



# The Key + February 2011

**Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula**  
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From the Pastors' desk

"Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there"  
Ev. Lutheran Worship / Common Praise

If you have been to one of the weddings that I officiate at quite often you will hear the only Biblical Greek lesson I give. It is on the Greek words for love. You see in English we have the one word LOVE which is supposed to mean so many things. In the Greek there are three words for love: Philia, Eros and Agape.

I tell the couples that Philia love is much like the love within communities and between friends. Buddy love, connecting love. I "love to do..." love.

Eros love – well... I tend to tell the wedding couple to ask their parents to describe that. I figure that they'd be too embarrassed to know their priest knows that type of love.

But the greatest of these is Agape – a sacrificial love. A love so perfectly modelled in Jesus' life and ministry. A love that give all – even to the point of death. A love that gave up everything for those around him. For a couple sacrificial love doesn't always mean a physical death – but may mean a spiritual or an emotional death. As compromises might have to be made, dreams changed and plans adjusted.

It is a love that is no longer about I but about us. It is a relationship of perfect trust, support and care. Not looking for anything – but getting so much.

May we be blessed with relationships of love: Philia, eros and agape.

May we be agents of that love. Here and always.

Peace,

The Rev. Brad Mittleholtz  
Priest & Pastor

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### Worship Schedule

- + Epiphany 5 - Sunday, February 6, 2011 (G)  
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) \ Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) \ Matthew 5:13-20  
9:45 Trinity (Pr. Brad)  
11:30 Christ Church (Pr. Brad)  
2 St. Edmund's (Pr. Brad)
- + Epiphany 6 - Sunday, February 13, 2011 (G)  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 \ Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 \ Matthew 5:21-37  
9:45 Trinity (Pr. Brad) VESTRY  
11:30 Christ Church (Gisele/Bernadette) VESTRY  
2 St. Edmund's (Jan/Bernadette)
- + Epiphany 7 - Sunday, February 20, 2011 (G)  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 \ Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 \ Matt. 5:38-48  
9:45 St. Peter's (Pr. Brad) AGM  
11:30 Christ Church (Fr. Bob/Gisele)  
2 St. Edmund's (Pr. Brad/Gisele)
- + Epiphany 8 - Sunday, February 27, 2011 (G)  
Isaiah 49:8-16a \ Psalm 131  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5 \ Matthew 6:24-34  
9:45 St. Peter's (Pr. Brad)  
11:30 Christ Church (Pr. Brad)  
2 St. Edmund's (Pr. Brad)
- + Transfiguration - Sunday, March 6, 2011 (W)  
Exodus 24:12-18 \ Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21 \ Matthew 17:1-9  
9:45 Trinity (Pr. Brad)  
11:30 Christ Church (Pr. Brad)  
2 St. Edmund's (Pr. Brad)

#### Submissions & Email Distribution

If you have news, thoughts, questions, etc to share that you think would benefit the whole Parish, please do not hesitate to submit them to Tracy or Pr. Brad. You can do this via email, or handing a paper version to them. They will make every effort to include it in an upcoming KEY. If you wish to receive the KEY electronically please email Pr. Brad & Tracy at [bradtracy@bmts.com](mailto:bradtracy@bmts.com) with this request

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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FORGOT TO GET ME FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

### Sponsorship Opportunities

In addition to donating flowers for loved ones (speak to each individual congregation about the process). There are other opportunities to gift our congregations in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a milestone in your life.

**The KEY may be sponsored for \$50**

**An individual congregational bulletin may be sponsored for \$25**

*If you wish to make these donations, speak with Pr. Brad and he will help you contact the right folks in your congregation.*

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 13 – Trinity & Christ Church Vestry  
Feb. 14 – Valentine's Dinner and Social  
Feb. 20 – St. Peter's Annual General Meeting  
Feb. 22 – 7pm Deanery Council, Tara  
March 4 – World Day of Prayer (Warton – St. Peter's)  
March 8 – Shrove Tuesday (pancakes)  
March 9 – Ash Wednesday  
March 26 – Wardens & Treasurers Workshop  
April 2 – Choir Workshop & Concert, Hanover  
April 9 – Georgian Bay Spring Conference Meeting – St. Peter's, Warton  
April 30 - Mthatha (S. Africa) DAY, Christ Church  
May 15-17 – Huron Synod, London



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### Parish Financial Coordinator

The Anglican Parish of the Bruce Peninsula and St. Peter's Lutheran Church are seeking a Parish Financial Coordinator. The duties of this position include the production of a monthly Parish financial statement (Anglican Parish of the Bruce Peninsula & St. Peter's Lutheran), yearend Parish financial statement, the generation of the Parish budget and the production of the Annual Diocesan Report. Remuneration to be negotiated. If you are interested in this position please speak with Pr. Brad and/or submit a resume to him by February 20, 2011.

### Notes from Parish Partnership Council

Jan.11, 2011, Christ Church, Lion's Head

- Gisele Partridge leads us in worship that flows into the work of the Council each month. All roads led to Lion's Head on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Jan. Those who travelled to Christ Church from the north and the south in blowing snow, ate our bag lunches and worshipped together. We sang the Servant's Song, heard scripture, and meditated briefly on the role of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. We prayed "Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands." A fitting challenge for the day, and for most days, come to think of it. Thanks Gisele.
- During the morning the visioning committee met to bring recommendations for a new Mission Statement for our Lutheran and Anglican Ministries of the Bruce. I was impressed with the enthusiasm for some new ministry focus areas, and also the mutual respect that was evident among the five committee members, both in reflecting on the past, and looking forward. More work in February.

- The present Mission Statement is printed on the agenda for each Council meeting. Your Warden or Council Rep. can show you, and will know the many other places the present Statement is to be found.
- Some elements of the parish meeting are informational – so council members can inform others; some elements are "figuring things out", which result in a decision, or motion, and a vote; and some elements are "ongoing", which means we will talk about them again next time. There are decisions that apply to all of the Churches within the Parish, and elements of worship and practice that need to be standard among all the Churches, too. Then there are decisions that are referred to, or left to, the individual Churches. The culture of each Church needs be distinctive.

Audrey MacIntyre



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### **Vestry and Congregational Meeting Schedule:**

St. Edmund's Church – January 30 – Reports  
due by January 14

Christ Church – February 13  
(rescheduled due to weather)

Trinity Church – February 13 – Reports due by  
January 28

St. Peter's Lutheran – February 20

### **2011 Valentine's Supper**

Pr. Brad will be cooking Valentine's Supper again this year. The meal will occur Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at St. Peter's, Lutheran. Games and Movies will follow the meal. Sign up sheets will be sent to each congregation in late January. Put this meal on your calendar now!



### **Mission Opportunity – Supplies Needed**

Eileen Bart's cousin's husband is leaving in February on a Humanitarian Mission to the Dominican Republic and Haiti with a group from Stratford. This is his third trip and they will be there for three weeks. They are in need of tooth brushes and tooth paste to put in the health bags they will give out at their medical clinics. If you would like to help with this project please note that that these items be collected at the Parish churches on Sunday February 6 & February 13. Eileen will pick them up and see they are packed and sent with the group. Thank you very much for your participation.

Eileen Bart



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### **Wiarion Lutheran Women**

#### **Christmas Project**

St. Peter's Wiarion Lutheran Women decided this year that instead of having a gift exchange at our Annual Christmas Dinner we would put together "We Care School Packs" for Haiti instead. We aimed at a total of forty, we ended up with forty two, with lots of extra supplies to provide more for next year.

Our ladies through our St. Peter's and Trinity Anglican Church families helped make the bags to place the packs in.

CLWR put out a challenge to all the church community to respond to the love of God that he has shown us by embracing this mission opportunity of providing 3,500 "Care School packs" for our partners in Haiti.

I feel our gift to Haiti Children will be much more appreciated than giving a small gift to each other as we also had a wonderful meal and friendships to enjoy and be thankful for.

Many THANKS to all who helped with this opportunity to serve those who are much less fortunate than us.

Mary Growden, St. Peter's Wiarion Lutheran Women

### **Pastoral Concerns**

#### **When to Share, How to Share**

From time to time we visit folks from our Parish Family, residents in Long Term Care, hospitals or in their homes. Or we hear via the grape vine that they are

In distress, scheduled for surgery and we know that they are in need of our prayers.

During all of our Pastoral Care Training we were asked this question. 'When is it appropriate to share or pass on this information with our Pastor/Priest,

Prayer chain or send this information on by e-mail or other means?



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The answer is, only when you have the permission of the person, or asked to do so by their closest next of kin or their Power of Attorney.

When we abide by this we honour their privacy and observe the rules as listed in our 'Safe Church and Privacy Policy'

For this reason, Pr. Brad and members of the Pastoral Care team (those who make official visits on behalf of the parish) have to respect anyone's privacy and cannot share information unless they have been given permission.

Pr. Brad always appreciates this information, however a simply "do you want Pr. Brad to know" goes along way.

TOGETHER, let us care for those among us. Being Christ in the midst of illness, pain and despair.



### PAR & Offerings

The Anglican Parish of the Bruce Peninsula is on PAR. PAR is not only a term used only by golfers but a way that we can practice good financial stewardship. PAR stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. It is a way to continue your good financial stewardship to your congregation, even if you are away from worship for whatever reason. It is a very helpful tool to give money to the church and a very helpful tool for the church to budget and to track trends.

If you are interested in PAR please speak with either a warden or

treasurer in your congregation. Also several members use a modified PAR system by writing 12 post dated cheques per year and leaving them at the church to be cashed at the appropriate months.

One final reminder, if you find yourself in worship away from your home congregation on a Sunday and still in the Parish please note that your offerings will get back to your home congregation. For example, a member of Christ Church who puts a Christ Church envelope at St. Edmund's will have their offering sent to Christ Church to be recorded.

### St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Notes

The main item from Council was nominating new council members for the next term. There will be one available position to be filled this year. The council organized an Accessibility Information meeting on January 23rd, for those that were absent they can get information from Ann Sanders.

Joint Council News: peanut butter for Christmas was over 200 jars between St. Peter's & Trinity; pancake Tuesday monies raised (which is a joint outreach fundraiser between Trinity & St. Peter's) will be donated to sponsor a female student in South Africa; Foster Family discussion to be brought to the annual meetings.

Both congregations of Trinity & St. Peter's will bring forth motions to continue their worshipping arrangement to be reviewed annual at the annual meeting/vestry meeting.



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## **A Christian is a follower of Christ**

*Reprinted from the Owen Sound Sun Times*

The following letter to the editor was shared at a recent Parish Mutual Ministry Committee meeting – it was thought that it would be good to share in the KEY.

Editor:

I am writing in response to the Editorial in The Sun Times on Dec. 16-- The 3 R's: religious, right and rude.

I read the article, then re-read it, this time trying to guess what Jesus' reaction would be. As children, a lot of us were familiar with the prayer that started with, "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild". As we grew up and started reading for ourselves about this gentle Jesus, we discovered that He was gentle indeed where little children were concerned, or thieves or prostitutes, or murderers. He was kind and loving and forgiving. He was also demanding. He was quick to say "You're forgiven", but often would follow up with, "Now go, and sin no more."

That same gentleness fell away quickly whenever He had dealings with the religious element of the day. He had no patience with the leaders of the synagogue with their legalism and rules and sacrifices.

There was absolutely no limit to what he would do (did do, actually) for the outcasts of society, the sinners, the poor and "down trodden" or anyone else who believed He was God's Son and was willing to put their faith in Him.

Because I am a Christian, my first impulse is to come to the defence of another Christian, but in many cases, like the ones mentioned in your article, it is hard to come up with a legitimate defence. How can a Christian say he would like a Holy Ghost machine gun so he could blow somebody's head off? Perhaps we would all (by we, I mean we Christians) be better off if we

judged ourselves as strongly as we judge others.

Christ said we are to love our enemies and to pray for those who despise us. He also told His disciples that the Ten Commandments tell us not to kill, but that He would go further than that and say that if I hate someone and/or wish him dead, I am just as guilty of murder as the one holding the gun.

A Christian, to my way of thinking anyway, is a follower of Christ, not a member of any particular religious group. We may meet together with other like minded people in a building with a specific name above the door, but joining in with that group isn't what makes us Christian.

It is because we are Christian that we want to get together with others and worship God together. If that is indeed the case, then everything we say or do should fall right in line with our Leader and what He would say or do under the same circumstances.

Christ referred to Himself as the tree, and we (His followers) as the branches. The fruit that the branches bear is our first clue as to what kind of a tree it is. If there is a big sign on the tree that says "Apple Tree", but there are cherries growing on the branches, I think it's safe to say that the sign is wrong. If I claim to be a follower of Christ but what you see in my life is very un-Christ like, you might want to question the original claim. Either it is totally wrong, or I am desperately in need of a wake-up call.

Maureen Gehiere Owen Sound



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# Happy Birthday

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays*

Feb. 2 – Ethan Mittleholtz

Feb. 4 – Robert Kurt

Feb. 8 – Florence Paton

Feb. 20 – Betty Lunz

Feb. 25 – Shirley Bruer

## **Georgian Bay Conference Spring Conference Meeting**

St. Peter's has been selected as the host for the Spring Conference Meeting – this is a first for St. Peter's during Pr. Brad's time. It's our turn to shine and show off our ministry. The Spring Conference meeting is Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. 30-40 delegates from churches throughout the Georgian Bay Conference will be present with us. We will lead them in worship and provide lunch and hospitality. More information will be coming.

## **Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy Book Study**

Pr. Brad will be leading a book study during Lent (and beyond). We will gather on Tuesdays at Christ Church from 9:30 to 11:30, beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The book we will be reading is Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy written by Eric Metaxas and published by Thomas Nelson in 2010.

You can either purchase the book directly or contact Pr. Brad as he will make a bulk order at the end of February. The current price is under \$25 per book.

What follows is a review of the book.

*The historical biography genre is alive and well in the hands of Eric Metaxas...his book about famous pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer is so fluid and alive that it transports the reader to another world. That the subject matter of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is eminently important is beyond a doubt and Metaxas weaves an incredibly readable and highly relevant biography that captures details that have been missed or downplayed in other sources.*

*It is something when you can say that a biography is so compelling you find it hard to put down but this is just such a biography. Metaxas writes with a clear awareness of the relevance of Bonhoeffer to our own culture and emphasizes certain aspects of his life and theology such as the question of "what is the church?" Truly a biography for our time.*

*The author's biographical skills are not the only thing showcased in the text, his attention to historical detail is also constantly at the fore.*

*For those who know and appreciate Bonhoeffer you will be very happy with Metaxas' treatment of him. If you are unaware of him or simply not a fan of biographies I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to check out this book. You will be introduced to a person who will challenge and sharpen you and you will be given a wonderful and unique perspective about a critical period in world history - early 20th century Europe.*

*I promise you that this book will not disappoint...it will be a measure of what a biography should be for years to come.*



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