



Peter's Net

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From the Desk of Pastor Rob:

"Back to School, Back to Work... Back to Life's Rhythm"

The last of the summer sunsets seem to come a little earlier now. The air, though still warm (or very hot and humid), carries a hint of crispness that whispers of autumn ahead. And for many of us, the calendar reminds us that vacation days are behind us, school supplies are bought, and alarm clocks are ready to ring again.

We are stepping back into the rhythms of school and work after a season of long evenings, family trips, and maybe a few "just one more swim" or "one more swing of the baseball bat" moments. The return can feel both refreshing and daunting. We've had time to rest and play—but now the pace quickens again.

This is part of the beautiful pattern of life that God has woven into creation: seasons of rest and seasons of work, times for play and times for purpose. Ecclesiastes tells us, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* Summer gave us the time to breathe more deeply. Now autumn calls us to take that renewed energy and put it toward learning, building, creating, and serving.

One temptation is to treat summer and the rest of the year as two separate worlds: one for fun, the other for seriousness. But what if we didn't have to leave the best parts of summer behind?

The joy of a picnic, the wonder of exploring a new place, the calm of a sunset—these are not meant to be locked away until next June. They are glimpses of God's goodness that can shape our daily lives. As we return to classrooms and office spaces, we can bring with us the spirit of curiosity, playfulness, and gratitude that summer cultivates.

For students, this means seeing the new school year as more than just "getting through" assignments—it is an invitation to grow, to discover new gifts, and to build relationships that will shape the future. For those returning to work routines, it's a chance to approach our tasks with fresh eyes, remembering that our work can be an offering to God and a way to bless others.

It's easy to imagine that God is most present in the quiet of a lakeside evening or the peace of a hammock nap. And yes, God is surely there. But God is also just as present in the early morning rush to catch the bus, the hum of meetings, the after-school conversations at the dinner table.

In Psalm 23 we are reminded that God's presence follows us wherever we go—through green pastures and through the bustling valleys of everyday life. This means our return to "real life" after summer is not a step away from God's nearness but simply another setting in which God walks beside us.

As we move into this new season, our church also steps into fresh opportunities to serve and support one another. We pray for our children, teachers, and school staff as they begin another year. We look for ways to encourage those who are feeling the weight of their work responsibilities. And we commit ourselves to being a community where rest, joy, and purpose are woven together in the life of faith.

Let's embrace this season with open hands—bringing summer's joy into autumn's calling, trusting that the One who gave us rest will also give us strength for the work ahead.

May we remember that in every season—whether by the water's edge or in the middle of a busy day—God is with us, guiding us into life abundant.

Peace be with you all and let us enjoy this time together!

Pastor Rob

Notes from church council:

Hello from Church Council,

This season has gone by far too quickly. The Church Council continued to meet throughout the summer months. We have a few updates to share:

- Dave Bach and Jennifer Hugill are retiring from their positions of cemetery and cemetery bookkeeping duties after many years.

The church council is pleased to announce that Scott Robinson will be taking on the cemetery duties of being the primary contact for cemetery inquiries, sales of plots/niches, marking out the plots, digging holes for cremations and being the primary contact for funeral homes & monument

companies. The council is also pleased to announce that our treasurer Glenda Morrison will be taking on the bookkeeping and reporting duties.

Dave and Jenn will work with Scott and Glenda over the fall to familiarize them with the duties so that the handover is complete by the end of the year.

We thank Dave and Jenn for all their work in meeting the needs of families and making sure that our cemetery is current with regulations.

- The bank has increased their scrutiny of the cheques being deposited to the church's bank account. St. Peter's wholeheartedly thanks all who donate to the church. Please be sure to make the cheque payable to "**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Brodhagen**". Also, if you make any kind of correction to a number in the date or amount, please be sure to initial it. Council has had a cheque declined in the past few months because a correction was made to the date.
- The church is always beautifully decorated for Harvest Home and we thank all who over the years have contributed to this. Families with last names starting with C-F are invited to decorate this year. At time of publishing, coordinator(s) are unknown.
- We are looking forward to welcoming the children of St. Peter's back to Sunday School on September 7th.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the warm season.

Blessings,

Jo-Anne Horan
Church Council Secretary

Financial Update to August 18, 2025

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	65,816.35	117,846.49	-52,030.14
Missions	3,225.00	0	3,225.00
Improvement	60,075.00	16,739.05	43,335.95

Blessing of the Animals

Are you a pet or animal lover? Have a cat or dog, pig or bird? How about a lizard or a spider? Cow or horse or piglet or chick? Join us on Sunday, October 05 at 9:30am for a special Blessing of the Animals service to commemorate the anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets are welcome! Humans welcome too, of course!

Thank you!

Thank you to Mark Rose for his many years of bell ringing as he retires from this position. The congregation appreciates the time you have devoted to this volunteer position.

We welcome Alex Bennewies as his replacement, joining the team of Dave Bach, Doug Dietz and Brad Rapien.

Sunday School

If anyone is interested in helping at Sunday School, adult or highschool student, please speak to Amy Lejcar. Highschool students will receive volunteer hours towards their highschool volunteer requirements.

Choir is starting again!

Choir practice is starting once again on September 4 at 7pm. The choir is always looking for new members; come join for the fun and friendship. Exceptional music provided, exceptional singing not required.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This spring council became aware that there is a food bank operating in Monkton for those who are food insecure and have no

means of transportation to other centers where they might be able to access a food bank. The decision was made that our Thanksgiving Food Drive will be for the Monkton Food Bank. The Food Drive will run from September 14 to Harvest Home Sunday. Please stay tuned to the announcements during that time where current needs of the food bank will be shared.

Adult Education / Bible Study

If you are interested in attending Adult Bible Study in the Fall our topic will be a DVD-based program created by the late Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, two of the world's leading biblical scholars and theologians. This program is titled "Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God". Join them on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12-session DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today. Filmed in High-Definition across Turkey, Greece, and Italy. ALL are welcome to attend.

We will meet on Tuesday evenings, beginning on Tuesday, September 9 at 7pm in the church.

Save the Date

Keep in mind Saturday, October 25 as the Fundraising Committee is planning a Cornhole Tournament as a fundraising event. It will be held at the Brodhagen Community Centre.

Further information to follow.

Healing Services

Our monthly Healing and Communion services will attempt to resume in the Fall (Monday, September 8), which I am super excited by! If you need prayer, fellowship, or would like a special healing blessing, please join us on the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary! All are welcome!

Family Fun Night


We began this event last year to a very positive response by those who attended, and we would like to offer it again this coming Fall.

We will keep up the same pattern as last year by meeting on the last Friday of each month, either upstairs in the church, or downstairs in the basement, depending on the event or activity.

Please mark your calendars for the following events/activities:

- Friday, September 26 @ 6:30pm – movie night – bring your snacks and drinks.

Community News



Public Education for persons 55+

Healthy Brain Workshop

What kinds of memory changes should I expect as I grow older?
What changes are normal and which ones are not?
Can I improve my memory? Find answers at this 4-week course!

SEAFORTH: Northside United Church, 54 Goderich St W	
Tuesday, September 23	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, September 30	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, October 7	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, October 14	1:30 - 3:30 pm

“Excellent program – I have already recommended it to everyone I meet! Thank you!”

“Very informative – Great Instructor. Easy to speak with, very helpful and approachable.”

“There is a lot of information. I would love to take this again and definitely recommend it to EVERYONE!”

We will watch the funny movie “Migration”.

- Friday October 24, Time TBA – Hallowe’en event (wear your costume)
- Friday, November 28, Time TBA – Christmas ornament making
- We will not meet in December since it is already a very busy month.

ALL are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please speak to Kyla Wiesner or Pastor Rob.

Jr. Confirmation

Confirmation classes could also potentially begin by mid-September (September 14) on Sunday mornings at 9am in the basement. The Confirmation program will focus on Hebrew Bible, New Testament, theology, Lutheranism, and of course, real life experiences of applying these concepts to everyday life! If you have a child of grandchild that is Confirmation age (12-15 years old), please encourage them to be in contact with me by the end of August.

Register with Jeanette at 1-800-561-5012 or email jeanettes@alzhp.ca
\$25 Workbook Fee. Registration deadline September 21.

What? Where?

Continuing the 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.



Last month – donated in 1922

Answer - The candlesticks on the altar in the basement



This month

Inscription "To the Glory of God
Donated by Gottlieb Mueller 1956"

This is a very reflective item, it was
hard to disguise its surroundings!
What am I? Where am I?



St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Brodhagen would like to invite you to Sunday School!

Starts Sept. 7, 10:30 am

*All Children are welcome, JK-Gr.7, no Church membership required.
We are an inclusive Church Community.*

We would love to welcome your family to Sunday School! 'Built on a Rock' in Brodhagen, we have gathered as a community of faith for over 160 years.

In our worship Children meet upstairs for Church at 10:30am and head downstairs after the Children's message.

Children will learn bible stories, sing songs and do crafts. We enjoy special Sundays such as Icecream Sunday, Cupcake Sunday and a Sunday School Picnic. Children at St. Peter's traditionally participate in a Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, and sing in Church at Thanksgiving.

Come as often as you like, there are no awards for perfect attendance!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please fill out the registration form and bring with your child on their first day at Sunday School. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies as snacks are sometimes offered.

Check us out online at: stpetershouse.ca
Facebook: St Peter's Lutheran Church Brodhagen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
September 7	10:30 AM Holy Communion	13 Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	First day of Sunday School – welcome back! Blessing of the backpacks – Sunday School be sure to bring them; Baptism
September 14	10:30 AM Service of the Word	14 Pentecost	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	9AM Confirmation Thanksgiving Food Drive collection for Monkton Food Bank starts; Baptism
September 21	10:30 AM Service of the Word	15 Pentecost	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	9AM Confirmation (possibly) Zoom service with Deb Mcracken-Nangereke and the Olive Branch for Children; Thanksgiving Food Drive ongoing
September 28	10:30 AM Holy Communion	16 Pentecost	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	9AM Confirmation (possibly) Start of new liturgy <i>Tree of Life</i> ; Thanksgiving Food Drive ongoing; 2PM West Perth Village Service
October 5	10:30 AM Service of the Word	17 Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	9AM Confirmation (possibly); 9:30AM Blessing of the Animals; Thanksgiving Food Drive ongoing
October 12	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Harvest Home	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	9AM Confirmation (possibly); Harvest Home; Sunday School singing; Final day of Thanksgiving Food Drive collection; Decorating: last names from C-F
October 19	10:30 AM Service of the Word	19 Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8	9AM Confirmation (possibly);
October 26	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	9AM Confirmation (possibly); Wear red for Reformation Sunday
November 2	10:30 AM Holy Communion	All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	9AM Confirmation (possibly);

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

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Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
September 7	Murray Rose		Brighte Aitken family	Sherri Bennewies	Cindy Ludington	Debby & Dale Bennewies	David Bach
September 14				Helene Beuermann	Amy Lejcar	Maynard & Lynn Hoegy	David Bach
September 21				(Zoom service, no livestream)	Richard Leonhardt	Perry & Kathy Bennewies	Brad Rapien
September 28	Lynn Hoegy		Greg & Barb Beuermann	Greg Beuermann	Dave Wietersen	Dave & Jackie Wietersen	Brad Rapien
October 5				Jan Leonhardt	Peter Lejcar	Wayne Jarmuth & Grace Brown	Alex Bennewies
October 12	Deb Elligsen		Richard & Jan Leonhardt	Sherri Bennewies	Erin/Jeff Robinson	Erin/Jeff Robinson	Alex Bennewies
October 19				Helene Beuermann	Kevin Ludington	Bob & Barb Jarmuth	Doug Dietz
October 26	Sherri Bennewies		Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Greg Beuermann	Jason/Helene Beuermann	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Doug Dietz
November 2	Murray Rose		Angela Smith	Jan Leonhardt	Deb Elligsen	Jim & Faye Tubb	David Bach

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5	6
7 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School starts Blessing of the Backpacks; Baptism	8 7:00 PM Healing Service	9 7:00PM Adult Education	10 7:30 PM Council Meeting	11 7:00 PM Choir Practice	12	13
14 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word Baptism	15	16 7:00PM Adult Education	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
21 10:30 AM Service of the Word Zoom Service with Olive Branch	22	23 7:00PM Adult Education	24	25 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26 6:30 PM Family Fun Night Movie Night	27
28 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village	29	30 7:00PM Adult Education				

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4
5 9:30 AM Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM Service of the Word	6 7:00 PM Healing Service	7 7:00PM Adult Education	8 7:30 PM Church Council	9 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10	11
12 10:30 AM Holy Communion Harvest Home	13	14 7:00PM Adult Education	15	16 7:00 PM Choir Practice	17	18
19 10:30 AM Service of the Word	20	21 7:00PM Adult Education	22	23 7:00 PM Choir Practice	24 Time TBA Family Fun Night Hallowe-en Event	25 Time TBA Cornhole Tournament
26 10:30 AM Holy Communion Reformation	27	28 7:00PM Adult Education	29	30 7:00 PM Choir Practice	31	