

Peter's Net



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From the Desk of Pastor Rob:

As the days grow longer and the warmth of the sun begins to settle into our bones again, we find ourselves stepping into one of the most hope-filled times of the year. May and June invite us to notice what has been quietly unfolding—buds opening, fields greening, and life returning in ways both small and profound.

After the stillness and heaviness that winter can sometimes bring, this season feels like a deep breath. It is a reminder that renewal is not just something we hope for—it is something woven into the very fabric of creation. The earth itself becomes a kind of testimony: that rest gives way to growth, that what seems dormant is often preparing for something new.

At St. Peter's, this is a beautiful time to reconnect—with one another, with our community, and with God's presence in the everyday. Whether it's hearing birdsong in the early morning, watching children play outside again, or gathering for worship with open doors and open hearts, these moments ground us in gratitude. They remind us that faith is not only something we practice inside walls, but something we live out in the rhythms of daily life.

Summer, just around the corner, brings its own kind of invitation. It calls us to slow down when we can, to savor time with family and friends, to rest, and to be renewed. It also invites us outward—to share kindness, to extend hospitality, and to

be a visible sign of God's love in our neighborhoods. Even simple acts—a conversation over coffee, lending a helping hand, or checking in on a neighbor—can become seeds of grace that grow in unexpected ways.

And just as the earth is renewing, so too are we invited into renewal of spirit. This might be a season to revisit practices that nourish your faith—prayer, reflection, time in nature, or simply moments of quiet. However it looks, may this season gently restore your energy, your hope, and your sense of purpose.

This time of year carries particular meaning for many in our congregation. To those who work the land—planting, tending, and trusting in what cannot yet be seen—know that your work is deeply valued and deeply understood as sacred. Farming is an act of faith as much as it is an act of labor.

There are always uncertainties: weather that won't cooperate, rising costs, long days, and decisions that carry weight. And yet, year after year, you step into the fields with resilience and hope. That hope mirrors something at the heart of our faith—the belief that what is planted with care and perseverance can bring forth life.

As a congregation, we hold you in prayer during this planting season. We pray for favorable weather, for strength in the long days, for safety in your work, and for peace

in the uncertainties. May you be encouraged by the quiet promise of the season—that growth is happening, even when it cannot yet be seen.

As we move into these brighter days together, may we all find moments of renewal, glimpses of joy, and a deep sense of connection—to God, to one another, and to the life that is flourishing all around us.

Grace and peace to you this season—and may it be one of growth, rest, and abundant blessing.

Pastor Rob

Notes from church council:

Church Council would like to thank all members who helped with the Church spring clean up, both inside and out. The building and grounds look amazing as usual, it's easy to see that St. Peter's members take a lot of pride in their beautiful church and cemetery grounds. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered.

Thank you also to all who supported the churches Camp Kintail fundraiser. It is important we keep our youth engaged in the church and this was a great opportunity to do so. Thanks to Black Creek Flower Farm and especially Kyla for organizing this.

The following projects are either in the works or completed:

- Silver Tuna Restoration from Stratford will be repairing the ceiling of the sacristy. They will prep, cover furniture, remove loose material, mud, prime and paint. It should look good as new by the end of May.
- The Organ Tuner recommended we add a humidifier in the pipe room. Council is looking at options and plan to have something in place this summer.
- Luke Melady will be patching and coating with sealant in front of the

church from where the county stopped the new pavement to the curb. He will also be painting lines indicating the handicapped parking spots. This will have everything out front tidied up from the road paving and up to code. This work will be done when the weather permits.

- The church sign improvements are on track and should be completed prior to summer.
- John Elligsen has completed some entrance light work and replaced entrance bulbs. Thank you John.
- Council is awaiting quotes for a new parsonage septic system. More to come on this much needed renovation.
- St. Peter's will once again provide a MDHS Commencement Sponsorship in the amount of \$100 to a student in Manufacturing Technology.

Council would like to take this time to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that support our church in any manner. So many people do so much to make every Sunday a success. Many little things that we take for granted have to be taken care of by someone and you know who you are. So thank you again to everyone for making St. Peter's Brodhagen the best it can be.

Pauline Beuermann

Church Council Chair

Our condolences go out to:

Kathy, Linda Johnston, Jeff, Patrick, their families and extended family on the death of Perry Bennewies on January 3. Perry's funeral was held here at St. Peter's on January 8.

Tammy Beuermann, Tracey Philips, Lisa Wolfkamp, their families and extended family on the death of their mother Audrey Beuermann on February 22. Audrey's funeral was held at Lockhart's Funeral Home on February 26.

Financial Update to April 8, 2026

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	30,635.38	51,218.60	-20,583.22
Missions	1,165.00	0	1,165.00
Improvement	1,900.00	1,799.92	100.08

Allan, Mary Siemon, Mark, their families and extended family on the death of their mother Betty Schenck on February 26. Betty's funeral was held at Lockhart's Funeral Home on March 7.

We welcomed in baptism:

Nolan Haney, son of Olivia and Kevin Haney on March 22. Nolan's sponsors are Emily Beuermann and Richard Haney.

Wyatt Bennewies, son of Shannon and Nathan Bennewies on April 26. Wyatt's sponsors are Ashley Kroonen and Amy Lejcar.

Sherri Bennewies

Office Administrator

Mutual Ministry

The Mutual Ministry team has been busy assisting Pastor Rob with a new congregational outreach program. Mutual Ministry is reaching out to active and inactive church members in order to update contact information and see if any need for Pastoral care is required.

The Mutual Ministry team consists of Pauline Beuermann, Marci Feltz, Murray Rose and Jason Beuermann.

Mutual Ministry acts as a sounding board for any congregational concerns the Pastor may have or any Pastoral concerns the congregation may have using a protocol provided by the national Synod. If you have any church related questions or concerns please reach out to any member of the Mutual Ministry team and they will assist you.

Jason Beuermann

Mutual Ministry



Mother's Day Garden Fundraiser – Thank You!

On behalf of our youth, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Garden Fundraiser. Your orders, along with three additional generous donations and a generous donation made at our Annual Meeting, made a meaningful impact.

Thanks to your support, we are excited to share that a total of \$1,885 was raised. These funds will help send our youth to Camp Kintail this August and continue to support youth programming in the years to come.

Order pick-up will take place on **Friday, May 8th from 5:30–8:00 p.m.**, and will be distributed by our youth.

We are truly grateful for your generosity and for being such a caring and supportive community.

Thank you!

Kyla Wiesner and the Youth

Fundraising Report

On behalf of the fundraising committee - Keith & Michelle Bennewies, Murray Rose, Richard Leonhardt and Kevin Ludington - we want to thank everyone who helped support our first Cornhole Tournament held March 28th at the Brodhagen Chamber Hall. For the people that came to play, set up, take down, helped in the kitchen or just to socialize – we can't thank you enough!

We had 32 teams register and had to turn some away – the support and praise was wonderful. Teams came from near and far, even some from our own congregation! The winning team was from the St. Marys area.

Approximately \$3600 was raised from the cornhole tournament fees, silent auction and donations for food. This money will be used for church improvements.

A big Thank You to the Chamber for the donation of the hall use. They received the bar funds and were very pleased with the support there!

Also to the people and businesses that supported our silent auction:

- Keith & Michelle Bennewies (food and silent auction)
- Don & Pauline Beuermann
- Jean Gloor
- Oasis Spa in Mitchell
- Kevin Ludington Plumbing
- Ken Ahrens
- Excalibur Insurance -Mitchell (Kelsey Bennewies)
- Hoegys Farm Supply
- Camp Kintail

The biggest Thank You goes to Kelsey & John for running the cornhole tournament and putting everything together, we can't thank them enough for all their hard work!

Our work is never done but with your support; we are just a little bit closer!

Thanks to all!

Kevin Ludington

Arbour Day

A huge thank you to Keith Bennewies and Scott Robinson for spear-heading the clean-up of the grounds around the church, cemetery and parsonage. It was a wise decision to move clean-up to Thursday morning instead of "RAINY" Friday.

Along with Keith and Scott, thank you to Jan Leonhardt, John Elligsen, Judy DeJong, Hugh, Doris, Barry and Elaine Dietz. Thank you to Pauline Beuermann for Tim's coffee and donuts and Doris for her cookies. What wonderful treat to accompany our lively conversations.

Keith will bring the sweeper for the stones once it's drier and the snow pile by the east parking lot is gone. As well, Keith and Scott plan to trim some branches along the cemetery driveway.

We raked – We laughed – We enjoyed refreshments together.

Elaine Dietz

Food Committee

Wednesday, March 18 – St. Peter's hosted the Seaforth and Area Lenten Luncheon. We hosted approximately 96 guests. Before lunch, there was coffee, tea and cold drinks and a social time. At 12:00 noon, Pastor Rob welcomed everyone and said grace before our soup, breads, fruit and tart meal. At 12:30 pm, Kevin Ludington introduced our M.P. John Nater. John showed wonderful slides showing some of his many Perth-Wellington activities and various Parliament buildings in Ottawa. He also answered questions at the end of his presentation.

Well done John, thank you so much. Luncheon donations of \$1010 were given to the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation. Foundation chair Ron Lavoie accepted the donations on behalf of the Foundation.

Thursday, April 2 was St. Peter's Agape service. Quiche, casseroles, salads, breads, tarts, squares and fruit were enjoyed by 52 members before the service.

On behalf of the Food committee, thanks to all who volunteer to bring food and help clean-up by doing dishes or taking down tables. We can't do it without your help.

Thank you.

Elaine Dietz

Adult Education – Intro to World Religions Program Continues

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who have taken part in our *Intro to World*

Religions program. Your openness, curiosity, and thoughtful engagement have helped create a space of meaningful learning and respectful conversation. It has been a gift to explore together how different traditions understand life, faith, and what it means to live well.

As we continue in the weeks ahead, we will turn our attention to the religions of India—including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism—as well as traditions that emphasize balance and harmony in all things, such as Shinto, Taoism, Wicca, Native Spirituality, Confucianism, and others.

If you are interested in joining us, you are warmly invited—there is always room for more voices in the circle. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the church basement!

As seen in various publications: attributed to Max Bowen as compiler

Church Bulletin Board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight, "Searching for Jesus."



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.



Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



Irvin Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

What? Where?

This series explores 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 'see' the objects that are 'just' part of the fabric of our church and remember those who donated them. Thanks to Elaine Dietz for the suggestion.



These two items became part of St. Peter's while the congregation was still worshipping in the original white frame church. Whether they were donated or bought by the church is unknown by the office admin.

Item 1:

Inscription:

St Petri Kirche 1892

Item 2:

The engraving on this item is difficult to read, but the date and font of the engraving indicate it was donated at the same time as the item above

Inscription:

Confi????ten 1892

More Church Announcements! (let's hope I don't make these spelling typos!)

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. – prayer and medication to follow.



The church will host an evening of fine dining, social entertainment and gracious hostility.



This evening at 7 p.m. there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.



This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May/June 2026

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
May 3	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	9:00 AM Confirmation; Sunday School starts upstairs
May 10	10:30 AM Service of the Word	Easter 5	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	9:00 AM Confirmation; Family Sunday for Sunday School (Mother's Day)
May 17	10:30 Service of the Word	Easter 5	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	9:00 AM Confirmation; Family Sunday for Sunday School (Victoria Day)
May 24	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	9:00 AM Confirmation; Congregational Picnic; Games outside for kids during service; Lunch of hotdogs and ice cream sundaes
May 31	10:30 Holy Communion	Holy Trinity	Genesis 1:1—2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	9:00 AM Confirmation
June 7	10:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 2	Hosea 5:15—6:6 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	9:00 AM Confirmation; 65 th Confirmation Reunion 2:00 PM West Perth Village service
June 14	10:30 Service of the Word	Pentecost 3	Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]	Confirmation Sunday
June 21	10:30 Service of the Word	Pentecost 4	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	<i>Deadline for July/August Peter's Net</i>
June 28	10:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 5	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	
July 5	10:30 Service of the Word	Pentecost 6	Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

May/June 2026

Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
May 3	Deb Elligsen	Mack Schellenberger	Brighte Aitken & family	Helene Beuermann	Amy Lejcar	John & Bonnie Elligsen	Bob Bauer
May 10		Parker Wolfe		Greg Beuermann	Dave Wietersen	Dave & Jackie Wietersen	Bob Bauer
May 17		Wade Aitken		Jan Leonhardt	Grace Brown	Grace Brown & Wayne Jarmuth	Alex Bennewies
May 24	Murray Rose	Jasen Beuermann	Judy DeJong	Sherri Bennewies	Peter Lejcar	Julie & Brad Beuermann	Alex Bennewies
May 31	Sherri Bennewies	Scarlett Gloor	Ashley Kroonen family	Helene Beuermann	Trish Smith	Trish Smith & Amber Schalk	Doug Dietz
June 7	Lynn Hoegy	Luke Kroonen	Angela Smith	Greg Beuermann	Richard Leonhardt	Doug & Sandra Dietz	Doug Dietz
June 14		Drew Schalk		Jan Leonhardt	Jason Beuermann	Chris & Colleen Elliott	David Bach
June 21		Jordyn Schellenberger		Helene Beuermann	Debby Bennewies	Dave Bach & Jenn Hugill	David Bach
June 28	Deb Elligsen	Mack Schellenberger	Richard & Jan Leonhardt	Sherri Bennewies	Kevin Ludington	Mary Ann & Mark Rose	Bob Bauer
July 5		Parker Wolfe		Greg Beuermann	Elaine Dietz	Keith & Pauline Siemon	Bob Bauer

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion	4	5 7:00 PM Adult Education	6	7	8 5:30-8:00 PM Plant pickup	9
10 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word	11	12 7:00 PM Adult Education	13 7:30 PM Council Meeting	14 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15	16
17 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word	18	19 7:00 PM Adult Education	20	21 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23
24 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Picnic 31 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion	25	26 7:00 PM Adult Education	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				7:00 PM Choir Practice		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village		7:00 PM Adult Education	7:30 PM Church Council	7:00 PM Choir Practice		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 AM Service of the Word (Confirmation Sunday)		7:00 PM Adult Education		7:00 PM Choir Practice		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 AM Service of the Word <i>(Deadline for Peter's Net)</i>		7:00 PM Adult Education		7:00 PM Choir Practice		
28	29	30				
10:30 AM Holy Communion		7:00 PM Adult Education				