

Peter's Net



July/August 2018

From the Pastor's Desk:

As I sit down to prepare this summer edition of Peter's Net we're fresh off Confirmation Sunday. Just this past weekend five young women stood up in front of the congregation to profess their faith and give their "YES" to the promises that were made for them at their baptism.

Each year I have the students write a "Statement of Faith" as their final requirement for confirmation. I also arrange for some adult members to share a Statement of Faith with the congregation on the Sundays leading up to Confirmation (thank you to Wayne Jarmuth and Sherri Bennewies for accepting the call this year!). What was different this year is that for the first time I had the Confirmands also share their Statements of Faith with the congregation during the Confirmation Sunday worship service.

It was truly inspiring to witness these young women bravely get up in front of a church full of people and share their personal stories of how God has been active in their lives, what their faith means to them, and how they plan to continue living out their faith once they're confirmed.

I know that many of you reading this newsletter were not able to be there in person to hear these statements, which is why I asked if the confirmands would let their statements be published in this edition of Peter's Net on pages 4-7. My hope is that by reading their words you too will be inspired this summer to think about your story of faith and how God continues to be active in your life.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Laura

The 2018 Confirmation Faith Statement assignment consisted of the following five questions. Take some time this summer to think about how **YOU** might answer them:

1. How did I come to have faith in Jesus? What people, places, experiences have had the most influence on your faith?
2. Who is God? Or, how would you answer someone who asks, "So, who is God anyway?"
3. What does it mean to you (or what difference does it make) that Jesus died and then rose again?
4. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbour as yourself." What kinds of things do you do to follow this?
5. How will I continue to serve God and grow in my faith after I'm confirmed?

Council Notes

With the coming of the nice weather, our summer session is starting at St. Peter's. The council has been addressing some of our outside concerns over the last few weeks. At the Parsonage, work on repairing the deck has been started, making it safe and usable once again. Discussions have continued about the columbarium in the cemetery, recommendations from the cemetery committee have been accepted by council, and a meeting will be scheduled to bring those recommendations to the congregation with the Nelson Granite representative in attendance. And the fascia and soffit work, and outside painting of the church will proceed. There was also a boiler leak in the parsonage heating system that was repaired. Council has approved the purchase of a new refrigerator for the parsonage after repair costs mounted for the old fridge.

News from the Pews

Saturday, May 5 – Arbor Day clean-up for the church and cemetery grounds. Thank you to all who came and helped out!

Sunday, May 13 – Our Mother's Day Supper at the Brodhagen Community Centre was a sold-out event. Thank you to all who volunteered time and energy to make this event a success.

Sunday, May 27 – The annual Sunday School picnic was held, with worship and games on the parsonage lawn, followed by a potluck lunch in the church basement. Thank you to all the young (and young at heart) who joined us in worshipping in God's good creation.

Pastor Laura received a recommendation from Synod that our constitution be updated before the next annual meeting. To facilitate this, a committee will be formed.

Appreciation is extended to Bob and Barb Jarmuth for their work in setting up, preparing the food, and organizing the green volunteers for the very successful Mother's Day Banquet held at the Brodhagen community center. Council was very pleased with the turnout, and the net returns for this event of approximately \$4300 benefitted our church improvement fund. Thank you very much.

Council wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

Deb Elligsen
Council Secretary

Friday, June 1 – Communion Instruction class for our Grade 3 & 4 students.

Sunday, June 3 – On our Celebration of Communion Sunday we recognized the 9 students who completed the communion instruction class.

Sunday, June 10 – Pastor Laura & members of the Senior Choir led worship at the Ritz Villa and Mitchell Nursing Home.

Thank you to Wayne Jarmuth and Sherri Bennewies who gave a Faith Statement on June 3 & 10.

Sunday, June 17 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
Congratulations to our 2018 confirmands:
Taya Cornish, Emma Robinson, Katherine
Havenga, Sheana Beuermann & Brett Gethke.

Tuesday, June 19 – a defibrillator and CPR
training was held for the council and
interested congregation members.

June 21-24 – Pastor Laura & Debbie Elligsen
attended the Eastern Synod Assembly in
Toronto.

COMING UP...

Sunday, July 1 – there will be a Canada Day
BBQ following worship put on the by the
Outreach Committee. WEAR RED.

July 2-8 – Pastor Laura is on vacation. Pastor
Bob Hutchison is on call for any pastoral
emergencies (519-271-5808) and will be
leading worship on July 8.

July 15-21 – Pastor Laura is on study leave
attending the Young Clergy Women
International Conference in St. Louis,
Missouri. Pastor Bob Hutchison is on call for
any pastoral emergencies (519-271-5808).

Sunday, July 22 – Mobility Bus is scheduled.
Please contact Joan in the church office to
book a ride.

Sunday, August 19 – Cemetery Decoration –
Worship Service is at 2:30 PM with
refreshments to follow.

August 20 – September 2 – Pastor Laura is
on vacation. Pastor Bob Hutchison is on call
for any pastoral emergencies (519-271-
5808).

Sunday, September 2 – Mitchell Fall Fair –
There is no worship at St Peter's. Instead we
will join in the Fall Fair Community Worship
at the Mitchell Community Centre (185
Wellington St) at 9:30 AM.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Liz Diegel who passed away
on May 9. Her funeral was held at Lockhart's
Funeral Home on May 12, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS

John & Justine Nater on the birth of their
daughter Caroline Elsie.

Linda & Derek Johnston on the birth of their
son Conner John Perry.

Joan Beuermann
Office Administrator

Road Closure for Bridge Replacement

Please be advised that the Meyers Bridge on Perth Line 44 (just down the hill from the church) is scheduled for replacement and preconstruction is to begin June 25th. The project is expected to take approximately 22 weeks and during that time both Line 44 (between Hwy 23 and Road 179 in Brodhagen) and Road 170 (between Line 42 and Line 46) will be closed. The church and cemetery will only be accessible from the west end of Brodhagen, which means many of you may need to give yourself a little extra travel time.

2018 Confirmation Statements of Faith

Brett Gethke

I came to have faith in Jesus when I was baptized on August 28, 2005, and I grew up going to Sunday school. I celebrated all of the religious holidays such as Christmas and Easter, and learned why those days were so special. Every summer I go to overnight camps and all the camps I go to are Christian camps. We sing songs about Jesus, we learn about Jesus, and we watch a play based on a bible reading that the counsellors put on.

If someone were to ask me “so, who is God anyway?” I would respond by telling them that I believe God is our father, our creator, and he loves us no matter what. God is our father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, and he loves us all, and forgives us our sins. I would tell them that God created this world, and has created all of us to live in it.

It means quite a bit to me that Jesus died on the cross for us so that our sins could be forgiven, and we could have eternal life. Jesus sacrificed his life for our well-being, so I believe we should show our respect and thanks by being kind to others, and worshiping Jesus by praying quite frequently.

I would follow the greatest commandments by praying, and never losing faith in Jesus. I would be kind to others and try my best not to be rude, or disrespectful. I would also make sure that everyone is treated equally so if I saw someone being bullied or excluded, I would try to help.

After I am confirmed I will continue to serve God by continuing to pray and showing

respect to my neighbours. After I am confirmed I will keep coming to church as much as I can, and I will try to encourage more younger children to come to church or Sunday school.

Taya Cornish

Good morning. I’m Taya Cornish and I was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Dashwood when I was 8 months old. When my mom and I moved to Mitchell we began to worship at my grandparent’s church, St Peter’s. I began to have faith as soon as I started going to Sunday School here at St Peter’s.

When I am sad, or there is sadness in my life, my faith in God grows and strengthens. There are many people who have inspired and help my faith to grow. Aunt Michelle and Uncle Keith have helped my faith to grow by taking us to church when our parents can’t make it. The choir has also inspired me through music and making church something to look forward to. I have always put my trust in God to lead me through life and give me strength. I believe that God is my father and is always with me. I believe that when I pray, God hears me, and gives me signs to let me know he is always with me.

If Jesus didn’t die and rise again I believe that my sins couldn’t be forgiven and that all who sinned may not have been able to go to heaven. Because Jesus died and rose again everyone can go to heaven and our sins are forgiven. I believe in one God who I put all my faith in. I believe that everyone can go to heaven and God love everyone, Christian or not.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. To follow this I take my neighbour's recycling bins in and help citizens carry their groceries to their vehicle.

After I am confirmed I will continue to come to worship and become actively involved in the church. When I am older I will educate my children about God and take my kids to church. I am thankful for my mom for giving me the opportunity to worship here and to all who have helped me to have strong faith in God.

Emma Robinson

My name is Emma Robinson and I have been attending St Peter's Lutheran Church ever since I was born. I was baptized on September 19, 2004 in the same place that 7 generations of my family have been before me. My family has been coming to this church since it started in 1858, which has had a big influence on my faith. This has given me a sense of belonging somewhere. Many of my family members have influenced my faith, but especially my grandma Rose. I grew up with her helping at church and at Sunday school a lot and she always felt like a connection to God. Every Christmas she had our whole family do a play of Jesus' birth, complete with costumes, parts, and lines for everyone. We laugh when we watch the videos of this, but they are really special memories of a lady who shared what she believed with us in a way we could relate to. She also inspired our love of the Veggie Tales videos that depict Bible stories and are acted by vegetables...I'll

spare you the theme song! Lastly, experiences like going to church camps like Camp Bimini and Muskoka Woods have had influence on my faith because I had the chance to see other people in the same faith, or similar faith as me, and was able to worship in a natural setting which I think helps us feel closer to God.

When I think of who God is, he's the creator of heaven and earth, the forgiver of sins, and the one I pray to when I feel I'm in need.

I think that when Jesus died and rose again, it showed that he is so faithful to us that he would die and rise again to show us that we can put our faith in him, just as he has in us. This is important to me because I trust him because of how he showed his faithfulness. This also gives us the gift of eternal life and forgiveness. What that means to me is that he is with me forever, even after I die, and no matter what sins or mistakes I make he will forgive me.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbour as yourself." I do my best to follow this commandment by coming to church whenever I can and believing what he says. I treat others how I want to be treated by not saying something to somebody that I wouldn't want said to me.

After I'm confirmed I will continue to serve God and nurture my faith by still coming to church as much as possible and do some volunteering with the Sunday School.

Sheana Beuermann

Hi my name is Sheana Beuermann, I have been attending St. Peter's since I was born, and I was baptized October 30th, 2005.

Along with my parents, Rosa and Harry VanderKuylen as well as, Don and Pauline Beuermann have been a huge influence on my faith, they have shown me how to pray and read the Bible after every Meal. They also, tell me about God and how he is always here, which helps me pray more, not only when in need.

Places that have a big influence on my faith are St. Peters Church and my school St. Columban. At my school there are always moments that tell me something I never knew about God and Jesus. Here at church the readings are always good and Pastor Laura's sermon explains everything I need to understand about the readings.

I believe God is the best person in the World, the one who created heaven and earth; he is the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. If someone was to ask me "Who is God anyway" I would say, he is someone you can always lean on, and he helps you every day and night in bad time and good. He always hears our prayers and answers them the best way for us. He is our rock and our strength.

Jesus died and rose again, for me personally this is important because if Jesus didn't rise from the dead this would not show the power of God and how he can do anything. Without Jesus dying on the cross and the resurrection, I would not be saved from my sins, or be given the gift of eternal life.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God, with all your

heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbour as yourself" in my life, I do my best to follow this commandment by helping with chores around the house, helping someone in need, and trying to be the best person I can be with Gods help.

After I am confirmed I will continue to serve God by praying, attending church regularly, reading the Bible. Being a good person by helping my neighbours or someone in need, and continuing to trust and serve the Lord.

I will continue to nurture my faith after I am confirmed by praying and asking God to continue to guide me in my faith.

Katherine Havenga

My faith started when I was baptized on December 18, 2005 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church. My family introduced me to St. Peter's Lutheran Church where I have been attending Sunday school up until now. I have met many people here that have had a big influence on my faith by teaching me about God including my Sunday school teachers and family. This year I have learned more about my own personal faith through the confirmation classes and teachings of Pastor Laura.

I believe that God is someone who looks over us and is there for us when we need someone to forgive us or even just someone to look out for us. I also believe that we are never alone because God is always there for us. Even though God doesn't always answer your prayers in the way you want him to, he is always listening to you and looking out for you.

Jesus died and rose again. This is important to me because he died to forgive us our sins and for this God brought him back. This is why I believe that God is there for all of us when something bad occurs and can always forgive us. God helped Jesus when he sacrificed his life for all of us so I think that God is here for us too. Since Jesus rose from dead it gave us the gift of eternal life. Knowing this gives me comfort when I feel alone or when I see people struggling.

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, your mind" and to "love your neighbours as yourself." I do my best to follow this commandment by being kind to those around me and listening

to those who care for me. I also will encourage my sister and listen to her ideas more.

After I'm confirmed, I will continue to serve God by trying to be more helpful and kind. I want to continue to grow in my faith and make the right decisions. After I'm confirmed I will continue to nurture my faith by continuing to go to church, praying, volunteering at Sunday school and encouraging people to come to Sunday school and church. I will also continue to sing in church when I can because that is one way I enjoy praising God.

Special Congregational Meeting July 8th

Church council has called a special congregational meeting for July 8th immediately following worship to vote on a proposal for placing a columbarium in our cemetery. The proposal from the cemetery board and church council is as follows:

"That a columbarium be installed in St. Peter's Cemetery in the northeast corner of the new cemetery with the following specifications: a 72-niche round, dome-topped structure, colours Arctic Gray and Mahogany; niche bronze plaque choice with wreath and flower vase (cost: \$475 per); memory wall on alternating three sides instead of fluting, with space for memory plaques (cost: \$40 per). At a cost of \$34,920 + \$4,539.60 HST for columbarium; \$2800 + \$364 HST for cement foundation; \$720 + \$93.60 HST for crane; \$400 + \$52 HST for dry ice; for a total cost of: \$43,889.20 (\$38,840 + \$5,049.20 HST)."

"That the fees for using the columbarium at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Brodhagen be set as follows: \$900 per double occupancy niche including two openings and \$700 per bronze door plaque with room for two names, totalling \$1600 per niche; and the memory plaques be set at a cost of \$100 per plaque."

Please make an effort to be at this meeting. A quorum of 37 is required and we hope to have a diversity of voices from within the congregation represented. If you have questions about anything in these motions we encourage you to speak with a member of church council or the cemetery board ahead of July 8th so we can be adequately prepared for the meeting. Thank you!

Workshops

Delegates are invited to attend one of the following Workshops at 3:30 pm on Thursday, October 18, 2018

"New Rituals for New Life Stages"

Rabbi Richard Address

"The Complexities of Compassion: Caring for Yourself while Caring for Others"

Rev. Jane Kuepfer

"What's Wanted and What's Possible: Responding to Boomers, Xers, and Millennials"

Dr. Reginald W. Bibby

"The Future of Ministry with Boomers"

Rev. Dr. Craig Kennet Miller &
Rev. Dr. William B. Randolph

"Getting a Heart of Wisdom: The Psychological and Spiritual Tasks of Our Elder Years"

Rev. Dr. Anne Beattie-Stokes

"Living Abundantly in the Second Half of Life"

Mardi Tindal

How to Register

Conference Registration: \$150.00 CAD

No partial registrations

fee increases to \$175.00 CAD on September 17, 2018

Register online at
canadianboomerfest.siloamunitedchurch.org
or by contacting the church office
office@siloamunitedchurch.org
519-455-9201
9:00am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday



Conference Speakers & Workshop Facilitators



Dr. Reginald W. Bibby

"Better Late Than Never?: Religion and Spirituality in the Lives of Boomers"



Rabbi Richard Address

"The Long and Winding Road: What Do We Do with the Time We Have?"



Rev. Jane Kuepfer

"Pulling up the anchor: As boomers set sail into later life what are their spiritual resources?"



Dr. Paul Links

"Men at Risk: Through Middle Age and Beyond"



Rev. Dr. Craig K. Miller

"The Four Waves of Boomer Spirituality"



Rev. Dr. William B. Randolph

"Nuts and Bolts: Creating a Vibrant Ministry with Boomers"



Mardi Tindal

"Wine on the Porch: Intentional living for engaged Boomers who want to remain independent through inter-dependency"



Rev. Dr. Anne Beattie-Stokes

"Getting a Heart of Wisdom: The Psychological and Spiritual Tasks of Our Elder Years"

A CELEBRATION AND COLLOQUIUM ON BOOMERS AND SPIRITUALITY

Canadian Boomerfest

Wednesday, October 17 to Friday, October 19, 2018

Siloam United Church, London, Ontario, Canada

Grow your spirituality in the second half of life; support Baby Boomers in their quest for meaning, health, and well being; and learn how you can better connect with younger Canadians.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
July 1	10:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 6	Lamentations 3:22-33 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Hymn Pick; BBQ to follow worship courtesy of the Outreach Committee
July 8	10:30 Word & Prayer	Pentecost 7	Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Pastor Laura away: Rev. Bob Hutchison leading worship
July 15	10:30 Word & Prayer	Pentecost 8	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Pastor Laura away: Sherri Bennewies & Amy Lejcar leading worship
July 22	10:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 9	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	
July 29	10:30 Word and Prayer	Pentecost 10	2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	With Order for Healing
August 5	10:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 11	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	
August 12	10:30 Word and Prayer	Pentecost 12	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	
August 19	2:30 Holy Communion	Pentecost 13	Psalm 90:1-4 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Cemetery Decoration
August 26	10:30 Word and Prayer	Pentecost 14	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Pastor Laura away: Debbie Elligsen & Richard Leonhardt leading worship
September 2	9:30 Community Worship	Pentecost 15		Fall Fair Worship Service at the Mitchell Community Centre (185 Wellington). No Service at St Peter's.

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

July/August 2018

Date	Assistant	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters
July 1	Sherri Bennewies	Don & Pauline Beuermann	Greg Beuermann	Bob Robinson	Adam & Emily Agar
July 8			Jarret Pugh	Kim Leonhardt	Earl & Laura Bennewies
July 15			Jan Leonhardt	Richard Leonhardt	Gloria Gilbert & Cheryl Baillie
July 22	Murray Rose	Maynard & Lynn Hoegy	Sherri Bennewies & Taya Cornish	Kevin Ludington	Roger & Dorothy Beuermann
July 29			Joan Beuermann	Jeff Robinson	Gerald & Jean Beuermann
August 5	Lynn Hoegy	John & Marjorie Moore	Greg Beuermann	Lynn Hoegy	John & Bonnie Beimers
August 12			Jarret Pugh	Pauline Beuermann	Elsie Mogk & Laurene Regele
August 19	Deb Elligsen	John & Bonnie Elligsen	Jan Leonhardt	David Wietersen	Elsie Carter & Doreen Wurdell
August 26			Sherri Bennewies & Taya Cornish	Katelyn Ludington	Brent & Susan Robinson
September 2	Mitchell Fall Fair Community Worship				

July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day 10:30 Holy Communion BBQ to follow worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pastor Laura on vacation July 2-8. For pastoral emergencies contact Rev. Bob Hutchison at 519-271-5808.						
8 10:30 Word & Prayer Special Congregational meeting to follow	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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10:30 Word and Prayer						
22 10:30 Holy Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 Word & Prayer Healing Service	30	31				

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5 10:30 Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 Word and Prayer	13	14	15 7:30 Church Council	16	17	18
19 Cemetery Decoration 2:30 Holy Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
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