



Peter's Net

November/December 2026

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From the Desk of Pastor Rob: A Season of Light, a Community of Love

As winter draws near, the world invites us into a different rhythm. The days grow shorter, the air turns crisp, and warm windows offer a welcome glow against the early dusk. Here at St Peter's, we look forward to the gifts of Advent and Christmas: time to pause, make room for one another, and welcome again the promise of God's love among us. Advent begins with waiting—but it is a hopeful, expectant kind of waiting. As we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we remember that even a small flame can help us find our way. We don't need to have everything sorted out before we enter this season. We can bring our questions, our weariness, our excitement, and our dreams. There is room for all of it, and room for every one of us.

Winter can be beautiful, but it can also be demanding. For some, the coming weeks will be filled with happy gatherings and familiar traditions. For others, they may bring loneliness, financial worries, difficult memories, or the absence of someone dearly loved. As a church community, we have the opportunity to make the season gentler: through a phone call, a shared meal, an offer of help, or a listening ear. Sometimes the most meaningful gift is simply letting someone know, "You belong here, and we're glad you're part of our lives."

The Christmas story draws us toward just such a welcome. God comes among us as a child, born into ordinary human vulnerability and surrounded by people making their way through uncertain times. The first invitations reach shepherds working through the night; travellers arrive from far away. From the beginning, this is good news that crosses boundaries and widens the circle.

At St Peter's, may we keep widening that circle. May our welcome embrace people of every age, background, identity, and circumstance. May we notice those whose voices are too often overlooked, share what we can with neighbours facing hardship, and care tenderly for the earth that sustains us. Every act of generosity helps give the Christmas message a living, local expression.

And may we make room for delight! There is joy in a much-loved carol, a child's anticipation, a friendly conversation, and the smell of something delicious baking. There is joy in gathering for worship and in finding a quiet moment amid the bustle. We need these small celebrations. They refresh our spirits and remind us how much goodness there is to share.

As we journey through winter, Advent, and Christmas, may **hope** help us imagine a kinder world and take our next step toward it. May **peace** settle in our hearts and guide the way we treat one another. May **joy**

surprise us in ordinary moments. And may **love** be the welcome we receive and the gift we carry into our community.

From all of us at St Peter's, warm wishes for a blessed Advent, a joyful Christmas, and a winter filled with friendship, comfort, and light.

Pastor Rob 😊

Notes from church council:

Church council would like to thank all who helped with the cleanup after the terrible storm the area had on Sept 2. Luckily there was no damage to the Church itself, although there were lots of limbs down on the church property. The middle light standard was damaged in the east parking lot and has since been repaired. 8 trees came down on entire property. 5 trees fell onto the neighboring Leonhardt property. We also had trees removed from the roof of the Parsonage. The trees that fell on the Parsonage caused some damage to the steel roof punching a couple of holes. Structurally the Parsonage is good. The back deck of the parsonage was also heavily damaged. Power was out for three days. The entire plumbing system was flushed to make sure it was in check. The church will receive a settlement check for \$18,798.16 from insurance for repairs under the storm claim. The church will still have to come up with approximately \$12,000 for repairs on the Parsonage and property clean up not covered by insurance. Many thanks again to all of our dedicated members that helped to see the clean up and insurance process through.

Now for some happier news, Team St. Peter's Putter's - including Scott and Jeff Robinson, Richard Leonhardt and John Elligsen - recently represented our church in a golf tournament fundraiser for Youth Unlimited. Thanks guys!

And last but not least, we are very excited to announce our first Men's Group breakfast being held in the church basement October 24 from 8am – 10am.

God bless,

Pauline Beuermann
Church Council Chair

Our condolences go out to:

Jim & Faye Tubb and family on the death of Jim's mother Beth Tubb. Beth died on October 10 and was a member of Main St. United Church.

Maynard and Lynn Hoegy and family on the death of Maynard's brother Merle Hoegy. Merle died on September 27 and a celebration of life was held on October 9th.

We welcomed in baptism:

Colbie Forsyth, daughter of Stephanie Rose and Matt Forsyth on October 18. Colbie's sponsors are Matt Rose and Selina Consitt.

Sherri Bennewies
Office Administrator

Family Fun Night

Please mark your calendars for the following events/activities:

Friday, November 27 at 6:30pm – Games Nite! Please bring a favourite game that you want to play and share!

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.

Financial Update to October 14, 2026

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	100,970.59	149,899.26	-48,928.67
Missions	3,185.00	0	3,185.00
Improvement	8,880.94	16,131.08	-7,250.14

Adult Education

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has taken part in our Intro to World Religions program over the past year and a half. Your curiosity, thoughtful questions, and willingness to explore the world's beautiful and unique faith traditions have made our time together a joy. Even when beliefs and practices were very different from those familiar to us, you approached them with openness and respect. I am deeply grateful for all we have learned and shared together.

We will bring the program to a close in early November, making room to prepare for the busy Advent and Christmas seasons. A new program will begin in 2027, when the weather allows us to gather safely again. Until then, thank you for your companionship on this journey of discovery!

And to those who participated, don't forget that you are a glass of ocean!!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to Don & Pauline Beuermann, Helene Beuermann and her 2 helpers for loading the food donations and delivery to the Monkton Food Bank. Also, thank you to everyone in the congregation for your generosity of contributions!

Harvest Home Decorating

Thank you to the following people who provided decorations and did the decorating of our church for Harvest Home. Once again, the church looked spectacular!

Elaine Dietz; Lynn Hoegy; Ashley, Clara, Ella and Luke Kroonen; Wayne Jarmuth and Grace Brown; Pauline Beuermann; Diane Rapien; Bob and Barb Jarmuth; and Deb Elligsen.

Inclement Weather Procedure

If there is concern about the weather and possible cancellation of worship:

- Pastor Rob and the council will make a decision by 8:30 am
- Pastor Rob will send out an email and the cancellation will be posted on Facebook, Youtube and the church website (stpeterhouse.ca)
- The message on the church's answering machine will be changed

If you do not have access to email or Facebook, please call the church at 519-345-2535 and check the answering machine message before venturing out.

Longest Night Service

For many, Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. But for others, it can also be a time touched by sadness, loss, or quiet reflection. The Longest Night Service at St. Peter's, held on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m., offers a space of gentle hope and peace for anyone who finds this season difficult.

Through candlelight, prayer, scripture, and music, we will make room for both grief and grace — acknowledging our struggles while trusting that God's light still shines in the darkness. Whether you come carrying sorrow, remembering a loved one, or simply

needing a moment of stillness in a busy season, you are welcome here.

Come as you are. Rest in the quiet. Find comfort in the promise that even in the longest night, God's light remains.

Financial End of the Year

The council clarified with our treasurer Glenda that donations can be accepted until December 31. To receive a charitable receipt for 2026, etransfers, donating via

the website or dropping cheques off at the church has to happen by December 31.



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.



No surroundings to
give away this
location!



**Harvest
Home
2026**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

November/December 2026

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
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 loved ones you wish to remember; Sunday School starts upstairs
November 8	10:30 Service of the Word	Pentecost 24	Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Baptism of Lennon Cox; Sunday School starts upstairs
November 15	10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village service	Pentecost 25	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Sunday School starts upstairs
November 22	10:30 Service of the Word	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Sunday School starts upstairs
November 29	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Advent 1	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Sunday School – first Christmas Program rehearsal @ 10:30am
December 6	10:30 AM Service of the Word	Advent 2	Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Sunday School – Christmas Program rehearsal 9-10am; then costume fitting and Special Sunday @ 10:30am
December 13	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Sunday School – Christmas Program rehearsal 9-10am; no Sunday School during church
December 20	10:30 AM Service of the Word; Choir Cantata	Advent 4 Choir Cantata		Sunday School – Christmas Program dress rehearsal 9-10am; <i>Deadline for January/February Peter's Net</i>
December 21	7:00 PM Longest Night Service			
December 24	7:30 PM Sunday School Program	Christmas Eve		Sunday School Christmas Program
December 25	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14	Merry Christmas!
December 27	10:30 AM Service of the Word	Christmas 1 Service of Carols and Readings		No Sunday School
January 3	10:30 AM Service of the Word	Christmas 2	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	No Sunday School

January 10	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Sunday School starts Epiphany party – details to follow
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WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE November/December 2026

Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
November 1	Deb Elligsen	Scarlett Gloor	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Helene Beuermann	Kevin Ludington	Jo-Anne & Denny Horan	Alex Bennewies
November 8		Wade Aitken		Sherri Bennewies	Mary Ann Rose	Mark & Mary Ann Rose	Alex Bennewies
November 15	Lynn Hoegy	Jasen Beuermann	Greg & Barb Beuermann	Greg Beuermann	Kim Finlayson	Kyla Wiesner family	Doug Dietz
November 22		Scarlett Gloor		Jan Leonhardt	Peter Lejcar	Amy & Peter Lejcar	Doug Dietz
November 29		Luke Kroonen	Hugh & Doris Dietz	Helene Beuermann	Cindy Ludington	Jean Gloor	David Bach
December 6		Drew Schalk		Sherri Bennewies	Amber Schalk	Jan & Richard Leonhardt	David Bach
December 13	Sherri Bennewies	Jordyn Schellenberger	Judy DeJong	Greg Beuermann	Dave Wietersen	Emily & Adam Agar	Bob Bauer
December 20		Mack Schellenberger		Jan Leonhardt		Paul & Dianne Dietz	Bob Bauer
December 21				Sherri Bennewies			
December 24				Sherri Bennewies			Bob Bauer
December 25	Deb Elligsen		Sherri Bennewies	Helene Beuermann	Jason Beuermann	Grace Brown & Wayne Jarmuth	Bob Bauer
December 27		Parker Wolfe		Greg Beuermann		Dennis & Sharon Bennewies	Alex Bennewies
January 3		Wade Aitken		Jan Leonhardt	Lynn Hoegy	Kevin & Cindy Ludington	Alex Bennewies
January 10	Murray Rose	Jasen Beuermann	Ashley Kroonen family	Helene Beuermann	Trish Smith	Brighite Aitken family	Doug Dietz

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30 AM Holy Communion	2 10:30 AM Adult Education	3	4	5 7:00 PM Choir practice	6	7
8 10:30 AM Service of the Word	9 10:30 AM Adult Education	10	11 7:30 PM Council Meeting	12 7:00 PM Choir practice	13	14
15 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM West Perth Village service	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Choir practice	20	21
22 10:30 AM Service of the Word	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Choir practice	27 6:30 PM Family Fun Nite – Games Nite	28
29 10:30 AM Holy Communion	30					

December 2026

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		1	2	3	4	5
				7:00 PM Choir practice		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 AM Sunday School rehearsal 10:30 AM Service of the Word				7:00 PM Choir practice		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 AM Sunday School rehearsal 10:30 AM Holy Communion			7:30 PM Church Council	7:00 PM Choir practice		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 AM Sunday School dress rehearsal 10:30 PM Choir Cantata (Deadline for Peter's Net)	7:00 PM Longest Night Service			7:30 PM Christmas Eve Sunday School Program	10:30 AM Christmas Day – Holy Communion	
27	28	29	30	31		
10:30 AM Service of Carols and Readings				Last day to submit donations for 2026		