



# "FOR PETE'S SAKE"

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**March 2025**

## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2025**



**Chuck Erb, Christa Uhrig, Diane Klopp, Rick Deichert, Jenni Boles,  
Bev Thiel, Laurie Erb, Susan Deichert, Pastor Nadine.**

The required 35 voting members to establish a quorum for our AGM was met.  
42 voting members were present.

Joyful worship. Great food and fellowship

A smoothly run Annual General Meeting

Installation of Church Council

A special welcome to Susan, the newest member of Church Council

## Upcoming March 2025 Events

**Sunday, March 2** - Sanctuary (Transfiguration) Holy Communion - Food Basket (Blessings) - **Service will be recorded**

**Tuesday, March 4** - Pancake Supper - 5:00 -7:00 pm in Parish Hall  
- **Potato Pancakes - Flour Pancakes - Sausages**

**Wednesday, March 5** - Ash Wednesday - Devotion with ashes - **Parish Hall** - 2:00 pm

**Friday, March 7** - Exeter Villa Hymn Sing - 10:00 am

**Sunday, March 9** - Sanctuary - Service of the Word - Kids' Club - First Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 16** - **Parish Hall** - Communion

**March 17-24** - Pastor Nadine is on Vacation

**Sunday, March 23** - Sanctuary - Rick Deichert is leading worship - Kids' Club

**Tuesday, March 25** - Church Council meeting

**Wednesday, March 26** - BWRH service at 11:00 am

**Sunday, March 30** - Sanctuary - Service of the Word



The Circle of Neighbourhood – Written with love by Bev Thiel

“It’s a beautiful day in the neighbourhood. A beautiful day for a neighbour.  
Would you be mine; could you be mine. It’s a neighbourly day.”

This is part of the song that Mr. Rogers sang at the beginning of his television show. The message that he was sending to the children was enlightening. To be kind and generous and help your neighbors. To illustrate to them that it is not just in the neighbourhood that you live in; but also, your church and school neighbors. To be respectful of people and help the elderly and those in need. To become friends with the school bullies and show them the way of relating with others in kindness, not meanness. There are many reasons they have become bullies, and your friendship could be the key to open up their heart. Maybe they have no control in their lives, except for the control they exert when they can. Just compare it to a caged animal with no control of their environment, filling up their hearts with anger and then some kind soul opens the door for them and gives them freedom. The key also is not to forget this as an adult and set an example to your children and grandchildren on empathy and kindness. You are the mirror reflecting back to them.



It is true that to have good neighbours, you need to be a good neighbour. The ability to appreciate people that are there for you, in good times, as well as bad. To be able to feel secure, surrounded by people that care about you. To be confident, but humble, in the many ways you are there for others. To PAY IT FORWARD with your generosity of volunteer work in so many capacities. Hub and I are full of gratitude for so many of our neighbors that will lend a hand in checking our house when we are away; snow ploughing, taking snow off the roof and the list is endless in their contributions. They take care of our house like it was their own. It is rewarding when we return the favour or treat them to a nice meal; in order to show our appreciation.

A short time ago, Hub and I were returning home from supper and found ourselves in the midst of chaos. Two cars ahead of us was a vehicle veering off to the other lane of traffic, not to pass, then swerving back to their proper lane. At the beginning we were not quite sure what was happening and stayed quite a distance away to warn people with flashing lights. A person passed us, in order to put on his flashing lights on top of his pickup truck. We kept a distance, so people would be aware of danger. Unbelievably, two or three vehicles passed us, and they almost went off the road when this troubled vehicle swerved over to the passing lane once again. It was like watching it in slow motion, just waiting for a major collision of so many cars. I thought to myself; how selfish and impatient were these people to risk everyone's lives for themselves. They were most certainly not being a good neighbour.

Just at the precise moment that I said to Hub that I think someone is having a heart attack; the car was in the passing lane, hit five guard posts and flew over top of the guardrail, down an embankment of twenty feet. We instantly pulled over to the side of the road, along with the two vehicles ahead of us, to help whoever was in that car. It was an elderly woman having cardiac issues, completely confused as to what had just transpired. Someone phoned 911 immediately and the man in the truck went down to the vehicle, without hesitation, not knowing what to expect. Hub grabbed one of our blankets in the car to keep her warm. Soon the police were there, highway patrol and the ambulance and took her to the hospital. I thanked God that all these people were willing to stop, and making it happen for this person to receive assistance. I am also extremely grateful for the protection from the repercussions; due to the selfishness of people speeding by. I hope that they never find themselves in a similar position, where everyone drives by them, or their family. I would hope that if I was ever in this situation, that good Samaritans would be there in a heartbeat.

Be a good neighbour and lend a helping hand in any way you can.  
Appreciate the people in your NEIGHBOURHOOD AND

**JOIN HANDS IN THE CIRCLE OF LIFE**



## **LABOURS OF LOVE FOR MARCH 2025**

**Worship Service will be recorded on March 2**

**Communion Sundays are March 2 and March 16**

**Worship Service on March 16 will be held in the Parish Hall**

**Rick Deichert is leading worship service on March 23rd**

### **USHERS:**

**Captain: Mark Heimrich**  
**Assistant: Ross Cordell**  
**Phil Erb**  
**Linda & Alan Bluhm**

### **LAY READERS:**

**March 2 Doug Klopp**  
**9 Linda Bluhm**  
**16 Tracy Lather**  
**23 Pam Deichert**  
**30 Karen Rader**



### **WORSHIP and COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**

**March 2 Doug Klopp**  
**16 Tracy Lather**

### **KIDS' CLUB:**

**March 9 TBA**  
**23 TBA**

### **COFFEE HOUR:**

**March 2 Julie Heimrich**  
**9 Linda Bluhm**  
**16 Laurie Erb**  
**23 Kelly Jeffrey**  
**30 Karen Rader**