



"FOR PETE'S SAKE"

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November 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates for November

Saturday, November 1 - Parish Hall has been rented for a Celebration of Life.

*****The Time changes - Set your clocks before bed. *****

Sunday November 2 - Sanctuary with Communion - All Saints Sunday - Food basket and Recording. Candle memorial for deceased loved ones. *Let Pastor Nadine know the names of anyone you'd like remembered during this part of the service.*

Sunday, November 9 - Sanctuary - Service of word - Kids' Club (Guest Leader Cathy Hugill - Making Christmas cards to deliver to Seniors' apartments in December)

Friday, November 14 - Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall, at 7:00 pm. "Penguin Lessons" (2024)

Saturday, November 15 - Register with Diane Klopp if you plan to attend the Women's Dinner at Bad Apple by this date. dklopp@hay.net.

Sunday, November 16 - Parish Hall service - Holy Communion - Potluck - Congregational meeting to discuss Heritage designation for the church, parsonage and pioneer cemetery.

Sunday, November 23 - Sanctuary - Christ the King Sunday - Holy Communion - Kids' Club (Guest Leader Michele Haberer - Making a Christmas craft)

Tuesday, November 25 – Book Club 7 pm

Wednesday, November 26 - BWRH 11 am Communion service - 2 pm Exeter Villa service

Thursday, November 27 - Women's Dinner at Bad Apple (more info below)

Sunday November 30 - Sanctuary - 1st Sunday in Advent - Advent wreath lighting - No communion - [complete Christmas decorating ahead of this Sunday & set up wreath (new candles are ready)] Congregational Ham dinner to follow.

Save the Date

Pastor Nadine will be leading an adult study group on key Christmas characters on three Thursdays in December (December 4, 11 and 18). Time to be announced soon.

Heritage Clock

Our beautiful heritage clock is one of only three tower clocks across Canada that uses its original operating mechanism. Our congregation has had the honour of looking after it for nearly 150 years, and the very specialized skills required to maintain it have been passed on from one generation to the next. In order to continue this legacy, Tom McBride, our current clock custodian, is willing to share his knowledge and skills with anyone who would be interested in learning the clock's inner workings and nuances. Please contact a member of council to let us know if you are interested.

Advent Wreath Lighting

The four Sundays in Advent are November 30, December 7, 14 and 21. Pastor Nadine is looking for volunteers to light the Advent wreath during the service on these Sundays. Please let her know as soon as possible what date you may be available to participate during the service by lighting the candles.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church Women's Dinner at Bad Apple

Please reply to Diane Klopp at dklopp@hay.net no later than November 15 if you are able to attend. Please notify her of any dietary restrictions. Preferred payment for dinner is to be made to Bad Apple Brewing Company by e-transfer to info@badapplebrewingco.com. If you don't use e-transfer, Diane will accept cash payment by November 15.



A Man of his Word – Written with love by Bev Thiel

For the simplicity of the phrase “man of his word”; it is noted that this includes both men and women. When a person is spoken about and someone says that he is a “man of his word”, what does that mean to you? Those five words carry a tremendous number of adjectives in the meaning of this person's character. My personal opinion is that they are perceived as someone that is trustworthy, honorable, reliable, and has integrity. I would be ecstatic if people described me as A WOMAN OF HER WORD. It is comparable to have a medal of honour for the characteristics of you as a person.

When you shake someone's hand and say to them “I give you my word”, what does that imply? It is relaying to them that they are to trust you explicitly, to believe that you will keep your promise and follow through; with not just words, but actions. Words without action to me portrays an empty promise. Why say it, if you are not going to do it. That is where trust enters the realm and if someone is constantly expressing words, but not fulfilling their promise, how is a person to fully trust what they are saying? Things happen or roadblocks appear along the way, but keeping people informed of this would only enhance their word. By procrastinating and either doing it later, or not doing it at all, who is this affecting? To me, it is both parties involved. First, the one that is constantly in a procrastination state of mind

because it ultimately affects how they are perceived. The second individual they are corresponding with eventually will not believe them. Their reliability and trustworthiness are questioned.

When someone says to you directly “trust me, I give you my word to help you in your time of need”; that person is relying on your help and commitment. This enables them to have a feeling of safety and security, that no matter what happens, someone will be there to assist me in whatever I need. It is offering someone a piece of cake on a plate and feeding them peace of mind. It is in our hierarchy of needs to feel safe. They are going to receive that nourishment, to give them strength to survive what they are experiencing. If that piece of cake doesn’t even have a recipe or even been cooked in the oven; how is it possible to feed that person. Do you comprehend how that individual feels of their existence and importance to you, if there is nothing but breadcrumbs offered to them. That is what being prepared means; when you have made a promise or extended an olive branch to help someone.

What if a person driving a car would continually state that they are going to fill the tank with gas. If they succeeded in this, they would be able to drive anywhere and even take passengers along the way. If they did not fill the tank with gas, how far do you think they will be able to travel. Also, would anyone want to travel with them, knowing full well that eventually they will run out of gas. They are taking your word when they agree to ride with you, that you are taking every precaution to keep the motor running and able to get to their destination.

The importance spoken in marriage vows are being relayed by both parties that they will honour those words. Their commitment is illustrating their character in morals and values. When their promises are broken, this affects their integrity and ultimately the foundation of their unity.

This needs to be taught to our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to be a person of their word and follow through. This is not just spoken to them but led by example on showing them the way to be honorable and trustworthy of yourself as the teacher. They cannot learn the true meaning from you, if you yourself are not fulfilling this prophecy.

In religion, it is spoken “Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God”. This is entrusting to people that the word of God is true. It is emphasizing that the word is a powerful message and shall be believed.

Being a “man of his word” or “woman of her word” is the backbone of society. This cannot be taken lightly or not to comprehend the importance of this in our existence. The saying “think before you speak” and the reality of actions and words needing to be in unison is on the top rung of the ladder. If you wish to reach the top of this ladder, you need to take the steps of honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and genuine intent and **BE A PERSON OF THEIR WORD.**

