

# Peter's Net



May/June 2023

## Pastor's Message

Pastor Bob and Lisa are vacationing in Portugal from March 28 – May 10. We look forward to welcoming them back in church on May 21.

## Acceptance Letter Shared from Pastor Rob C. Wiesner

21 March 2023

Dear Mr. Elligsen, Council and Members of St Peter's!

Grace and peace to you.

I would like to begin this letter with a note of thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to interview for the position of Pastor. It was a real joy to have that time and conversation with the Call Committee. Marci and the Call Committee were very welcoming and made the whole experience a great one for me.

Thank you also for your warm welcome of my family as we worshiped with you. What a wonderful experience it was for us. My kids were excited to see many other children their own ages in attendance.

This letter is to inform you that I am in receipt of the Letter of Call and Employment Agreement. This letter is also

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to inform you that it is with great pleasure and excitement that I accept the call to the position of Pastor of St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brodhagen! I am excited to work together with all the members of St Peter's, to create new opportunities and partnerships, and continue to build on the close-knit community that you are. Together we continue the journey into a bright future of ministry, relevance, and making a difference in the lives of our members and our community at large!

Thank you for this opportunity for a much-needed new beginning for me and my family. I look forward to getting to know the congregation and its various ministries and working with the congregation for whatever the future holds.

I will forward the signed Letter of Call, the signed Employment Agreement, and the Residence Agreement in short order.

Thank you, again, for this wonderful opportunity with and among you at St Peter's!

I look forward to beginning ministry with all of you in July!!

Peace,

*Rev Robert C. Wiesner*

On behalf of the Congregation and Council we would like to thank the members of the Call Committee for a job well done.

Thanks to Marci Feltz (chair), John Elligsen, Emily Agar, Murray Rose, Elaine Dietz, and Jason Beuermann for their commitment to vetting a new pastor for our congregation that will fit the needs of our church family. We are pleased Pastor Rob Wiesner will be joining us on July 1. 2023.

## Thank You

The family of Grace Riehl would like to thank all the people involved in Grace's funeral service.

To Pastor Bob, the organist and secretary for all they did to help us honour Grace that day. Her church family was very important to her and as per her wishes the service would be at the church.

To everyone who donated to St. Peter's, your expressions of sympathy are very much appreciated. May God continue to bless your church as you hopefully welcome a new Pastor soon.

Warren, Dolores, Barry and Gail Riehl and families.

## Thank You

A big thanks to the following who did a great job cleaning up the grounds: Keith and Perry Bennewies, Elaine Dietz, Doris and Hugh Dietz and Judy DeJong.

So many people do important work to keep our church running smoothly and looking beautiful and it is good to be able to recognize and thank them. If you are the head of a group who have contributed

to our church and would like to have that group acknowledged, please submit names to Debby or Sherri. Otherwise, we will do a general thank you.

## From the Spiritual Care Department of the Huron Perth Health Alliance

They have started a new ministry, a knitting/crocheting ministry.

"Project: Pick Up Your Needles" - join the Huron Perth Health Alliance in creating Care Shawls and Blankets to give families during End-Of-Life, or when in need. Let's work together to show people that we love them and care for them by wrapping them in blankets of care! Bring all your gathered items to the volunteer desk of Stratford General Hospital marked 'attn. Spiritual Care'. Items will be taken to Clinton, St Marys and Seaforth too. (OR items can be left with Sherri Bennewies for drop-off at the hospital)



## Scholarships

The Eastern Synod has announced the scholarships they have available for post-secondary students for the 2023-2024 academic year. Deadline to apply is May 31. Details can be found on the Synod's website

<https://easternsynod.org/scholarships-2023>

## Highlights at St. Peter's

### March

- March passed by with a flurry of 2 baptisms, 2 Sundays of Holy Communion and our Shelterlink Service at the Brodhagen Community Centre in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Pastor Bob and Lisa left for their long-anticipated vacation in Portugal.
- A special congregational meeting was held on March 19 and the attendees unanimously voted to extend a call to Pastor Rob Weisner.

### April

- We had a number of different leaders during the month of April helping to cover Pastor Bob's vacation. Pastor Richard Holm led our Palm Sunday Service and Pastor Doug Reble led our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services. St. Peter's is blessed to also have such capable lay leaders to lead our services of Word and Prayer. We have enjoyed having Deb Elligsen, Julie Ryan and Char Breitmeier bring their messages to us.
- Thank you to the Sunday School for processing in with palms and singing on Palm Sunday.
- It was with joy on Palm Sunday that Marci Feltz, chair of the Call Committee, read Pastor Rob Weisner's letter of acceptance to our call. He will start with us in July.
- A deep clean of the parsonage happened on April 29 after the renovations in preparation for an Open

House after worship on May 7 and for the arrival of Pastor Rob and his family. Thank you to our many volunteers!

### Our condolences go out to:

Sandra Dietz and her family on the passing of her father Laird Finlayson on March 28. Laird's funeral was held at Egmondville United Church on March 31 with a spring interment.

Gayle, Greg and Glenda and their families on the passing of their mother Elsie Beuermann on March 29. Elsie's funeral was held on April 2 here at the church with Pastor Jeff Laustsen presiding and there will be a spring interment.

Richard, Roger and Karen and their families of the passing of their brother David Leonhardt on April 16. A celebration of David's life will be held at the Brodhagen Community Centre on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 1-5 pm.

### We welcomed in baptism:

Kayce Rose through Holy Baptism on March 5. Kayce is the son of Selina and Matthew and his sponsors are Joshua Rose and Stephanie Rose.

Scarlet Michelle Rose through Holy Baptism on March 12. Scarlet is the daughter of Josh and Krista and her sponsors are Stephanie Rose and Christine Rose.

*Sherri Bennewies*

Interim Office Administrator

## Notes from church council

Renovations are wrapping up at the parsonage in preparation for our Open House to share with the Congregation the improvements that have been made. The Open House will take place on May 7 following the church service.

Council is thankful for the volunteers that have been completing all the cleaning, painting, and renovation work. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the deep clean of the parsonage to ready it for the new minister and the open house.

In March, the Brodhagen Hall Committee provided the lunch, and congregants provided dessert when we co-hosted a fundraiser for Shelterlink at the Brodhagen Hall. Michelle Cutts, the co-chair of the Board of Directors was our guest speaker.

In April, we hosted Deb Mccracken-Nangereke for a Saturday morning brunch where she shared the important work the Olive Branch is doing in Tanzania. There was an opportunity to ask questions by the congregation, and fellowship was shared.

It was decided that this year instead of hosting the Sunday School Picnic on the last day of Sunday School this year, that we will instead host a picnic for Pastor Rob's first Sunday and include some children's activities in that service.

Church Council would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Pastor Rob Wiesner, and would like to share his

acceptance letter with the congregation, shown on the first page.

*Amy Lejcar*

Church Council Co-Secretary





**Clean out your closets, store  
rooms and book shelves for  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Fundraiser**

Starting in April, bring in your items to the church for  
drop off on Sunday mornings. If you are not able to  
drop off, call: Keith 519-348-2142

Kevin 519-348-4556

Richard 519-345-2037

**Last day for collection is May 28, 2023**

**We are collecting gently -used**

**Clothing**

Men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, scarves,  
handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, etc.

**Household**

Textiles (bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels,  
tablecloths, curtains, etc.)

Housewares

Books

Please pack clothes and textiles in full-sized garbage bags  
All items must be clean and in saleable condition



February 2023

Dear Friends and Family,

**As this year has started, I have seen so much anxiety, stress and depression in the youth of our community.** To be truthful, there is a lot we could be worried about. I have seen broken and strained family relationships. At times, it can seem impossible to even know where to begin.

**But where does our help come from?**

*"My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber"  
Psalms 121:2-3*

**I know that I can't fix everything in our community, but I completely believe I am where I am supposed to be.** I see God moving every day, not just on the bright days, but also in the dark ones. I can see the fruits of our ministry bringing love and hope into the young people of our area.

**No matter where I am, whether at the youth centre, schools, churches, or around town, I have the assurance that the Maker of heaven and earth is with me.** It also gives me such encouragement knowing how many people, from so many different places and backgrounds, are supporting me in this ministry. You allow me to go to those places to bring help and hope that comes from Jesus to the youth.

**I really am so thankful for those that are partnered with me in this ministry!** If you aren't a monthly partner and would like to be or are and would like to increase your giving to Youth Unlimited YFC Mitchell—towards my support—please fill out the form enclosed.

To give online, go to this link: [yfcmitchell.com/donation/jesse-britton](http://yfcmitchell.com/donation/jesse-britton)

Thankful to God and for you,

Jesse Britton  
Youth Unlimited YFC Mitchell

*"The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalms 121:8*



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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
May 7	10:00 Holy Communion	5 Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Sunday School starts upstairs Ice Cream Sunday
May 14	10:00 Word & Prayer Julie Ryan Leading	6 Easter	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Sunday School starts upstairs
May 21	10:00 Holy Communion Pastor Bob Hutchison presiding	7 Easter	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Family Sunday for Sunday School Baptism of Harrison Schellenberger
May 28	10:00 Holy Communion Pastor Bob Hutchison presiding	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	
June 4	10:00 Holy Communion Pastor Bob Hutchison presiding	Holy Trinity	Genesis 1:1--2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	
June 11	10:00 Word & Prayer Julie Ryan leading	2 Pentecost	Hosea 5:15--6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	
June 18	10:00 Holy Communion Pastor Bob Hutchison presiding	3 Pentecost	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]	
June 25	10:00 Word & Prayer Deb Elligsen leading	4 Pentecost	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	
July 2	TBA	5 Pentecost	TBA	

# WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

## May/June 2023

Date	Assistant	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringers
May 7	Sheri Bennewies	Ashley Kroonen family	Greg Beuermann	Mary Anne Rose	Mark & Mary Ann Rose	Doug Dietz
May 14			Helene Beuermann	Cindy Ludington	Neil & Diana Rapien	Doug Dietz
May 21	Murray Rose	Hugh & Doris Dietz	Sheri Bennewies	Jason/Helene Beuermann	Linda Johnston Family	David Bach
May 28	Lynn Hoegy	Maynard & Lynn Hoegy	Jan Leonhardt	Amy Lejcar	Amy & Peter Lejcar	David Bach
June 4	Deb Elligsen	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	Greg Beuermann	Jeff/Erin Robinson	Jeff/Erin Robinson	Brad Rapien
June 11			Helene Beuermann	Elaine Dietz	Barry & Elaine Dietz	Brad Rapien
June 18	Sheri Bennewies	Greg & Barb Beuermann	Sheri Bennewies	Wayne Jarmuth	Wayne Jarmuth & Grace Brown	Mark Rose
June 25			Jan Leonhardt	Kim Finlayson	Kim Finlayson & Marci Feltz	Mark Rose
July 2			Greg Beuermann	Richard Leonhardt	Tracy Gloor family	Doug Dietz



# May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm Youth Unlimited Spring Banquet
<b>7</b> 10:00 am Holy Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Church Council	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 am Word & Prayer	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 am Holy Communion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 am Holy Communion Final date for Fundraiser donations	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	7:00 pm Choir		

# June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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