

THE NET

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**Together we support and minister to each other, our neighbours, and the world,
guided by the Gospel and in response to God's call.**

MAY 2010

FROM COUNCIL

The past few weeks have been busy as we moved through the Easter celebrations and services. To all who contributed in making our services a success, as well as to those who made our events the pleasurable experiences that they were, a loud and profound "thank you". Congratulations to each for their participation and support.

Also, thank you to those who took the time to provide their feedback in regard to the attributes that we require in a new pastor. This information has been compiled and will be shared with the Call Committee as we enter in to that process.

I have had discussions with prospective Call Committee members, and am in the process of finalizing the composition of the committee. By the time you are reading this we should have our committee in place and be starting into the initial stages of the process. I will provide more detail of this in my next month's message.

I equally look forward to the feedback from the membership surveys that have been provided as well. There will be a mailing sent out to all of those members on our roster who have not, as yet, provided a completed membership survey. We look forward to receiving your responses and replies.

We have been blessed to have had Pastor James Broadfoot (aka "The Archdeacon") with us these past few weeks, and I know I am not alone in saying that his efforts have been appreciated.



Our service this past Sunday was led by Amber Kendel, a third year seminarian, who provided a good message to reflect upon.

Next Sunday (May 2) our service will be led by Rev. Stephen Gross. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Gross to St. Ansgar.

Moving forward, Rev. Dick Holm, has been appointed as interim Pastor for St. Ansgar. Pastor Holm will be following in the pattern established by Pastor James, with regular office hours on Thursday afternoons, as well as visitation with our shut-ins and others. He is completing an interim assignment with St. Peter's Zurich and we will be sharing his services for a few weeks. Many of you will recall that Pastor Holm conducted a service for us in February. We look forward to Pastor Holm, and his guitar, returning to St. Ansgar.

During the past few weeks, Laurie Rodger and I have had the pleasure of meeting with those in similar roles at Redeemer and Trinity to discuss collaboration on events, as well as possibilities of means to share costs, etc. There was also discussion around the challenges that face all of the Lutheran congregations in London (*No, these discussions did not include talks of mergers or such.*)

There were conversations around the possibilities of special services hosted by each of the congregations, etc. At this juncture, it would have to be considered primarily "brain storming" type of dialogue, but there were also some cost saving

suggestions shared for a number of things that we all purchase regularly. There was also agreement to ensure that each congregation is aware of the special events, etc. that the other congregations are involved with.

Peace,
Don

MEET A MEMBER ~ **LYNN WHITTMIRE**



I was born in the prairie town of Melville, Sask. SE of Regina and close to the lovely Qu'Appelle Valley with its many lakes and river. Melville is a railroad town (CN) and farming community. My father worked for the railroad and my mother was a homemaker. I have one brother living in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The church was an integral part in our family life; particularly our youth group. My...what happy memories I have.

After working in Regina for several years I joined the Department of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs). I spent one year in Ottawa before receiving my first overseas assignment. It is said that one's first overseas tour is the most memorable. It is true. The expectations are enormous when one is so young. To my surprise I was sent to South Africa. I was delighted. My parents were in shock hoping I would be sent to Europe so they could visit. Like Canada, South Africa is bilingual—Afrikaans and English. It therefore has two capitals: Pretoria (Afrikaans/administration) and Capetown (English/parliament) so we moved every six months. Pretoria allowed me access to the wild game parks, Zululand and the Indian Ocean. Capetown gave me access to the mountains, the vineyards and the Atlantic Ocean. Can you imagine this landlocked Prairie gal surrounded by two magnificent oceans! Africa will always hold a special place in my heart.

I then went on to serve in Saigon, Manila, Bangkok, London and Bonn interspersed with duty back in Ottawa.

I learned and experienced something new in each country I lived and visited. Upon returning to Canada I said a prayer of thanks to my ancestors for choosing this county to emigrate to. It was good to be home.

I moved to London, Ontario, 12+ years ago to be nearer family here and in Toronto. I also wanted to find a church and get back to my Lutheran "roots". I found St Ansgar ~ and a new family.

The dear Lord has been very merciful to me with his countless blessings and keeping watch over me during difficult times.

SPRING IS HERE ONCE **AGAIN AND YOU KNOW** **WHAT THAT MEANS?**



SPRING CLEANING

There are many tasks that need to be completed, around the Church. The list is posted in the Narthex if you are able to help with any of them please complete and sign off the date of completion. If you would like to help and don't have a key please let Ian Rodger know and he will give you a temporary one. Many hands make for light work.

Thank you
The Property Committee

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Soon you will notice a flurry of activity around the outside of the Church. We are fortunate to have the Northwest London Resource Centre- Superkids Program to help us with the Flower Gardens. Superkids is a program for kids ages 4-12, sponsored by the Ministry of Health, and encompasses a wide range of topics including healthy activity, greening the earth etc. The Program runs till mid June so they will prepare, plant and look after the gardens until then. They have plenty of adults helping them some from NWLRC as well as volunteers, the kids will be at the Church from approx 4-5 pm a couple of afternoons a week.

Laurie Rodger

DISHWASHER UPDATE

We now have \$7,774.00 in our dishwasher fund thanks to a very generous \$2,000.00 donation at Easter! Watch the thermometer to check on the progress until we reach our goal.

On 18 June we will be having a strawberry social and silent auction as a fundraiser. Please join us to enjoy some fresh delicious strawberries, put your bid in on the silent auction and be entertained.

If anyone has items they would like to donate or if you know of an individual or a business that may be able to donate something for the silent auction please let us know.

ELW



MEN'S WORK WEEKEND RETREAT

65 Men to Celebrate 65 Years

Friday 28 May 3:30 pm ~ Sunday 30 May 10:00 am

*Our goal is to register 65 participants for this weekend to socialize, work and worship together
Work teams will be organized to complete repair and maintenance projects throughout the site.*

Men of all skill levels work together to accomplish great things!

Register by Phone or Email

Phone: 519 856 9622 ~ Fax: 519 856 2573

E-mail: registrar@edgewood-camp.on.ca






*Cost: \$40 to cover the cost of meals
(2 breakfasts, lunch and 2 dinners)*

**NOTE: Please speak to Ron Kropf for more information.*

LABOURERS OF LOVE

	<u>2 May</u>	<u>9 May</u>	<u>16 May</u>	<u>23 May</u>	<u>30 May</u>
Communion	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greeters	Doug/Pat Hicks	Cam/Caedwyn Boyd	Giesla Riess	Laurie Rodger	Eva Ludtke
Ushers	Carmen/Ben Dmyterko	Ian Rodger Francis Tekpetey	Scott Gordon Glen Kilback	Inge Schirmer Cam/Cadewyn Boyd	Al Ludtke Jeff Haywood
Assist Min/Lector	Norma Yau	Heather Johanson	Ron Kropf	Norma Yau	Don Anderson
Altar Care	< -----Bridgette Greenslade/Marianne Steckner----- >				
Counters	Hank Enns Francis Tekpetey	Ian Rodger Cameron Boyd	Laurie Rodger Cameron Boyd	Kim Dawe Jeff Haywood	Ron Kropf Francis Tekpetey

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Anderson Wedding 3:30 pm 
2 Rovers 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Kathy Kaps (Good Shepherd) 9 am	6 Cubs 6:45 pm	7	8
9 Mother's Day Rovers 7:30 pm	10 CLAY Meeting 7 pm 	11 ELW Spring Cleaning 9 am	12	13 Cubs 6:45 pm Council 7 pm 	14	15
16 Rovers 7:30 pm	17	18	19	20 ELW 1 pm Cubs 6:45 pm	21	22
23 Rovers 7:30 pm	24 *Newsletter items due	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rovers 7:30 pm	31	UPCOMING EVENTS 24-27 June ~ Eastern Synod Assembly Doubletree Hilton, Toronto, Ontario 19-22 August ~ CLAY National Youth Gathering London, Ontario				



Marlene Gamble (4)
Jane Fenton (26)

Hank Enns (9)
Gloria Wright (28)

Inge Schirmer (26)