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From the Desk of Pastor Rob: "The Light That Finds Us"

Each year, as Advent candles are lit and the familiar carols return, we are reminded that Christmas is not simply a story from long ago — it's a living truth that continues to break into our world today. The angel's words, *"Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy,"* still echo across the centuries, reaching us wherever we happen to be.

Christmas is the season when light insists on shining, even in the longest nights. It's the quiet miracle of God choosing to dwell among us — not in power or perfection, but in vulnerability and love. Christ is born not in a palace, but in a stable; not among the powerful, but among those who made do with what they had. And somehow, that is exactly where grace appears — in ordinary lives, in humble places, in people like us.

At St. Peter's, we see that light in so many ways. It shines through the volunteers who visit homebound members and through those who provide of their abundance to share with those in need, through the Choir who bring music to the Cantata, and through the quiet prayers offered for neighbours, friends, and strangers alike. It shines when we gather at the stable on Christmas Eve watching our children share the famous story, lifting candles and voices together — a reminder that God's love continues to find its way into every shadow.

This Christmas, may we make room in our hearts and homes for the Christ-child once again. May we look for the holy in simple moments — a shared meal, a phone call with someone lonely, a child's laughter, the hush of falling snow. These are the places where the incarnation continues — where the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

From all of us at St. Peter's, may your Christmas be filled with peace, hope, and the unmistakable light of Christ — the light that finds us, wherever we are.

Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!

Pastor Rob and family

Notes from church council:

Happy Autumn on behalf of Church Council,

We would like to thank those that helped decorate for Harvest Home this year. Our Church looked even more beautiful than usual!

The Monkton Food Bank was very appreciative of our donation this year. Thank you to all who brought items into the Church. It was a huge success!

If you didn't hear already, we have decided to postpone the Cornhole tournament until March. More details to follow.

It is time to start recruiting new council members. It is a 3-year term and starts in February of 2026. Please speak to Pastor Rob or any member of council if you wish to put your name forward. We would love to have you join us!

Enjoy the beautiful fall colours!

Yours in prayer,

Jo-Anne Horan
Church Council Secretary

Our condolences go out to:

Ron Drager, Doreen Wurdell, Elsie Carter, Laurene Regele and their families on the death of Dorothy Drager who died on August 30. A private family graveside service was held at St. Peter's cemetery.

Jean Beuermann, Colleen and Chris Elliott, Kevin and Kristi Beuermann and families on the death of Gerald Beuermann on September 2. A celebration of life was held at Lockhart's Reception Centre with interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Connie Moore and Ian Thomson and extended family on the death of Marjorie Moore on September 9. Her funeral was held at the Lockhart Funeral Home with interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Warren and Joanne Rock, Bob Robinson and families on the death of Doris Rock on September 13. Her funeral was held at Haskett Funeral Home in Exeter with interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

John & Bonnie Elligsen and family on the death of Dorothy Elligsen on September 28. Her funeral was held at St. Peter's with interment in the cemetery.

Paul and Corey Wettlaufer and family on the death of Donna Wettlaufer on October 4. Donna's funeral was held at the Lockhart Funeral Home with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery.

We welcomed in baptism:

Grace Siemon, daughter of Chris and Marla Siemon. Grace's sponsors were Nathan Bradshaw and Char Ellens.

Violet Siemon, daughter of Chris and Marla Siemon. Violet's sponsors were Jason and Helene Beuermann.

Aleta Bokkers, daughter of Rebecca and Jan-Willem Bokkers. Aleta's sponsors were Isaac and Sam Rapien.

Evelyn Grant, daughter of David and Christine Grant. Evelyn's sponsors were Josh and Krista Rose, Ted and Rebecca Hahn.

Sherri Bennewies
Office Administrator

St. Peter's Care Team

St. Peter's Care Team will meet on Thursday, November 6th at 11 AM in the kitchen at St. Peter's. Please bring any updates to your lists and any addition to our over 80 birthday list. If you have any questions, please call Elaine at 519-348-8320.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Perry Bennewies has asked Church Council to find someone to take on sidewalk snow removal. If you or someone you know would be interested, please get in touch with Pastor Rob or any member of the church council. If this person is a high school student, we would definitely sign for volunteer hours.

Financial Update to October 7, 2025

	YTD Income	YTD Spent	Difference
General	82,098.79	141,083.59	-58,984.80
Missions	3,850.00	0	3,850.00
Improvement	61,480.00	33,953.45	27,526.55

As you are looking at your givings before year-end, the church council asks you to prayerfully consider donating towards Missions. St. Peter's has traditionally donated a minimum of \$1,000/month and has been recognized by the Eastern Synod as a strong supporter.

A reminder that donations to Missions are not for salaries and office space costs of the Eastern Synod but for work in the wider church of developing leaders, supporting a variety of ministries and supporting Global partners.

Sunday School

The Sunday School did a great job singing on Harvest Home Sunday and the congregation enjoyed hearing them!

The Sunday School is excited to start practicing for their Christmas Eve Program and they welcome everyone to attend on December 24 at 7:30 pm. It is always a magical evening.

Adult Education / Bible Study

Our Adult Education program continues with its final 6 sessions. The program is titled "Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God" which explores Paul's message of "the Kingdom of God" as a radical alternative to the Roman Empire's rule in the 1st century.

Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and the late Marcus Borg invite participants to rediscover Paul not as a theologian obsessed with individual salvation or sin, but as a courageous visionary of social transformation and equality rooted in the life and message of Jesus.

The title "Eclipsing Empire" refers to Paul's conviction that God's empire of justice and peace would ultimately outshine and replace the empire of Caesar, not through violence, but through love, community, and faithfulness.

We meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the sanctuary. ALL are welcome to attend.

Family Fun Night

Please mark your calendars for the following event/activity:

- Friday, November 28, 6:30 PM – Christmas ornament making and snacks
- 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.

A special Sermon-series for Advent

This year Pastor Rob would like to do a short sermon series during the first 3 Sundays of Advent exploring one fascinating and often over-looked detail in the Christmas story.

In Matthew's version, there is a genealogical list provided. In that list are 4 women. Women were never included in genealogical lists in the ancient world. So why are these 4 women there?

The women are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba. Familiar names. Scandalous stories. So why are they included in Jesus' ancestry? What is the author of Matthew trying to tell us about Mary and Jesus? Come and find out during Advent!

Healing Services

Sadly, this service will no longer be available due to low participation. Thank you to all who attended in the past. Portions of this service will be used in the near future as part of a special service on a Sunday morning.

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 Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 PM, 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.



Dr Seuss' "Cat in the Hat"-style Worship Service

It has come to the attention of the Worship Committee that some new things might be worth a try. So, with that in mind, please join us for a "Cat in the Hat"-style of worship on Sunday, November 16. Please wear something colourful and bright! If you have a Cat in the Hat hat, please wear it too!

Come one and come all, come short and come tall,
To St. Peter's this Sunday (Nov 16)— you'll have a ball!
With rhymes in the readings and joy in the air,
We'll worship with laughter and faith we can share.

There'll be hats that are silly, there'll be smiles that are wide,
As we welcome God's love with a Seuss-ical pride!
So bring all your wonder, your giggles, your chat —
For faith can be fun — just ask the Cat in the Hat!

Join us for a whimsical worship that reminds us:
God's love is big, bright, and joyfully among us!

ALL are welcome!

Community News

Beef Supper

Sunday, November 9

Pickup 4:30-5:00 pm

Dine in 5:00-6:00 pm

at **Grace Lutheran Church**

108 St David St,
Mitchell

\$30 / meal -prepaid
12&under \$10



For meals, contact church by Sunday, November 2
348-9082 or glchurch@bellnet.ca

* must be prepaid by Nov 2 *

* no paper tickets — will put your name on our list *

Beef catered by The Sugar Maple Restaurant



TIMELESS GENTLEMEN of the OPRY



JOHNNY CASH * CONWAY TWITTY * RANDY TRAVIS
GEORGE JONES * MARTY ROBBINS * HANK WILLIAMS SR.
JERRY LEE LEWIS * CHARLIE RICH



STARRING
ROY LEBLANC, JOE PASSION &
THE ROYAL TRIBUTE BAND

Allan - 519-522-0399
Carmie - 519-955-6263

Tickets avail. at Northside United and
www.ticketscene.ca/events/55343

NOV
16
2 PM

A Fundraiser at
Northside United Church
Sealorth, ON
Doors: 1pm
Show: 2pm
\$35 incl. HST

You are invited!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Turkey supper with all the trimmings!

Monday, December 8

Dinner served at 5:30 PM

Community Center

185 Wellington Street, Mitchell

Pick up your FREE Tickets at
West Perth Public Library
From Nov. 1 to Dec. 4



Donations will be collected for
the local Salvation Army Food Bank
& Youth Unlimited YFC Mitchell

Sponsored by Mitchell Community Churches
Grace Lutheran St. Vincent de Paul Catholic
Knox Presbyterian Main Street United
Upper Thames Missionary

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Here is your short form guide.

West Perth Village service – 16 November at 2PM

Advent 1 – 30 November at 10:30 AM

Advent 2 – 07 December at 10:30 AM

Advent 3 – 14 December at 10:30 AM

Advent 4 as Christmas Cantata – 21 December at
10:30AM

Longest Night Service – 21 December at 7PM

Christmas Eve / Christmas Pageant – 24 December at
7:30PM

Christmas Day - 25 December at 10:30AM

Carols Service – 28 December at 10:30AM

Donations from our Thanksgiving Food
Drive loaded for the Monkton Food
Bank. Thanks Kevin and Jo-Anne!



What? Where?

Continuing the series to explore 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 learn about the objects in our church and remember those who donated them. Thanks to Elaine Dietz for the suggestion. Any extra info on the objects is welcome.



Last month – donated in 1956 by
Gottlieb Mueller



Answer - The collection plate beside
the altar



This month – a pair of items

Inscription on Item 1 "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Herman Hinz"

Inscription on Item 2 "Donated by His Wife Martha and Ronald, Donna, Garry and families 1981"

I have to admit I had never noticed these inscriptions! Where are they?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
November 2	10:30 AM Holy Communion	All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	9:00 AM Confirmation; Candle Memorial; bring pictures of loved ones; Sunday School starts upstairs
November 9	10:30 AM Service of the Word	22 Pentecost	Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	9:00 AM Confirmation; Sunday School starts upstairs
November 16	10:30 AM Service of the Word	23 Pentecost	Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	9:00 AM Confirmation; Cat in the Hat Service; Sunday School starts upstairs 2PM West Perth Village Service
November 23	10:30 AM Holy Communion	Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	9:00 AM Confirmation Sunday School starts upstairs; Christmas Eve practice for Sunday School Starts
November 30	10:30 AM Service of the Word	1 Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	9:00 AM Confirmation; 9-10 AM Sunday School Christmas Eve practice; costume fitting 10:30 AM
December 7	10:30 AM Holy Communion	2 Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	9-10 AM Christmas Eve practice for Sunday School
December 14	10:30 AM Holy Communion	3 Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	9-10 AM Christmas Eve practice for Sunday School
December 21	10:30 AM Service of the Word – Choir Cantata 7:00 PM Longest Night Service	4 Advent	Matthew 1:18-25	9-10 AM Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Eve for Sunday School 10:30 Choir Cantata <i>Let There Be Christmas</i>
December 24	7:30 AM Sunday School Program	Christmas Eve		
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 28	10:30 AM Service of Carols and Readings	1 Christmas		No Sunday School
January 4	10:30 AM Service of the Word	2 Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	No Sunday School

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

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Date	Assistant	Acolyte	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters	Bell Ringer
November 2	Sherri Bennewies	Luke Kroonen	Hugh & Doris Dietz	Helene Beuermann	Deb Elligsen	Jim & Faye Tubb	David Bach
November 9		Drew Schalk		Sherri Bennewies	Debby Bennewies	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	David Bach
November 16		Jordyn Schellenberger		Greg Beuermann	Elaine Dietz	Neil & Diana Rapien	Brad Rapien
November 23	Lynn Hoegy	Mack Schellenberger	Ashley Kroonen family	Helene Beuermann	Amber Schalk	Jason & Helene Beuermann	Brad Rapien
November 30		Wade Aitken		Jan Leonhardt	Cindy Ludington	Deb Elligsen Karen McKinney	Alex Bennewies
December 7	Deb Elligsen	Jasen Beuermann	Angela Smith	Sherri Bennewies	Kim Finlayson	Barry & Elaine Dietz	Alex Bennewies
December 14	Sherri Bennewies	Scarlett Gloor	Maynard & Lynn Hoegy	Helene Beuermann	Lynn Hoegy	John & Bonnie Beimers	Doug Dietz
December 21		Luke Kroonen		Greg Beuermann		Judy DeJong Cherie Gethke	Doug Dietz
December 24	Murray Rose			Sherri Bennewies			Doug Dietz
December 25	Murray Rose		Richard & Jan Leonhardt	Jan Leonhardt	Wayne Jarmuth	Wayne Jarmuth & Grace Brown	Doug Dietz
December 28		Drew Schalk		Helene Beuermann	Mary Ann Rose Grace Brown	John & Laurie Mogk	David Bach
January 4		Jordyn Schellenberger		Greg Beuermann	Sherri Bennewies	Wayne & Cathy Regele	David Bach

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion	3	4 7:00 PM Music & Worship	5	6 11 AM Care Team 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7	8
9 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word	10	11 7:00PM Adult Education	12 7:30 PM Council Meeting	13 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15
16 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word 2:00 PM West Perth Village	17	18 7:00PM Adult Education	19	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21	22
23 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Holy Communion	24	25 7:00PM Adult Education	26	27 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28 6:30 PM Family Fun Night – Christmas Ornament Making	29
30 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Service of the Word						

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	1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5	6
7 10:30 AM Holy Communion	8	9 7:00PM Adult Education	10 7:30 PM Church Council	11 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13	13
14 10:30 AM Holy Communion	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
21 10:30 AM Choir Cantata 7:00 PM Longest Night Service	22	23	24 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Sunday School Program	25 10:30 PM Christmas Day Holy Communion	26	27
28 10:30 AM Service of Carols and Readings	29	30	31			