



“FOR PETE’S SAKE”

*St Peter’s Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz

Ministers: The People of St. Peter’s

February 2013

We are the family of God. Yes! We are the family of God.

He has called us together to be one in Him, that we might bring light to the world.



The ministry of St. Peter’s doesn’t stop at the door and isn’t restricted to those we deem up to standard. Our parish is fostering an increased community presence. Epiphany is the season of light and revelation that began first with the star of Bethlehem that pointed to the in-breaking light of Christ in the world. We are called to share that very light with one and with all in prayer, word, and action. As God’s family we share our faith by example, by inviting others to hear and share the good news, and by offering support and involvement in the wider community. The revelation of God’s love is in you to share!

As we nurture friendships and share our faith by welcoming the community into our facility, let us be mindful that all people are hungry for connection, purpose, and social support. We are a church in mission for others. At St. Peter’s we already welcome the community to the local Toy Bus. We have started facilitating community outreach events for families with young children. We donate regularly to Blessings store and food bank by filling ‘Luther’s Larder’ in the church narthex. Our ladies’ group hosts many social activities and sponsors the annual Secret Cupid gifts for Blessings. Our youth participate in SOC and other conference events. The special interest committees have done much to bring the heritage of the church and the community to life in the restoration of the pioneer cemetery and the current endeavor to make the steeple and clock tower accessible through story and artifacts. Plans are underway to create a community garden. And, of course, weekly we offer opportunity to worship and to learn together. If you are interested to lending a hand in any way please do not hesitate to talk to me. New ideas are always welcome. There is so much more we could do. Share the news! The love of God is for everyone.

Remember the **Food Bank with your donations on Sunday, February 3.**



Secret Cupids

Blessings has provided us brief descriptions of women for our members to choose from. The information slips are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please tell Diane Klopp the # of the profile you have chosen. Then enjoy selecting and wrapping a small gift for the recipient.

Bring your wrapped gifts to the church by **Sunday, February 10.** Pastor Nadine will bless the gifts at the morning worship service. St. Peter’s has a history of sharing goodwill within our community. Past recipients have been overwhelmed and touched by our generosity.

ST. PETER'S LADIES GROUP will meet on Thursday, February 7, in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. This month's theme is Gratitude / Love. Please read Ruth chapters 2 and 3 to prepare for the Bible Study and discussion on Ruth, our second "Lady of the Bible". As you read the passages think about the following: Have you been faithful to God through difficult circumstances? How have you experienced God's guidance and love in your life? Write about a time in your life when your joy was restored.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT on Friday, February 8, beginning at 5:30 with pizza for supper followed by Valentine crafts. Please RSVP to Pastor Nadine by Wednesday, February 6, if you are planning to attend. Invite your relatives, neighbours and friends to this Community Event.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held on **Sunday, March 3**. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The Ladies Group will serve lunch prior to the meeting. Freewill Offering to cover expenses.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

--- We remember in prayer the family of Albert Raith who passed away on December 1, 2012.

--- Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Isabel Gascho and her family on the death of Allan who died on December 10. Pastor Nadine officiated at his memorial service held on December 17 at McBeath Funeral Home.

A REMINDER to pick up your 2013 church envelopes and those of family members.

THANK YOU

--- to the Ladies Group for purchasing a new cooler/ fridge for the church kitchen. It is much appreciated by all who use the kitchen.

--- to Rev. Mike Schroeder (Pastor Nadine's father) for leading us in worship on January 27th.

--- to the congregation for all the sympathy cards, flowers, food and your kind attendance on visitation day and at the memorial service. Special thanks to Pastor Nadine for her comforting message and for the luncheon prepared by the Ladies. ***Isabel Gascho and family***

HERITAGE QUILT EXHIBIT Michele Haberer is looking for old quilts and needlework for the second "Heritage Quilt Exhibit" to be held at Trivitt Anglican Church in Exeter. This event will run for 3 days this year – Thursday, April 11, from 10 – 7 p.m., Friday, April 12, from 10 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, from 10 – 4 p.m. This will be similar to the popular quilt show that was held 2 years ago with 1,000 people attending to admire the 100 beautiful heritage quilts. This year we are featuring Huron County Quilts from the collection of Jane Egan from Goderich. Gerald Fagan will also have some treasures for us to admire. Admission is \$6. Quilt appraiser, Judy Lyons, will be attending. As always, there will be a tasty lunch room and vendors. This quilt show is definitely worth seeing. This Exhibit is the "kick off" for the Bach Music Festival in July.

The Bach Music Festival of Canada will return to Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church in Exeter from July 14th to 20th, 2013. Contact is Louise Fagan at bachmusicfestival@bellnet.ca or 519-235-2565.

The Children's Choir Day Camp runs for the week and registration forms are available online. Early bird registration at a reduced rate has been extended to February 28, 2013. One of the Highlights of the 2011 Bach Music Festival was the mass choir, orchestra and soloist performance of Bach's B minor Mass. The 2013 Festival will end on a high note with Bach's beloved **St. John Passion!** In 2011 all concerts were sold out.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Do you know of someone who would benefit from a Prayer Shawl? If so please contact Michele Haberer or Pastor Nadine. We do not want to miss anyone. Also if you would like to knit or crochet a shawl, we will supply the yarn-- contact Michele Haberer. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

COMMUNITY GARDEN Plans are underway for St. Peter's to create a community garden. The planning committee needs to have an idea of how much space would be required and would like to know who from our congregation would be interested in planting a garden plot. The garden would also be available for the community use. The committee is also looking for donations of time and resources to get the project going -- rototilling/top soil, rain barrels, wheelbarrow, watering cans, gardening supplies, etc. Workshops and learning opportunities will be held regarding planting and growing and ways of cooking, canning, and freezing the items planted.



A big Thank You from the Sunday School for your support on Christmas Eve. The loose offering was \$508.00 which will help us fund our Foster Child for more than one year. We appreciate keeping this worthwhile outreach project going with your help. The sponsored child is part of the Foster Plan for another two years after which we will re-visit which organization would be a good fit for our Sunday School.

We are so excited to announce that we have invited Chris Bray to our **Sunday School Closing celebration on June 23**. He will be part of the Worship Service and bring his love of music and enthusiasm to our Church. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family. Visit his website www.chrisbraymusic.com More info to follow.



Worship Leader, Song Writer & Compassion Advocate

Chris, a Gospel Music Association Covenant Award winner and seven time nominee has soared the Christian radio charts in Canada following the release of his sophomore, "The Worship Album" which set him on the national stage.

Youth Newsletter

Past Events

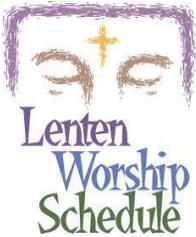
On January 12-13 Courtney McBride and Tracy Lather joined several other youth Groups for an ALSOC sleepover event at Trinity Lutheran in London. It was very well attended with 71 youth plus all the leaders. Our service project was visiting a local rest home. Some played Bingo, some Euchre, some participated in a hymn sing, while others just went for walks and talked with residents.

The Theme was "Here by the Water". One of our SOC youth, Kieran from Walkerton, chose to be baptized at the event. It was a very moving service involving the youth, some of whom acted as a living altar, holding the candles and baptismal bowl during the baptism (pictures on the youth bulletin board). The following are comments from Trinity, the host congregation:

"I haven't been this jazzed about church for a long time!"
" You could feel the spirit moving through the room!"
" It was loud but it was good!"
"I don't think I have ever seen so many youth at a church service!"
" Well done - incredible..."
" What a wonderful example of fellowship, love and community!"

Coming Events

Tuesday, February 12 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. – hosted by the Youth and Confirmation Class. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for youth to choose their preferred shift to help. High school students bring your volunteer hour sheets for signing. Parent / adult help is also needed that evening. We are looking for griddles and electric fry pans for cooking both the potato and flour pancakes. Crockpots/warmers are also welcome so we can do some of the cooking ahead of time. Thank you in advance for volunteering and/or loaning us your griddles etc.



Wednesday February 13 - Ash Wednesday Communion service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays from Feb 20 to March 20 there will be Lenten services at 6:30 p.m.

There will be awesome praise music at these services. Youth and the confirmation class are encouraged to attend. **A volunteer(s) from the congregation is needed to organize the Lenten Suppers prior to the worship services.**

March 9th - "Son" Rise Service practice for youth and confirmands will be held after confirmation class at 11 am. Youth willing to do a speaking part, please contact Tracy so she can provide you with your reading for practicing. Five speakers are needed for the skit portion, plus someone to lead the prayers, and one person to chant/sing three very short lines.

March 31st (Easter Sunday) - The youth and Confirmation class will lead the 8 a.m. **"Son" Rise Service and host a Continental Breakfast** afterwards. The free will offering from this event will cover our costs, with the remainder of the proceeds to go to a service project not yet chosen. Parents who would like to help with the breakfast, contact Tracy ASAP.

Prayer for Youth (Especially during Exams) *written by: Susan Gregg-Schroeder*

So often, Divine One, the tasks before me feel overwhelming and impossible. The expectations of others weigh heavy upon my shoulders. At times like these, I think I need to do something, to invest more time and effort, to pray longer and harder, to embark on a journey, in search of the Kingdom. When I am too tired to "do" anymore, when I am content just to "be", when I stop long enough to rest, when I am finally ready to give up. I find myself sitting on a treasure, you have hidden in a field, waiting for me to discover. When I lift the treasure from its hiding place, I find that You have graced me with adequacy for all that lies ahead. Thank you Lord. Amen

VOLUNTEER HELPERS are needed to keep the Zurich Agriculture Society (Fair Board) active. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the back room at the Complex. Contact Sylvia Neeb (519-236-4042) or Greg O'Brien (519-236-7486) for more information or to volunteer.

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 3 Pat O'Rourke
10 Sharon Sanders
13 Michele Haberer
17 Mark Heimrich
24 Andrea Schaefer

ACOLYTES

February 3 Mitchell Schellenberger
10 Jennifer Beeler
13 Ryan Miller
17 Michele Beeler
24 Kirsten Schellenberger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 3 Karen McLellan / Doug Klopp
10 Ross Cordell / Tracy Lather
13 Diane Klopp
17 Marg C. Deichert / Michael Schaefer

ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Miller, Sharon Brokenshire, June Fisher

COFFEE HOUR

February 3 Kelly Jeffrey / Dana Thiel
10 Marg DeVries
19 Shannon LaPorte / Bonnie Keller
26 Sharon and Ted Sanders

LADIES GROUP

February 7 Lunch - Michele Haberer
Altar Flowers Alma Westlake

