

Peter's Net



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From the Pastor's Desk:

According to tradition, Martin Luther is purported to have said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Another story in a similar vein is told about French Army general Hubert Lyautey who "once suggested to his gardener that he plant a tree. The gardener objected, 'This particular tree will not flower for a hundred years.' To which Lyautey replied, 'In that case, plant it this afternoon.'"¹

As we prepare to greet yet another fall, planting season is long past. But here in the church, we are in the seed planting business year round. In our worship, our programs, our outreach and missions; everything we do is about planting seeds of faith, hope, and love. Seeds for the future. Seeds whose fruits we ourselves may never get to see.

It's hard to measure or track the outcomes of our work. Sometimes the only real measure we have is our own life – to notice the seeds that someone planted in our hearts, which took root and have blossomed into the faith we now live and share with others. We are living "proof" that this seed planting matters.

So take a moment to remember and give thanks for the people whose words and actions sowed faith in your hearts. And let's keep busy planting those seeds whose fruits we want to see more of in our world: love, compassion, peace, kindness, justice, hope. We may not always see the impact of our actions, but we trust that in God these seeds will blossom and grow and make a difference.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Laura

The Baby in Church (from a 1924 newspaper article)

We have all heard the baby crying in church when the priest was speaking. Not all, however, have read Father Conroy's book, "A Mill Town Pastor," nor his delightful telling of a similar experience. "There are two of us preaching in this church at once," said the pastor, "and I don't know which of us is giving the better sermon. When a baby cries in church he is telling two things: First, that there are babies in the family, and second, that the mother has come to Mass with her baby. On the whole, I think the baby is preaching the better sermon and I'll let him go with it."

¹ Joyce Rupp. "Boundless Compassion," 14.

News from the Pews

Sunday, June 24 – Thank you to Lynn Hoegy and Katelyn Ludington for leading worship while Pastor Laura and Debbie Elligsen were at Eastern Synod Assembly.

Sunday, July 1 – following worship at the church, the Outreach Committee sponsored a BBQ lunch for those in attendance.

Sunday, July 8 – we welcomed Pastor Bob Hutchison who led worship while Pastor Laura was on vacation. A special congregational meeting followed regarding installation of a Columbarium in the cemetery. The congregation voted in favour of this.

Sunday, July 15 – Thank you to Sherri Bennewies and Amy Lejcar for leading worship while Pastor Laura was on study leave.

Sunday, July 29 – a worship service with an “Order for Healing” was held

Thursday, August 16 – Choir had a BBQ at Ed and Priska’s. Thanks for an enjoyable evening!

Sunday, August 19 – CEMETERY DECORATION – Worship was held at 2:30 PM with a lunch following. There were eleven funerals and/or burials from August 17, 2017 – August 19, 2018: Lloyd Bauer, Sherry Bach, Luise Campbell, John Gloor, Lloyd Beuermann, Ruth Eickmeier, Roy Siemon, Irene Kistner, Dorothy MacElmon, Liz Diegel, and Norma Young

Sunday, August 26 – Thanks to Debbie Elligsen and Richard Leonhardt for leading worship while Pastor Laura was on vacation.

COMING UP...

Sunday, September 2 – FALL FAIR COMMUNITY WORSHIP – There will be no service at St Peter’s. Instead you are invited to worship with us at 9:30 AM at the Mitchell Community Center (185 Wellington St).

Wednesday, September 5 – Pastor Laura will be leading services of Holy Communion at the Ritz Villa and Mitchell Nursing Home.

Thursday, September 6 – Senior Choir practice begins (8:45 PM). NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Sunday, September 9 – Sunday School is back in session and will start upstairs.

Sunday, September 16 – Mobility Bus is scheduled.

Sunday, September 30 – We will welcome guest preacher Keith Myra, treasurer of the Eastern Synod who will share about the ministry we support through our benevolence/missions givings.

October 1 – 3 – Pastor Laura will be attending the fall meeting of the Eastern Synod Deans in Mississauga.

Saturday, October 6 – “C” & “D” are decorating the church for Harvest Home. Contact Elaine Dietz at 519-348-8320 for more information.

Sunday, October 7 – HARVEST HOME – Mobility Bus is scheduled

Sunday, October 21 – SKYPE SERVICE and LOCAL FOOD MEAL. Join us to hear about the ongoing work of The Olive Branch for Children with a family-friendly worship and lunch to follow.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Norma Young who passed away on July 29. Her funeral was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Listowel on August 3, 2018, and her burial was at St Peter's, Brodhagen.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Wayne Hugill and Judy Wood were married Saturday, July 21 at the Mitchell Golf and Country Club.

Joan Beuermann

Office Administrator

Girls/Women's Movie Night - "Embrace" Friday, October 12th at 7:00 PM

The girls and women of St Peter's are invited to watch and discuss together the film "Embrace" on Friday, October 12th at 7:00PM. This documentary follows body image activist Taryn Brumfitt's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing, inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies.

The director recommends ages 10+ for viewing (or an age where there is an awareness of body image). The film is not rated in Canada, but in Australia it's rated MA15+ for some mature content (meaning under 15 must be accompanied by a parent). The trailer is available on youtube and parents who wish to preview it can find it on Netflix.

Pastor Laura will lead a discussion afterwards and Debbie Elligsen has graciously agreed to host us at her home. Please RSVP to Pastor Laura by October 5. We hope you can join us and bring snacks to share!

Upcoming Mobility Bus Dates

The Mobility Bus is booked for the following Sundays. Please let Pastor Laura know if you would like to take advantage of this service.

September 16
October 7
November 4
December 2



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At Eastern Synod Assembly in June, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary launched its new name and logo. The college also recently completed their \$9 million renovation project. For more information visit their website at: <https://luther.wlu.ca/>

Faith and Family

Sunday morning worship and Sunday School are important ways to nurture and strengthen faith, but faith is part of our lives not only on Sundays. In this column we share some simple ways you can nurture and support your children's/grandchildren's faith at home too.

Night Time Blessings²

In addition to (or instead of) evening prayers, a bedtime blessing from parents is a wonderful tradition. Not only can it be done with children who are too young to speak, but it frees a busy child from the need to do or say anything. The blessing is simply received. It is a gift from the parent and an expression of the child being loved by God. Consider using the same blessing night after night so your child may begin to internalize and anticipate it.

Designed for newborn through School age (as long as children are being tucked into bed by parents)

Time Investment: 30 seconds – 1 minute

Materials: none

How to:

1. At bedtime, after the child has finished his or her usual bedtime routine (teeth brushed, pajamas on, story read, etc.) say to your child *"Daddy (or Mommy) is going to say a night time blessing now!"*
2. Place your hand on the child's head or shoulder and say a short blessing. Use one of the examples or write your own.

i. [Child's name], may God bless you and keep you.

May God be kind and gracious to you.

May God give you peace tonight and every night. Amen.

ii. [Child's name], may the peace of God, which is bigger than anything we understand, fill your heart and your mind, and you know God's love always. Amen.

iii. [Child's name], may the God of hope fill you with joy and peace, not only tonight, but tomorrow and the next day and all the days of your life. Amen

iv. God Bless [child's name]. Amen.

3. At the end of the blessing, say "Amen," give the child a hug or kiss, and leave the room.

Notes

- The bedtime blessing can be shared by whichever parent or caregiver is putting the child to bed. The consistency in the blessing through a variety of different people provides a sense of security and safety to children
- There is no age too small for this blessing. Begin to bless children at bedtime from their very first day of life!

Variations

- Write the blessing or type it, and put it in a frame over the child's bed
- Allow older children to say a blessing to parents as well
- Have a time of bedtime prayers and do the blessing at the end

² From "Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home" by Traci Smith.

2018 Synod Assembly – Liberated by God’s Grace...to be neighbour

June 21-24, Pastor Laura and Debbie Elligsen attended the Eastern Synod Assembly in Toronto. In addition to the business that was conducted, delegates to assembly explored the theme of being neighbour. We heard from an interfaith panel, Rafi Aaron (Interfaith Coalition to Fight Homelessness) and Rev. Rosalyn Kantlah^nta’ Elm (Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Six Nations). On Friday evening delegates participated in a exercise designed to raise awareness of racism in our synod.

Over the coming months, in worship and the newsletter, more news will continue to be shared from assembly, including some of the motions that were adopted. The next synod assembly will be held in 2021.

Minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting July 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order, count was done. Needed for quorum; 37: count; 51 in attendance. Quorum was established.

Motions to be voted on were displayed on screen.

Motion 1: “ ***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; with a total cost of: \$43,889.20 (\$38,840 + \$5,049.20 HST).***”

Motion 2: ***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.”

The cemetery board researched this as requested, and council approved the board’s recommendations, moving and seconding these motions as displayed.

Pictures of columbarium choices were displayed...questions followed:

Kim Leonhardt: “What is the capacity of the monument?” Answer: “72 niches each with a capacity of 2 urns”

Bob Robinson: “What is the comparison to a regular burial plot?” Answer: “standard burial includes \$450 for cremation interment per burial, \$750 for a single plot, \$3000-\$4000 (or more) for a tombstone, for a total of \$4200 -\$5200. Each plot can be used for 4 urns, or 1 casket and 3 urns. Use of columbarium includes (as per motion 2)

\$900 per niche and \$700 for door plaque, totalling \$1600 for two burials.”

Joanne Robertson: “If approved and installed, will preselling be an option?” Answer “yes, niches will be able to be presold, in order, and the name plaques will be ordered without dates and mounted on niche purchased.”

Gerald Neeb commented that the perpetual care costs, that is the future maintenance of the niche purchased, is much less than a standard burial plot, being only 15%, versus 40% for standard burial, leaving a higher handshake, and requires a 3 month construction term. The church is responsible for the foundation pour. Cemetery Committee suggested that it would be nice if the foundation was in by Cemetery Decoration Sunday, as a sign that this was proceeding as a ‘done deal’ and letting congregation and visitors know that this is now a viable option offered at St. Peter’s.

Another question posed was about sales outside the congregational membership. It is not legal to restrict sales to members only. All congregations are required by law to have an open policy concerning cemetery plot sales, meaning all requests for plot purchase must be considered.

Financing this project will be through memorial money and use of investment portfolio. Also, pre-use purchases could be

percentage of fees staying with the church instead of going to the government.

It was noted that many in the congregation already have standard plots paid for in the cemetery, but that we must think of future generations, and the changing demand for cremation options.

The church will need to sell 28 niches to recoup the cost of building the columbarium.

Nelson Granite’s area representative Kevin Young from their office in Elmira has indicated that the deal is agreed upon with a received before final payment is due, and be used for this payment as well.

Voting on motions:

Motion 1: by show of hands... in favour 40 out of 51 – passed

Motion 2: by show of hands... in favour 42 out of 51 – passed

Kim Finlayson thanked Keith and the cemetery board for all their work, and Keith also thanked the church council for their time and consideration on this proposal.

Meeting was adjourned...motion by Doug Dietz, seconded by Murray.

Submitted by Deb Elligsen, Secretary of Church Council.

UPDATE: The cement pad was poured in early August and the columbarium is expected to be in place sometime in October/November.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
September 2	9:30 Fall Fair Community Worship	Pentecost 15		No service at St Peter's
September 9	10:30 Word and Prayer	Flood and Promise	Genesis 6:5-8, 13-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17	Sunday School back in session
September 16	10:30 Holy Communion	Call of Abraham	Genesis 12:1-9	Sunday School starts upstairs
September 23	10:30 Word and Prayer	Joseph in Prison	Genesis 39:1-23	Sunday School starts upstairs
September 30	10:30 Word and Prayer	Rescue at Sea	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	Guest Preacher: Keith Myra, Eastern Synod Treasurer; SS starts upstairs
October 7	10:30 Holy Communion	Covenant and Commandments	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17	Harvest Home Family Sunday
October 14	10:30 Word and Prayer	Joshua renews the Covenant	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]	Sunday School starts upstairs
October 21	10:30 Word and Prayer	Pentecost 22	TBD	Skype Service with The Olive Branch for Children & Local Food Meal
October 28	10:30 Holy Communion	Solomon's Wisdom	1 Kings 3:4-28	Reformation Sunday; SS starts upstairs
November 4	10:30 Holy Communion	Elisha Heals Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-15a	All Saints Sunday; SS starts upstairs

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

September/October 2018

Date	Assistant	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters
September 2				Debbie Elligsen	
September 9			Greg Beuermann	Mary Ann Rose	Perry & Kathy Bennewies
September 16	Sherri Bennewies	Doug & Sandra Dietz	Jarret Pugh	Erin Robinson	Roy & Joan Beuermann
September 23			Joan Beuermann	Grace Brown	Chris & Colleen Elliott
September 30			Jan Leonhardt	Joan Beuermann	Denny & Jo-Ann Horan and family
October 7	Murray Rose	Hugh & Doris Dietz	Sherri Bennewies	Cindy Ludington	Dale & Debby Bennewies
October 14			Taya Cornish	Kim Finlayson	Bill & Dianne Beuerman
October 21					Brad, Lisa & Rebecca Rapien
October 28	Lynn Hoegy	Wayne & Cathy Regele	Greg Beuermann	Amy Lejcar	Wayne Jarmuth & Grace Brown
November 4	Deb Elligsen	Brent & Susan Robinson	Jarret Pugh	Wayne Jarmuth	Bob Robinson & Ivan Bennewies

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 Fall Fair Community Worship	3 Labour Day	4	5	6 8:45 Senior Choir	7	8
9 10:30 Word & Prayer	10	11	12	13 8:45 Senior Choir	14	15
16 10:30 Holy Communion	27	18	19 7:30 Church Council	20 8:45 Senior Choir	21	22
23 10:30 Word & Prayer	24	25	26	27 8:45 Senior Choir	28	29
30 10:30 Word & Prayer						

October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor Laura at Synod Deans' Meeting. For pastoral emergencies call her cell at 519-703-0643.			8:45 Senior Choir		
7 10:30 Holy Communion	8 Thanksgiving	9	10	11 8:45 Senior Choir	12 7:00 "Embrace" Movie Night	13
14 10:30 Word and Prayer Choir at Nursing Homes 2:30 RV; 3:30 MNH	15	16	17 7:30 Church Council	18 8:45 Senior Choir	19	20
21 10:30 Skype Service & Local Food Meal	22	23	24	25 8:45 Senior Choir	26	27 Rose/Daub Wedding
28 10:30 Holy Communion	29	30	31			