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## Canadian Seasons

*"My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."* Psalm 91:2

Still up on our front porch is a live Christmas Tree – a Norway Spruce that we cut at a farm near Ilderton. It's been up since the end of November. Together, with our neighbours who have outside Christmas lights, they light up the night sky, much like that star that shone long ago. It saddened me earlier this month when my neighbour took down their lights. It seemed that the season of Christmas was over too soon. It got me thinking about our seasons.

Canada has been accused of having only two: six months of winter, and six months of poor sledding. Some might argue that we really have three: spring, summer and hockey. I suggest we opt for five:

Spring: March 21 – June 20 (no change)

Summer: June 21 – Sept 20 (no surprise there either)

Fall: Sept 21 – Nov 30 (a tad shorter)

Christmas: Dec 1 – Jan 31. (this is the biggy)

Winter: Feb 1 – March 20 (only six weeks – the shorter, the better)

This would give Canada the longest Christmas and the shortest winter on the globe. Who wouldn't want that?

We Canadians could put the outside Christmas lights up before our fingers are numb. The lights could be left up to brighten the darkest nights of the year to increase safety. Christmas shopping could be extended which would increase the Canadian economy, and lessen the rushing around. There would be more days for leftover turkey. This would lengthen the atmosphere of "peace on earth and good will towards everyone" which seeps into almost everyone regardless of their outward faith. Less winter is kinder on our knee joints. My Chiropractor, in Goderich, plays hockey almost all year so there should be no loss to those devotees. No doubt, you could think of other reasons; do let me know. This idea may not fly; one can only hope.

This year, we're taking our outside Christmas tree down, January 31. We'll only have to store the lights for nine months. Winter starts next Monday.

Much love and be well.

Peter

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*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

