

Peter's Net

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From the Desk of Pastor Rob: From Summer Rest to Autumn Renewal

There is something special about the rhythm of summer. The days stretch a little longer, gardens come alive, fields grow and change almost before our eyes, and there are evenings when the setting sun seems reluctant to disappear. For some, summer offers opportunities for holidays, cottages, camping, travel, or simply sitting outside with family and friends. For others—especially our farmers and those whose work becomes busier during these months—“summer relaxation” may sound more like wishful thinking!

Whatever these months have held for us, I hope there have been moments when you have been able to slow down, breathe deeply, laugh with people you love, and notice some of the beauty surrounding us. Sometimes the sacred finds us most clearly in these ordinary moments: a beautiful sunset, children playing, a garden producing its first tomatoes (or, as it is in our garden, zucchini), a conversation around a campfire, or the simple gift of having nowhere else to be.

And now September arrives.

Backpacks return to school hallways. Lunches need packing again. Work routines settle back into place. Harvest approaches. Calendars that seemed pleasantly empty in July suddenly begin filling with appointments, meetings, practices, programs—and church activities!

Here at St. Peter's, September and October bring a wonderful return to a fuller rhythm of congregational life. Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, youth activities, learning opportunities, fellowship, and other gatherings remind us that church is not simply somewhere we attend on Sunday morning. It is a community in which we learn, serve, laugh, question, grow, and walk alongside one another.

And perhaps that is one of autumn's gifts.

Summer reminds us of the importance of **rest**. Autumn reminds us of the joy of community and purpose.

As the leaves begin changing and another season unfolds, may we carry some of summer's beauty and rest with us. May we resist becoming so busy that we miss one another. May we make room for laughter and friendship amid crowded calendars. And may we enter this new season with gratitude, curiosity, and joy.

There is much to look forward to—and, as always, God will meet us along the way.

Blessings for a joyful autumn!

Pastor Rob 😊

Notes from church council:

Church council would like to welcome back all of our students. Whether you are returning to Sunday School, heading off to

college or starting a new chapter at university, we are so proud of each and everyone of you. This upcoming school year holds so much promise, and we want you to know you're supported, prayed for, and celebrated every step of the way. May your days be filled with growth, good friendships and the kind of learning that sticks with you long after the books are closed. We are cheering you on and cannot wait to see all the great things God has in store for you.

Updates on projects:

- Special Thanks to Luke Melady. The sealing of the pavement in front of the church and the painting of the raised edge of the sidewalk and sills into the church have been completed and he did such a great job.
- Two new digital screens were installed into the sign structure in front of the church. Messaging on the screens will be controlled from the church office by Pastor Rob and Sherri and training has taken place. Thank you to Jason Beuermann for spearheading this project.
- The quilt gifted to Pastor Art Horst on his retirement and donated back to the church by Eleanor Horst and family has been hung at the back of the sanctuary. Pastor Rob introduced it at the Cemetery Decoration service. It is a wonderful remembrance of Pastor Horst and the amazingly creative women of the ELW who designed and created it.

God bless,

Pauline Beuermann

Church Council Chair

Our condolences go out to:

The family of Dwight Pushelberg. Dwight died on June 30 and his graveside service was held in July at St. Peter's cemetery.

Sherri Bennewies

Office Administrator

Choir is starting again!

Choir practice is starting once again on September 10 at 7pm. The choir is always looking for new members; come join for the fun and friendship. Exceptional music provided, exceptional singing *not* required.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on **Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am** as we celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year of Sunday School with our Blessing of the Backpacks!

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to worship as we offer a special blessing for the new school year. We will also bless and give thanks for our Sunday School teachers and volunteers who share their time, energy, and love with our young people.

Come as we remind our children that wherever the year takes them, they are loved, they are valued, they belong, and they never walk alone!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another year of learning, laughter, friendship, and fun!

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 04 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!

Financial Update to August 23, 2026

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	71,795.34	139,256.62	-67,461.28
Missions	2,255.00	0	2,255.00
Improvement	4,875.94	10,809.64	-5,933.70

The General Income has changed since last newsletter. July/August amounts had included money received from an estate. That has been removed from General Income for this newsletter to give a true picture of giving in 2026. That money has been moved into GICs.

Mutual Ministry

Now that a busy Fall is upon us, it is time for the Mutual Ministry Team to gather and explore opportunities for the pastoral ministry for 2026 and 2027. This will also include conversations with various members of the congregation to see what their pastoral needs are, as well as, to explore opportunities for our membership to participate in events, programs, services, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Please know that the Mutual Ministry Team is always available for conversation!

Pastor Rob

Adult Education

As you know, for the past year, our Adult Education learning program was an **Introduction to World Religions** program in which we explored the many and beautiful teachings, beliefs, practices, sacred texts and objects of many of the world's enduring religions.

This September we will conclude that program by exploring the final set of religions we were not able to cover before Summer break.

Also, our group has decided to meet on a new day and at a new time. We hope that this change will allow for more members who are interested in Adult Education Bible Study to do so more freely. Our new date and time will be **Monday's at 10:30am**,

starting **Monday, September 14**. It is my hope that we will conclude well before the winter snows come and the busy season of Advent begins.

You are welcome to participate in the entire program or simply join the sessions focused on the religions you are most interested in learning more about. Whether you come with deep curiosity or just a desire to better understand your neighbours, this program is open to all.

Religions we will explore include: Native/Indigenous Spirituality, Wicca/Neo-Paganism, Shinto, Confucianism, Taoism, and mystic traditions such as Kabbalah, Christian mysticism, and Sufism.

If you are interested in an outline or schedule, or wish to participate in the program, please let Pastor Rob know.

Come learn with us as we build knowledge, empathy, and connection—one conversation at a time.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Monkton Food Bank will start on **Sunday, September 20** and will continue until Harvest Home Sunday on October 11.

Calling ALL Youth: Movie Night!

Join us for a fun and relaxed movie night with friends—snacks, laughs, and a great film included. Bring a friend and come hang out! 🍿🍷 **Saturday, September 26 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary! The movie we will watch is “A Minecraft Movie” starring Jack Black and Jason Momoa.

Family Fun Night

We began this event a couple of years ago 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 25 at 6:30pm – movie night – bring your snacks and drinks. We will watch the funny movie “Moana” starring the voice talents of Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and Auli’i Cravalho
- Friday October 30 – Hallowe’en event (wear your costume)
- Friday, November 27 – 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.

West Perth Village Service

This is a friendly reminder to all Choir members that there will a service at the West Perth Village chapel on Sunday, September 27 at 2PM!

Future services include:

- November 15
- January 3, 2027
- February 21

Harvest Home Decorating

Before we know it, Harvest Home is going to be here! This year it is October 11. The church is always beautifully decorated for this Sunday and we thank all who over the years have contributed to this effort. Families with **last names starting with G-K** are invited to decorate this year. At the time of publication, coordinator(s) are unknown.

Pastoral Acts & Funeral Pre-Planning

The life of any congregation is filled with many celebrations and commemorations, not the least of which are baptisms, marriages and funerals.

If you, or a family member or friend, are interested in requesting a baptism, wedding or funeral, please see Pastor Rob for more information.

Very few of us want to think of end-of-life decisions or pre-planning our own funeral service. However, having some of or all these requests pre-planned are very helpful to both family and clergy as they work together to celebrate and remember the life of a loved one.

If you are interested in this sort of pre-planning, you may make an appointment with Pastor Rob at any time.

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Rob is available during regular office hours and can be reached for any reason during the following times (except for days off):

Monday to Thursday – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday – Days Off
Sunday – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Of course, if there is a pastoral emergency (death, hospitalization, accident, fire at church) Pastor Rob can be reached at his emergency cell-phone number: 519-949-3404. Please reserve this emergency contact number for emergencies only.

Seaforth Fall Fair Service

St. Peter's is unable to participate in the Seaforth Fall Fair Ecumenical Service but everyone is welcome to attend. The service will take place on September 20 @ 10:30am. Donations will be accepted for the Seaforth Food Bank.

Methods of Giving

Not everyone takes a look at our website and the different avenues available to donate to the church. Here is a quick primer:

1. At Sunday worship: use one of the envelopes in the pews.

2. Send a cheque to the church: the address is at the beginning of this newsletter. Please make the cheque out to **St. Peter's Lutheran Church Brodhagen**

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.

This column will return next newsletter when there might be less to report!

3. Send an etransfer: Set up the church as a payee and use the address stpetershousebrodhagen@gmail.com (if you are not a member of the church, please include your email address in the memo line so that we can contact you for your address to send you a charitable receipt)

4. Donate through the church website: <https://www.stpetershouse.ca/give> It is best to set up an account in case you want to make changes. You can contribute one-time or set up a monthly donation.

5. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Payments: This is a way to contribute on a monthly basis. Please contact our treasurer Glenda at glendamorrison999@gmail.com for information or to sign-up.

6. Donate through our Canada Helps account: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-peters-lutheran-church-brodhagen> It is possible to send a one-time donation or set-up a monthly donation. New in the last year or so is the ability to donate mutual funds or securities.

Canada Helps provides immediate charitable receipts. All the other methods will generate a charitable receipt from our recording secretary at the end of the financial year.

Thank you for your support of St. Peter's.



August 16, 2026 – Cemetery Decoration



The quilt crafted by members of the ELW in 1988 and gifted to Pastor Art and Eleanor Horst on the occasion of his retirement. Eleanor Horst and family have donated it back to the church and it is hanging at the back of the sanctuary.

Take some time to admire the incredible detail and craftsmanship, right down to the sign in front of the church with Sunday School and worship times embroidered on it.

The Only Church Member

(submitted by Wayne Jarmuth)

By the time the morning church service was about to begin, only one man had arrived.

The Pastor looked at him and said,

"It seems everyone else has slept in. Would you rather go home, or should I give the sermon?"

The man replied,

"When I go to feed my chickens and only one shows up, I still feed it."

The Pastor took that as encouragement.

He stepped up to the pulpit and delivered a sermon that lasted for an entire hour.

When he finished, he asked the man,

"So what did you think?"

The man smiled and replied,

"When I go to feed my chickens and only one comes, I don't give it the whole bucket."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September/October 2026

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
September 6	Closed	Closed		Mitchell Fall Fair Church Service in the West Perth Community Centre and Arena at 9:30 AM
September 13	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Pentecost 16	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	First day of Sunday School; start upstairs; Blessing of the Backpacks for children and educators
September 20	10:30 Service of the Word	Pentecost 17	Jonah 3:10—4:11 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Start of Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of Monkton Food Bank Seaforth Fall Fair Ecumenical Service@ 10:30am
September 27	10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village service	Pentecost 18	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Thanksgiving Food Drive continues 2:00 PM West Perth Village service
October 4	9:30 AM Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM Service of the Word	Pentecost 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	9:30 AM Blessing of the Animals Thanksgiving Food Drive continues
October 11	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Harvest Home	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19	Last day of Thanksgiving Food Drive Decorating: last names G-K
October 18	10:30 AM Service of the Word	Pentecost 21	Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Baptism <i>Deadline for November/December Peter's Net</i> 😊
October 25	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	Reformation – please wear red if possible
November 1	10:30 AM Holy Communion	All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Candle Lighting of Remembrance – please bring picture(s) of your loved ones you wish to remember

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

September/October 2026

Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
September 6							
September 13	Deb Elligsen	Wade Aitken	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	Sherri Bennewies	Grace Brown	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	Alex Bennewies
September 20		Jasen Beuermann		Greg Beuermann	Trish Smith	John & Laurie Mogk	Doug Dietz
September 27	Murray Rose	Scarlett Gloor	John & Bonnie Elligsen	Jan Leonhardt	Richard Leonhard	Wayne & Cathy Regele	Doug Dietz
October 4		Luke Kroonen		Helene Beuermann	Jason Beuermann	Dave Bach & Jennifer Hugill	David Bach
October 11	Lynn Hoegy	Drew Schalk	Doug & Sandra Dietz	Sherri Bennewies	Jeff/Erin Robinson	Bob & Barb Jarmuth	David Bach
October 18		Jordyn Schellenberger		Greg Beuermann	Elaine Dietz	Kim Finlayson & Marci Feltz	Bob Bauer
October 25	Sherri Bennewies	Mack Schellenberger	Brighite Aitken family	Jan Leonhardt	Debby Bennewies	Jeff & Ashley Kroonen	Bob Bauer
November 1	Deb Elligsen	Parker Wolfe	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Helene Beuermann	Kevin Ludington	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Alex Bennewies

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 St. Peter's Closed 9:30 AM Mitchell Fall Fair worship service	7	8	9 7:30 PM Council Meeting	10 7:00 PM Choir practice	11	12
13 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School starts	14 10:30 AM Adult Education	15	16	17 7:00 PM Choir practice	18	19
20 10:30 AM Service of the Word	21 10:30 AM Adult Education	22	23	24 7:00 PM Choir practice	25 6:30 PM Family Fun Nite – movie <i>Moana</i>	26 6:30 PM Youth Group Movie Nite - <i>Minecraft</i>
27 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village service	28 10:30 AM Adult Education	29	30			

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				7:00 PM Choir practice		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 AM Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM Service of the Word	10:30 AM Adult Education			7:00 PM Choir practice		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 AM Holy Communion Harvest Home	10:30 AM Adult Education ??		7:30 PM Church Council	7:00 PM Choir practice		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 PM Service of the Word (<i>Deadline for Peter's Net</i>)	10:30 AM Adult Education			7:00 PM Choir practice	6:30 PM Family Fun Nite – Hallowe'en event	6:30 PM Youth Group Event
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30 AM Holy Communion Reformation	10:30 AM Adult Education			7:00 PM Choir practice		