

# Peter's Net



July/August 2026

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## From the Desk of Pastor Rob:

As we move into the summer months, many of us look forward to a change of pace. Gardens are growing, family gatherings fill our calendars, vacations are planned, and longer days invite us outdoors to enjoy God's beautiful creation. Summer offers us a valuable opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life and embrace a season of rest and renewal.

Rest is not simply a luxury; it is a gift from God. Throughout scripture, we are reminded that periods of work and service are meant to be balanced with times of reflection, recreation, and renewal. Even Jesus regularly withdrew from the crowds to pray, rest, and reconnect with God. In a world that often encourages us to keep moving and doing more, summer can be a gentle reminder that our well-being matters too.

As your pastor, I encourage each of you to take time this summer to enjoy the people and activities that bring you joy. Spend time with family and friends. Take a walk through the countryside. Sit quietly on the porch with a good book. Watch a sunset. Attend a local festival. Enjoy the simple blessings that surround us each day. These moments of rest are not distractions from our faith—they are often the places where we experience God's presence most clearly.

As we pause and enjoy the season, I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of St. Peter's. The ministries of our congregation continue to thrive because of your dedication, generosity, and willingness to serve. Whether you volunteer

your time, participate in worship, support community outreach, care for our property, serve on committees, provide leadership, contribute financially, or simply offer encouragement and prayers, you are helping to sustain the life and mission of this congregation.

Church ministry is truly a shared effort. None of us can do it alone. Without the support of so many faithful people, St. Peter's would face significant challenges in carrying out its ministry. Instead, because of your commitment, we continue to be a welcoming presence in our community, a place of worship and fellowship, and a congregation that seeks to share God's love with others.

It can sometimes be easy to overlook the countless acts of service that happen behind the scenes. Yet every contribution matters. Every volunteer hour, every prayer, every offering, every conversation, and every act of kindness helps strengthen the ministry we share together. For all of this, thank you.

Summer also provides us with an opportunity to look ahead. While the pace may slow somewhat during these warmer months, we know that September will arrive quickly. With it will come the renewed energy of fall programming, community events, meetings, outreach opportunities, and the many activities that make congregational life vibrant and meaningful.

My hope is that each of us will use this summer as a time to refill our spiritual, emotional, and physical reserves so that we can return in the fall refreshed and ready for the opportunities God will place before us. Just as farmers trust that the fields need time to grow and mature before harvest, we too need seasons of renewal before entering into new seasons of activity and service.

As you enjoy the months ahead, know that you remain in my prayers. May God bless you with safe travels, meaningful time with loved ones, moments of laughter and joy, and the peace that comes from knowing you are deeply loved by God.

Thank you once again for all that you do for St. Peter's. Your faithfulness continues to make a difference in the life of our congregation and in the wider community we serve.

May this summer be a season of rest, renewal, gratitude, and blessing for us all.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Rob*

### **Notes from church council:**

Church council would like to congratulate our newest confirmed members, what a lovely service and a great turnout. We are very proud of each and every one of you.

Church council would also like to welcome and congratulate our newest members Tony and Tammie Santomero.

Updates on projects:

- Silver Tuna Painting has completed repairs and painting of the ceiling in the sacristy. Silver Tuna Painting also completed some extra repair and painting in the church (beside one window and the wall in the west balcony entrance) on June 15. Special thanks to

Rick from Silver Tuna and Kevin Ludington for assisting in the completion of this work.

- Elligsen Electric was in to do some work in anticipation of the new sign. The timer for the current sign was disconnected and a ground fault circuit breaker was installed to protect the incoming digital sign.
- A quick update on our new sign. Erb Signs in Woodstock has said our new sign should be installed sometime in July.
- The new parsonage septic tank went in on June 17. Both the parsonage tank and the church tank were pumped prior. Everything is up and running. The ground will be allowed to settle for a couple of weeks before landscape repair. A new drawing will be prepared to put into the church maintenance book. KMM Farm Drainage completed the work. Hats off to Keith Bennewies and Kevin Ludington for managing this project through completion.
- Sherri and Deb Elligsen are working hard to find a proper place to display the beautiful quilt gifted by the ELW to Pastor Art Horst when he retired. This was a very thoughtful donation recently made back to the church by Lois and Eleanor Horst.

*Pauline Beuermann*

Church Council Chair

### **Pastor Vacation Time**

Pastor Rob is on vacation from July 12 - August 5.

Rev. Ken Whiting of Northside United Church in Seaforth will provide emergency pastoral coverage. He can be reached at 226-378-4238. This information will be on the answering machine and in the worship guides during this time.

## Financial Update to June 9, 2026

|             | YTD Income | YTD Spent | Difference |
|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| General     | 155,068.87 | 92,168.23 | 62,900.64  |
| Missions    | 1,510.00   | 0         | 1,510.00   |
| Improvement | 2,520.94   | 1,799.92  | 721.02     |

### Mutual Ministry

The Mutual Ministry team has received a lot of contact info update forms back. Thank you to everyone who has already replied and feel free to nudge any friends and relatives to submit their forms also. It is so important that the church is in communication with both active and non active members.

*Jason Beuermann*  
Office Administrator

of our world helped make this program both meaningful and enjoyable. Together, we explored a variety of faith traditions, discovered common values, and gained a deeper appreciation for the rich diversity of human spirituality.

Learning about other religions not only broadens our understanding of the world around us, but also invites us to reflect more deeply on our own faith journey. Thank you for helping create a welcoming space where learning, dialogue, and mutual respect could flourish.

### Adult Education – Intro to World Religions Program Continues

As we conclude our *Introduction to World Religions* program for the summer, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the four dedicated participants who attended regularly throughout the year.

Your curiosity, thoughtful questions, respectful discussions, and willingness to learn about the diverse religious traditions

We will be taking a break for the summer months and look forward to resuming our gatherings in mid-September. Until then, may you enjoy a restful, renewing, and blessed summer.

#### Looking for...

Those would be interested in helping with greeting, reading lessons and washing communion ware. Contact church office.



As part of a genealogical inquiry about the 1860s and 1870s, copies of the interior pictures of the original frame church were sent to the enquirer so he could see where his ancestors were baptized. In return, he put them through a photo-editing program and coloured them. Deb Elligsen will be printing them for framing so we can experience in more detail what it was like inside. Look at that ceiling light!

## 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.



Last month's items -these two items became part of St. Peter's while the congregation was still worshipping in the original white frame church.

Item 1: Inscription: St Petri Kirche 1892 – this is the flagon that is on the communion table

Item 2: This is the paten, the plate that holds the communion hosts/bread. Inscription:

Confi????ten 1892 – Thanks to Pastor Monica Wiesner for translating. Although it seems to start with a C, the word would be **Konfirmanten** which is confirmands. So it appears that this set was donated by the Confirmation class in 1892. Doing the math, that's 134 years ago.

What? Where? will be back next newsletter with another mystery donated item.

## Canada Day Celebration

Wednesday July 1 at The Brodhagen Hall (rain date Friday, July 3)

Starting at 6:30pm, fireworks at dusk

Bring your lawn chairs; Food and drink available

Freewill donations accepted to cover expenses; any surplus donated to local food banks

Hosted by Brodhagen and District Chamber of Commerce

Sponsors: The Brodhagen Hall; The Municipality of West Perth; St. Peter's Brodhagen;

First Lutheran Logan; Perth County Pork Producers; Piller's Meats;

The Dairy Farmers of Ontario

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

July/August 2026

| Date         | Service Description          | Title               | Readings   | Notes   |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| July 5       | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 6         | Zechariah 9:9-12<br>Romans 7:15-25a<br>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 |   |
| July 12      | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 7         | Isaiah 55:10-13<br>Romans 8:1-11<br>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23      | Pastor Rob on vacation; Deb Elligsen supplying  |
| July 19      | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 8         | Isaiah 44:6-8<br>Romans 8:12-25<br>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43     | Pastor Rob on vacation; supply TBD  |
| July 26      | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 9         | 1 Kings 3:5-12<br>Romans 8:26-39<br>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52    | Pastor Rob on vacation; supply TBD  |
| August 2     | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 10        | Isaiah 55:1-5<br>Romans 9:1-5<br>Matthew 14:13-21              | Pastor Rob on vacation; Mike Doan supplying   |
| August 9     | 10:30 AM Holy Communion      | Pentecost 11        | 1 Kings 19:9-18<br>Romans 10:5-15<br>Matthew 14:22-33          |   |
| August 16    | 2:00 PM Holy Communion       | Cemetery Decoration | Romans 8:31-38<br>John 14:1-6, 25-27                           | Cemetery Decoration with light refreshments after worship                                 |
| August 23    | 10:30 AM Service of the Word | Pentecost 13        | Isaiah 51:1-6<br>Romans 12:1-8<br>Matthew 16:13-20             | <i>Deadline for September/October Peter's Net</i>   |
| August 30    | 10:30 AM Holy Communion      | Pentecost 14        | Jeremiah 15:15-21<br>Romans 12:9-21<br>Matthew 16:21-28        |   |
| 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<br>Romans 14:1-12<br>Matthew 18:21-35         | First day of Sunday School; start upstairs  |

# WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

## July/August 2026

| Date         | Assistant        | Acolyte               | Communion Washers          | Projectionist    | Reader           | Greeters                      | Bell Ringer    |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| July 5       |                  |                       |                            | Greg Beuermann   | Kevin Ludington  | Keith & Pauline Siemon        | Bob Bauer      |
| July 12      |                  |                       |                            | Greg Beuermann   | Amber Schalk     | Bob & Barb Jarmuth            | Alex Bennewies |
| July 19      |                  | Jasen Beuermann       |                            | Helene Beuermann | Cindy Ludington  | Maynard & Lynn Hoegy          | Alex Bennewies |
| July 26      |                  | Scarlett Gloor        |                            | Jan Leonhardt    | Kim Finlayson    | Jim & Faye Tubb               | Doug Dietz     |
| August 2     |                  | Luke Kroonen          |                            | Sherri Bennewies | Mary Ann Rose    | Barry & Elaine Dietz          | Doug Dietz     |
| August 9     | Murray Rose      | Drew Schalk           | John & Bonnie Elligsen     | Helene Beuermann | Lynn Hoegy       | Neil & Diana Rapien           | David Bach     |
| August 16    | Sherri Bennewies | Jordyn Schellenberger | Kevin & Cindy Ludington    | Greg Beuermann   | Deb Elligsen     | Deb Elligsen & Karen McKinney | David Bach     |
| August 23    |                  | Mack Schellenberger   |                            | Jan Leonhardt    | Sherri Bennewies | Judy DeJong & Cherie Gethke   | Bob Bauer      |
| August 30    | Lynn Hoegy       | Parker Wolfe          | John & Bonnie Beimers      | Helene Beuermann | Dave Wietersen   | Jason & Helene Beuermann      | Bob Bauer      |
| September 6  |                  |                       |                            |                  |                  |                               |                |
| September 13 | Deb Elligsen     | Wade Aitken           | Keith & Michelle Bennewies | Sherri Bennewies | Grace Brown      | Keith & Michelle Bennewies    | Alex Bennewies |

# July 2026

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|  |           |           | <b>1</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Canada Day<br>Celebrations         | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>(Rain date if<br>required for<br>Canada Day<br>Celebration) | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word                            | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>7:30 PM<br>Council Meeting                    | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word<br>Deb Elligsen supplying | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word<br>supply TBA             | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word<br>supply TBA             | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>Choir practice for<br>Cemetery<br>Decoration | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   |           |

# August 2026

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |           |           |                           |           |           | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| 10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word<br>Mike Doan supplying               |           |           |                           |           |           |           |
| <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                 | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| 10:30 AM<br>Holy Communion   |           |           | 7:30 PM<br>Church Council |           |           |           |
| <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                 | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| 2:00 PM<br>Holy Communion<br>Cemetery Decoration                     |           |           |                           |           |           |           |
| <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                 | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |
| 10:30 AM<br>Service of the Word<br><i>(Deadline for Peter's Net)</i> |           |           |                           |           |           |           |
| <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b> |           |                           |           |           |           |
| 10:30 AM<br>Holy Communion   |           |           |                           |           |           |           |