



FOR PETE'S SAKE

*St Peter's Lutheran Church
Zurich, Ontario*

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April 2025

Friday, April 4 – Pastor Nadine leads a Hymn Sing at the Exeter Villa at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 6 - Worship in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion. The service will be RECORDED.
- Food Basket Donations requested for Blessings.

Friday, April 11 - 5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Decorating for the Community. Invite your friends.

Saturday, April 12 -The Parish Hall is in use for a volunteer dinner (Huron County Food Bank)

Sunday, April 13 - Worship in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion Palm/Passion Reading. -
- Kids' Club - Laurie Erb (Palm Sunday/Last Supper/Communion for Kids themes).

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday Devotion at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion. The service will be RECORDED.
- Kids' Club – Kelly Jeffrey (Easter Story and fun for the children).

Sunday, April 27 - Service in the Parish Hall with Holy Communion.
- Kids' Club – Shannon Keller Laporte (Celebrating our German Heritage by making a German dish with Christa Ihrig).

Wednesday, April 30- Parish Hall is in use for a dinner for Blessings volunteers.

Thursday, May 8 – Women's Dinner at Hessenland in the Garden Room. Social 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.



Pizza Supper and Easter Egg Decorating Event in Parish Hall
ALL supplies provided. Pam and Rick Deichert are donating the eggs.
Donations to help defray other costs would be appreciated.
**RSVP to forpetesoffice@gmail.com or call 519-236-4697
by Wednesday, April 9th.**

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2025

EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Chairperson	Beverly Thiel
Vice Chairperson	Jenni Boles
Secretary	Laurie Erb
Treasurer	Rick Deichert

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Diane Klopp, Susan Deichert, Christa Ihrig, Chuck Erb

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Marg Deichert Financial Secretary (does not attend meetings)

PASTOR NADINE (Ex Officio)

(The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 23rd are sent as a separate attachment with this email).

SHROVE TUESDAY FOLLOW UP

The return of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Support was a resounding success with over 25 volunteers and 200 attendees from Zurich and nearby communities who enjoyed both flour and potato pancakes, sausage, sauerkraut, and applesauce.

Just over \$2,130 was raised with \$1,000 being donated to the Huron Food Distribution Centre. Special thanks to all those who donated to this event including Doug and Diane Klopp, Christa Ihrig, Chuck and Tanya Erb, Andrea and Michael Schaeffer, Bayfield Maple Syrup, Cedarvilla Farms, and Rader's Homestyle Market!

INVITATION



FREEDOM - Written with love by Bev Thiel



Freedom is such a powerful word or experience, that I hope everyone feels this at one time or another. It depends on what you want freedom from or your definition of this act. It is relative to the hold that someone or something has on you. There is the freedom of speech, freedom of projecting free will, freedom of being yourself and being comfortable within. My personal belief is that it is freedom when your experiences of regret and forgiveness takes priority.

My hope in my own life is that I am strong enough to forgive and release any animosity towards someone or a situation through which I have lived. To be willing to learn the lesson gracefully or take responsibility for my part in the dilemma. A person lives through events in their life, as lessons to be learnt and the strength to love yourself through it. To know within you that you encompass compassion, morales and values and be proud of these attributes. To give you strength and a portion of understanding, in order to help others. To give freely the pieces to someone, that you never got yourself. To feel empathy for someone that is feeling lost and needs to be found and listened to.

You often see in movies, read in books or witness this from one of your loved ones; that someone passing away, expresses so many regrets. There are many facets of regrets. Some of the trips and countries to be visited and thinking “someday when I retire” and then retirement comes, and you are physically not able to travel. Waiting for that right time and the wait becomes further and further away and reality kicks in. Even with all my injuries and daredevilish ways, I do not regret trying so many different sports, trips, or experiences along the way. My physical ailments could still exist, and I would have regretted not having fun and adventure.

Another element of regret that people have at times is not appreciating and respecting someone. Allowing time to pass by and not expressing your true feelings, or thinking you have all the time in the world, but you do not. Thinking to yourself that you need to visit someone and putting it off because you are too busy; and then being too late for that connection. Life is busy; but that does not prevent something happening and your chance to make amends or show how much you care passes you by.



My personal belief is that holding grudges is a silent killer. It holds you captive in your own sorrow and resentment. All the ill thoughts towards a person will take up space and eat away at your soul. By keeping it within your mind, it harms you and might not even affect the other person. It could turn out to be a complete misunderstanding. Imagine if that was the case and all the time lost, anger and mistrust has prevented connections within family and friends. How this can be passed on through generations of family rivalry and absorbing hatred or intolerance for someone you refuse to know. To me this is sad and extremely debilitating for all concerned. I am a hippie in so many ways, but mostly in my hope for peace. It is not to say that everyone does not have their own opinion and should have an acceptance of the reasons they do what they do. I have always believed to try and look on the other side of the coin and put yourself in someone else's position. To have the compassion outweigh the anger and hopefully balance out to acceptance.

Just like the saying that you can lead a thirsty horse to water, but you cannot make them drink it. To know that you have done everything in your power and accept that some things are not in your control. To feel proud of yourself for either making amends or attempting to. To know in your heart that you have tried and release it from your soul and wish them well.

Compare this to being a bird that is stuck in a cage, with all the resentments and anger locking us in. Through challenging work and learning the steps to not hold grudges, arrive at the core of our beliefs and forgive people and learn from our experiences; we are able to open the latch of that cage. This will give us the gateway to use our wings to fly and not allow anyone, especially ourselves, to clip our wings.

My personal belief is that this is freedom and the pathway to true happiness.

