This Year's  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
on **Tuesday, February 21** from 5 -7 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall



Remember to invite your family and friends to this popular yearly event.

There will be an **Ash Wednesday Service** with Holy Communion on **February 22, at 7 p.m.**

The next **Church Council Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m.**

Join your church family for the **Midweek Lenten Suppers** which will be held in the Fellowship Hall throughout the Lenten Season beginning on **Wednesday, February 29 through April 4.** These suppers will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a worship service to follow at 6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to help defray the expenses. These evenings are always well attended and open to everyone in the community.



Thank you to **Ann Steinbach** for once again organizing these suppers. If you would like to help, be sure to speak with Ann.



**St. Peter's Annual Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, February 26, 2011.** Plan to attend this important meeting. Reports for publication in the Annual Report are due Sunday, January 29.

The women of the congregation will be serving lunch prior to the meeting at 11:30 a.m. A freewill offering will be taken. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

### **Wanted:**

The **TOYBOX** in the Fellowship Hall has lots of room for some additional "recycled" toys and books for children (boys and girls) to play with. Perhaps your children / grandchildren have toys they no longer play with that they might like to donate to St. Peter's TOYBOX. Please no stuffed animals.

Help is needed with the **Baptism Quilts**. All materials are supplied. Quilts can be hand quilted or machine quilted. If you can help with this project contact Michele Haberer.

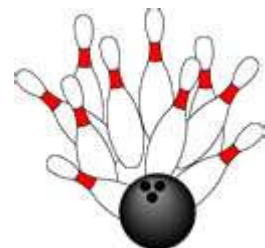
### **For Sale:**

The 150th anniversary committee still has a few items for sale left over from the celebrations of the past year. Golf shirts, blank greeting cards, and anniversary books can be purchased at any time. All these items make great gifts. If interested contact a committee member or Michele Haberer.

**Thank You** to Ron Heimrich for his twelve years of service representing St. Peter's on the Blue Water Rest Home Board. He has served as treasurer and more recently as chair of the board of directors. **JOB WELL DONE!**

### **Bowling for God:**

Sunday School will be off-site on February 26th and knocking down some pins at Town and Country Bowling Lanes. Parents are asked to drop off their children at Town and Country prior to church (Jenni will be there by 9:30). We should be finished by noon. This is a **no-cost** event! Just come on out, strap on some stylish shoes and HAVE FUN!!!



## Sunday School Sponsorship Update through Plan Canada

St. Peter's Sunday School has supported a foster child for many years through Plan Canada (formerly Foster Parents Plan) and we would like to share an update with you. Tesema Gerja Ejato is 15 years old and lives in the Shebedino (south) area in Ethiopia.

"Tesema does not attend formal education because primary education is not currently considered important by the family. Plan Canada tries to ensure all children have access to educational opportunities. Ultimately, the decision remains with the family. According to the family, Tesema has been healthy and has not suffered from any serious illness.

Initiatives funded by our generous contributions help our sponsored child by building and strengthening their community. These initiatives include:

- Training for health workers on care and prevention for children under 5
- Teacher training
- Training in management of natural resources
- Agricultural training for farmers
- Activities that promote protection of children from abuse, exploitation and neglect.



Next year priorities: Plan Canada will focus on strengthening village saving and loan group, livestock development, promotion of community sanitation, implementation of integrated management of childhood illness, constructing safe drinking water, promotion of family planning, prevention of violence at schools and support youth initiatives.

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It is our hope that we can continue to support a foster child through the Sunday School offerings. It is our biggest expenditure at \$111 per quarter. However, we still feel it is important to offer our Sunday School children a variety of activities such as the picnics and bowling to promote attendance. We would like some input from the congregation how we can keep supporting this worthwhile project without sacrificing our own program.

Submitted by Andrea Schaefer

### Our deepest sympathy:

- We remember in prayer the family of Lloyd Otterbein who passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Nadine officiated at his funeral at St. Peter's on January 4, 2012.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Eleanor Horst and her family on the death of Reverend Arthur Horst who died on January 16. Pastor Nadine participated in his funeral held on January 19 in Neustadt, Ontario.
- Our heartfelt sympathy to Karen Rader and her family on the death of Don who died on January 24. Pastor Nadine will be officiating at Don's funeral to be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, January 28.

**I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,  
even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
John 11:25, 26**



## Past Events

December was a very busy time for the youth group and confirmation class. We hosted the Chili Dinner on the night of the Zurich Parade and served 28 people. Thank you to everyone who attended and / or donated food for this event.

The confirmation class and youth group also participated as silent actors at Zurich's Live Nativity. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

We also had a delicious pizza supper that was followed up by a Christmas Caroling walk. We have received thanks from more than one person for brightening up their evening when we stopped by to sing for them.

January is always a slow time for the youth. The older youth have been studying for exams and completing semester end projects. We did have a movie night this past weekend and enjoyed "Dolphin Tales" which we highly recommend for the whole family if you haven't seen it yet.

## Coming Events February 18-19

SOC Sleepover at Redeemer – The theme for this event is "Together We Grow" which, while based on the Garden of Eden will extend into growing our faith and our connections with our various communities. For our service project for this event, we will be collecting various grocery items that will be used in a program near our host church that teaches needy teens to cook healthy meals for their families. They will be provided with a pantry basket to take home so they have the necessary items to cook the meals for their families. If anyone from the congregation can donate any of the ingredients that we have been asked to provide, please sign up beside your item on the list on the bulletin board. This is also a reminder to the confirmation and youth group classes that we are hosting the next SOC. Since you will be helping to plan our activities when we host, if you've never been to a SOC event this is your last chance to see what kind of activities take place.



**February 21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.** Everyone is invited to this free will offering event. Proceeds support youth and confirmation events, trips and service projects. We will be requiring adult help with the cooking of the potato pancakes. If you are available please contact Tracy Lather. The youth and confirmation youth are asked to sign up the shift list that will be posted on the bulletin board.

**February 22 – Ash Wednesday.** All youth and confirmation youth are encouraged to attend this service plus at least 3 other Lenten services before Easter. If you require a ride, please contact one of the youth leaders. (Youth help would also be appreciated in the kitchen at the Lenten suppers.)

**February 26 – Annual Meeting.** This is something I like to encourage the youth to attend. It is a good learning experience to see how our church operates (and the lunch is usually pretty good too).

## YOUTH PRAYER:

Father, we want to abandon ourselves into Your hands; to do with us what You will. Whatever You may do, we thank You. We ask for Your guidance in making ourselves ready for all. Let only Your will be done in us and in all Your creatures. We wish no more than this, O Lord. Into Your hands we commend our souls; we offer them to You, with all the love of our hearts, for we love You, Lord, and so need to give ourselves, to surrender ourselves into Your hands, without reserve, though we may fear the unknown, for You are our Father. AMEN

# LABOURS OF LOVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## USHERS

Captain: Steve and Michele Haberer  
Alternate: Fred Haberer  
Gary, Matt and Jon Eagleson  
Nick Haberer  
Doug Deichert  
Charles Kalbfleisch

## LAY READERS

February	5	Mark Heimrich
	12	Michele Haberer
	19	Karen McLellan
	22	Sharon Sanders
	26	Pat O'Rourke

## ACOLYTES

February	5	Natalie Miller
	12	Michaela DeVries
	19	Michelle Beeler
	22	Ryan Miller
	26	Mitchell Schellenberger

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February	5	Tracy Lather	Marg C. Deichert
	19	Karen McLellan	Michael Schaefer
	22	Diane Klopp	

## ALTAR GUILD

Shelley Miller, Diane Klopp, Karen Rader

## COFFEE HOUR

February	5	Donna Thiel / Kelly Jeffrey / Dana Thiel
	12	Ann Steinbach
	19	Congregational Meeting
	26	Marg DeVries

