

Peter's Net

Jul/Aug 2025



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From the Desk of Pastor Rob: "Summer Rest"

As the warmth of summer stretches across our days (hopefully not too hot!), many of us breathe a little easier. The calendar opens up, the sun lingers longer, and there's a quiet invitation in the air: *Slow down*. For those of us seeking to follow Jesus in a world of constant motion and endless striving, this invitation is not just a gift—it's a call to something radical.

In our culture, rest is often seen as unproductive or lazy. But from a progressive Christian perspective, choosing rest in a world that glorifies busyness can be an act of resistance. It is a reclaiming of our humanity and our worth beyond what we do, produce, or achieve. It is saying "no" to a system that too often leaves people burned out, disconnected, and spiritually dry.

Jesus frequently stepped away from the crowds—not to escape, but to reconnect with the Spirit, with creation, and with his own belovedness. Rest is not the opposite of action; it is what makes meaningful action possible. When we rest, we make space to listen—to the birds, to our bodies, to our neighbors, and to God. And often, that listening leads us toward compassion, justice, and hope.

Summer gives us an opportunity to live into this more generous rhythm. Whether

you find rest on a hiking trail, on your balcony with a book, in the laughter of a barbecue, or simply in silence, know that this time matters. You are not wasting time; you are grounding yourself in grace.

May this summer be more than just a break. May it be a reminder that you are deeply loved, exactly as you are—not because of what you accomplish, but because you belong. And from that grounded place, may we rise together, rested and ready, to build a world where all can find rest.

Grace and peace to us all as we continue to find our rest and center.

Enjoy the summer!

Pastor Rob

Notes from church council:

Hello from Church Council,

As we welcome summer weather, I wanted to bring you an update on behalf of the Church Council.

Our meetings have been full of conversation and decision making. We are working on some improvements (black out curtains to help with the sun shining in on the projector screen at the Church), as well as soffit and fascia on the parsonage, which is set to start in the next couple of weeks.

The congregational picnic was a hit this year. Thank you to all who organized and prepared food and most of all, thank you to everybody that attended!

Upcoming events for you to add to your calendar are:

- Canada Day Celebration at Brodhagen Hall - June 29th
- Cemetery Decoration - August 17th
- Welcome back to our Sunday School - September 7th
- and our 1st Cornhole Tournament- Brodhagen Hall - October 25th (more details to follow)

We wish you a safe and warm summer!

Jo-Anne Horan
Church Council Secretary

Our condolences go out to:

Murray and Ken Rose and their families and the family of Allan Rose who died on June 3. His funeral was held at the church with interment in the cemetery.

Sherri Bennewies
Office Administrator

Thank You!

(This is late because a certain newsletter compiler missed it last time!)

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Pancake Supper and special thanks to all who helped the night of the supper and brought desserts. We served 77 people and raised \$875 for Youth Unlimited.

*Pauline Siemon
& Debby Bennewies*
Pancake Supper Organizers

Thank You!

Thank you to Keith Bennewies and Perry Bennewies for the cemetery and church grounds clean-up this spring.

Also, thank you to Doug and Sandra Dietz for their work on the flowerbeds around the church and in the cemetery; also, Debby Bennewies and Amy Lejcar popping in as needed for the trees at the front.

Confirmation

School may just be getting out for Summer break (!!!) but Pastor Rob is looking ahead to Confirmation classes in September. If you are in grade 7 or 8, please reach out to Pastor Rob to let him know that you will be attending these classes.

Confirmation classes would begin by mid-September on **Sunday mornings at 9am in the basement**. The Confirmation program will focus on the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, theology, Lutheranism, and of course, real life experiences of applying these concepts to everyday life! If you have a child or grandchild that is Confirmation age (12-15 years old), please encourage them to be in contact with Pastor Rob by the end of August.

Pastor Vacation Time

Pastor Rob is on vacation July 16 – August 16.

Rev. Ken Whiting of Northside United Church in Seaforth will provide emergency pastoral coverage. He can be reached at 226-378-4239. This telephone number will also be on the church answering machine and in the Sunday worship guides during that period.

Financial Update to June 13, 2025

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	45,653.99	89,241.23	-43,587.24
Missions	1,640.00	0	1,640.00
Improvement	56,105.00	6992.80	49,112.20

Reminder

There is a flower chart posted in the back of the church in the narthex. If you would like to remember someone or celebrate a life event, please feel free to reserve a Sunday by writing your name next to it. Please also bring a note with the flowers for Pastor Rob to read to acknowledge them.

Looking for...

Those who would be interested in being on the readers, greeters and communion washers lists. The more people who take part, the fewer times a year your name comes around. Thanks for considering.

Adult Education / Bible Study

Pastor Rob would like to thank those members who participated in this year's program, whether in person or from home, for faithfully participating! We learned a lot, had many great conversations, had some laughs, and learned that the Church is always a work in progress.

Come September we will begin a new program! If you are interested in participating in this program, you are ALL welcome!

To help decide on what we will learn/explore in September here are some options to think about:

1. Introduction to World Religions by Pastor Rob
2. Eclipsing Empire DVD program by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan
3. Gospel Study (Mark) by Pastor Rob

4. Letters of Paul Study by Pastor Rob
5. The Greatest Prayer book study by John Dominic Crossan
6. God & Empire book study by John Dominic Crossan
7. Evolution of the Word (NT in chrono order) by Marcus Borg

If there is a topic that is of interest to you that is not on this short list, please let Pastor Rob know and it can be added in. Please let Pastor Rob know your top three (3) choices by the end of July so that he has time to prepare.

Healing & Communion Services

Healing and Communion services have the potential to resume in the Fall/September. Since everyone has busy schedules, please let Pastor Rob know if you are interested in these services. Depending on the numbers of people interested in this type of service a date and time will be announced in the September edition of Peter's Net. If you are in any need of healing, please know that you are more than welcome to join us for prayer, healing and communion! All are welcome!

Prayer List, Pastoral Visitations and Home Communions

If you have a prayer request for yourself or someone you know (and with their permission) please pass it along either to Pastor Rob or anyone on the Care Team and the request will be added to the prayers until such time as you ask it to be removed.

Getting to know members of the congregation is one of Pastor Rob's main goals. There is no better way to do that than to have a visit or coffee (or beverage of your choice) and share in conversation. If you would like to have a pastoral visit with Pastor Rob please speak to him directly or call him at the Study Office at 519-345-2807. You can also email him at: revrobwiesner76@gmail.com

There are those who cannot attend a service in person for various reasons. If you are someone who has missed a communion service or are unable to attend a service in person, then please reach out to Pastor Rob for a home communion visit. Again, please contact him at the number or email provided above.

What? Where?

This is the first of a new series to explore the history of the objects and people in our church. Over the years, many items have been donated and most of us never see the inscriptions. The hope is to learn about the objects in our church and remember those who donated them. Thanks to Elaine Dietz for the suggestion. Any extra info on the objects is welcome.

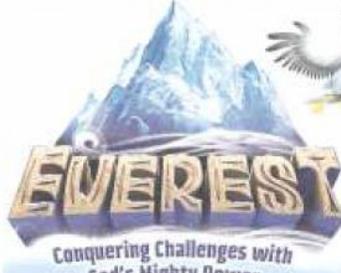


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The answer and full picture of the object will be in the next issue of the newsletter (If you can't wait that long, talk to Sherri ☺)

Community News



EVEREST
Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Vacation Bible School

Sunday to Thursday, July 6-10
6:30-8:00 pm at Grace

ages 3-12



Anyone interested in helping, contact
Deb 348-9073 or Kim 348-0293 or CHURCH

Preregister helpful: 348-9082 or g1church@bellnet.ca

-- come the nights you can --

Tell your friends, neighbours, grandkids.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

July/August 2025

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
July 6	10:30 AM Holy Communion	4 Pentecost	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	
July 13	10:30 AM Holy Communion	5 Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	
July 20	10:30 AM Service of the Word	6 Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Pastor Rob on vacation; Julie Ryan guest presiding and preaching
July 27	10:30 AM Service of the Word	7 Pentecost	Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13	Pastor Rob on vacation; Deb Elligsen guest presiding and preaching
August 3	10:30 AM Service of the Word	8 Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Pastor Rob on vacation; Mike Doan guest presiding and preaching
August 10	10:30 AM Holy Communion	9 Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Pastor Rob on vacation; Rev. Richard Schwass guest presiding and preaching
August 17	2:00 PM Holy Communion	Cemetery Decoration	Psalms 23 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 John 11:25-26	Cemetery Decoration with refreshments following worship <i>Deadline for Peter's Net</i>
August 24	10:30 AM Service of the Word	11 Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	
August 31	Closed for Mitchell Fall Fair Service			Mitchell Fall Fair Church Service in the West Perth Community Centre and Arena at 9:30 AM
September 7	10:30 AM Holy Communion	13 Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Start of Sunday School; start upstairs

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

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Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
July 6	Sherri Bennewies	Abigail Lejcar	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	Jan Leonhardt	Deb Elligsen	Pauline & Keith Siemon	Doug Dietz
July 13	Murray Rose	Henry Schalk	Doug and Sandra Dietz	Greg Beuermann	Amber Schalk	Trish Smith & Amber Schalk	David Bach
July 20		Brynn Wolfe		Helene Beuermann	Kim Finlayson	Dave Bach & Jennifer Hugill	David Bach
July 27				Sherri Bennewies	Wayne Jarmuth	Julie & Brad Beuermann	Brad Rapien
August 3				Jan Leonhardt	Sherri Bennewies	Pauline & Don Beuermann	Brad Rapien
August 10	Deb Elligsen		John & Bonnie Beimers	Helene Beuermann	Mary Ann Rose	Mary Ann & Mark Rose	Mark Rose
August 17	Sherri Bennewies		Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Greg Beuermann	Grace Brown	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Mark Rose
August 24				Jan Leonhardt	Lynn Hoegy	Sandra & Doug Dietz	Doug Dietz
August 31	closed			closed	closed	closed	closed
September 7	Murray Rose		Brighte Aitken family	Sherri Bennewies	Cindy Ludington	Debby & Dale Bennewies	David Bach

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 AM Holy Communion	7	8	9 7:30 PM Council Meeting	10	11	12
13 10:30 AM Holy Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:30 AM Service of the Word Julie Ryan presiding	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30 AM Service of the Word Deb Elligsen presiding	28	29	30	31	30	

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 10:30 AM Service of the Word Mike Doan presiding	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:30 AM Holy Communion Rev. Richard Schwass presiding	11	12	13	14 Time TBD Choir Practice	15	16
17 2:00 PM Holy Communion Cemetery Decoration	18 7:00 PM Music & Worship Committee	19	20 7:30 PM Church Council	21	22	23
24 10:30 AM Service of the Word	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Closed – Mitchell Fall Fair Service						