



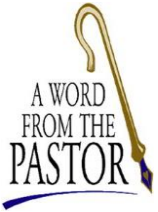
Good Shepherd
LUTHERAN CHURCH

June, July, August 2021

News

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Summer Relief



Summer is here (or at least pretty close). And if there's one word that most of us associate with summer it's got to be "relief". Summer is a season of relief in many ways: relief from the dreariness of winter as we return to sunny skies and warm weather, the relief of relaxed schedules as school winds down and maybe work routines lighten up, and (of course) the relief of summer holidays.

Maybe this year it also holds the promise of a different kind of relief. I'm referring to relief from the most severe pandemic restrictions and perhaps even a return to church services in-person. Our Reopening Team will be meeting to review our reopening plan and then it will be up to church council to decide. We're hopeful, but we also want to make sure we are being as responsible in our plans as possible.

Regardless of how things roll out we will continue to offer the spiritual relief of regular weekly worship; relief that is ours through the love of God proclaimed in word, sacrament, song (don't forget to submit those favourite hymn requests), and all the elements of our faithful liturgy.

And yet, perhaps we are even more conscious this year of the need of others around us for relief in various ways. Maybe there's never been a time when the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 are more true: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it..." I'm thinking specifically of the recent trauma that so many are feeling around the discovery of the mass grave of children at the Kamloops Residential School.

Do we suffer together with those who carry this pain more deeply than perhaps we will ever know? Can we call ourselves followers of Christ if we are not touched on some level by their suffering? At the very least, maybe our call to discipleship this summer also entails finding ways to address some of this pain. Read the article about Shannon Svingen-Jones and her campaign to fundraise for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (inside this newsletter). Can you contribute?

Or maybe the best way to respond is by those of us who are settlers working on ourselves: reflecting on our own attitudes and behaviours towards our First Nations peoples, and how even the most benign prejudice can contribute to enabling the most horrific oppression.

As we experience relief in all the ways we look forward to it this summer, perhaps we also can resolve to be mindful of ways we can bring relief to others.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Hold y'er Horses!

In light of the announcement of BC's restart plan announced May 25th, by all indications we **are** moving closer to the day when in-person religious gatherings will be permitted. However, according to the BC government website such gatherings are still not allowed. The website indicates that "safety protocols for indoor in-person religious gatherings and worship services of any size are being reviewed and will be updated shortly."

What this all means is that once those new protocols are announced the Reopening Team will review those in relation to the protocols we have established in our current reopening plan and make whatever revisions are necessary. They will then be reviewed by council at the earliest opportunity and implemented accordingly.

While we continue to move closer to a time when we once again will be reopening our doors for worship services in the months ahead, until all protocols are in place in order to make it safe to do so, we're asking for your continued patience. So in the end, this basically means "hold y'er horses!" But feel free to be hopeful and optimistic for that time, and thank God for this gift.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ~ Romans 8:24-25

Vision Process Update

Our visioning process has been making great progress over the last few weeks. To date we have had 65 people participate in twelve cottage meetings, with a handful still waiting to participate. We are also in the process of conducting a dozen or so one-on-one interviews with those who are unable to participate in the cottage meetings. The conversations have been rich and varied, with some interesting reflection being shared.

After all our input has been received our next step is to call a general meeting of the congregation to which everyone will be invited. It will be led by Pastor Kathy Martin, Assistant to Bishop Greg in our BC Synod office. She will lead us through further reflection. And then the process will be handed back to council to complete. The end result we are planning for is a document defining our core values and guiding principles to help us make faithful decisions around our future.

We are staying on track. Progress is being made every week. Student Pastor Elina has been a great help. At the same time we always want to be reminding ourselves that this is a Spirit-led process, and that means that the timeline isn't always in our control. Reflection and discernment take time. And on top of this process are all the other things we are wrestling with as a congregation now, like deciding when and how to re-open, what resources that will require, refining our live-streaming technology, exploring options for our children's ministry...just to name a few. Please pray for all who are helping to move this process forward and that it will be fruitful for our mission.

For Our Prayer

For specific requests for prayer, please contact Kate Wright at kfwright@hotmail.com or Claire Thompson at 604-939-3086. Your prayer request will quickly be passed to our congregational prayer chain.

Al Startin as he continues his cancer treatments.

Bob Berry as he continues to recover from his recent cancer surgery.

Susan Wills and her family, that Susan stays safe and that the family cope well during her time of isolation.

Don Forss (Lois's brother) as he continues his cancer treatment.

Linda Berry, as she continues to recover from her recent stroke.

Jacqueline Hupe, Roland Durand's niece who was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and is in her final days.

Karisa, Dale Wald's niece in Edmonton recently diagnosed with leukaemia.

Our Refugee Sponsees: **Solomon** [currently living in Sudan] and **Tesfay** [currently living in Ethiopia], that they stay safe while they wait to come to Canada.

All those suffering with or affected by the Covid19 virus. Also for our doctors, nurses and first responders and all those caring for those affected.

Our First Nations peoples, especially those impacted by the recent news from the Kamloops Residential School.



Thanksgiving! Please join us as we thank God for the good news that

- For the good news that vaccinations have been available and are being distributed.
- That our visioning process is proceeding well.
- Elina has now completed half of her internship with flying colours.

Milestone Birthday Greetings

Special summer Birthday Wishes are extended to **Vivian Kroeker** who celebrates her **95th birthday** on June 2nd, to **Lillian Vigurs** who celebrates her **80th birthday** on June 30th, and to **Elinor Knudson** who celebrates her **75th birthday** on August 25th.



Summer Birthdays

We also send our love and birthday wishes to the following members who also will be celebrating their birthdays in June, July or August:

Lucas Perk	Bonnie Karhukangas
Shayan Saed	Sue Power
Karen Harris	Elsie Johnson
Linda Walters	Gail Tremain
Linda Berry	Evan Darts
Ashley Savage	Nikolaj Hansen
Carole Lentz	Ryan Wald
Sarah Marquess	Beverly Poznachuk
Nicole Denison	Jack Sinton
Carole Erickson	Lois Forss
Caitlin Catterall	Brad Newton
Lily Seidel	Betty Jones
Elaine Sinton	Keith Harris
Erick Schuler	Bob Knudson
Amelia Haeber	Marjun Blishen
Lauren Le Roux	

*With Blessings to all from
your Good Shepherd Family*

Birthday Correction

We extend our apologies to **Agnes Mattson** who celebrated her **96th birthday** on **April 16th**, and not her 95th as previously noted.

As Agnes herself noted, *"If I lived it, I want to claim it!"*, and we join you in that sentiment.

We hope it was an event that was well celebrated, Agnes.



Belated Milestone Birthday Greetings

Our belated birthday greetings are extended to **Anne Christensen** who celebrated her **90th birthday** on **May 8th**.



God's blessings to you Anne.

We hope it also was an event that was well celebrated. 😊

Moved

Agnes Mattson has moved!

Well, technically, Agnes has only moved down the hallway into a newly-renovated suite on the same floor, so it's only her suite number that has changed...

Her new address is 320 – 2675 Shaughnessy Street
Port Coquitlam BC
V3C 0B9

Her phone number remains the same: 604-942-4269

God's blessings to you Agnes, in your renovated home.

Congratulations Class of 2021 Graduates!



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all who will be graduating high school this year, and especially the hard work completed by our GSLC youth:

Shelby Goyeau
Nikolaj Hansen
Emily Myers
Shayan Saed

Well done, and congratulations on your achievement!

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! *Way to Go!*
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS *Take A* **BEST WISHES!**

SUMMER SERVICES

We expect to continue our live streaming of services with Holy Communion through the summer months, and as the situation changes and we begin meeting again for in-person worship, here are just a few things we wish to bring to your attention:

Healing Service – June 6th

On June 6th at 2 pm we will be offering an online healing service. This is an experiment for us but we're hoping it meets a timely need in our congregation. It will be held on Zoom. The details are as follows: While laying on of hands and anointing won't be possible at this time, we will be offering an opportunity for private and confidential prayer using a breakout room. Even if you don't want to receive individual prayer, you are still encouraged to attend this event to engage in and enjoy the liturgy, readings, reflections and all the beautiful hymns that are typically sung during these services.

Summer Hymn Sing

For the months of June, July and August, we continue our practice of gathering together for 10 minutes prior to our worship service for our Summer Hymn Sing. This is an opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns over the summer months. Please contact the office by phone or email, letting us know one or two of your favorite hymns, and we will try to get as many of them as we are able to, sung during our musical worship service prelude.

Flowers for the Altar

We are returning to our usual practice of Flower Chart Sign-up to provide flowers for the altar on any given Sunday. Should you wish commemorate a certain date or event, please call or email the office to make those arrangements. Specific dates can only be secured on a first-called-first-committed basis.

Should you wish to make your own arrangements and deliver flowers to the church yourself, please deliver them to the exterior office door entrance on Sunday morning by 10 am. Alternately, Heather Edwards can provide an arrangement for you for a cost of \$50. Heather will purchase the flowers herself and make up the arrangements, and you can come back to the church on Monday at 10 am to pick them up (Please bring a pail or 2 vases in which to transport them). Note: This \$50 charge is for flowers and supplies only. Heather's time is donated.



PRAYER GROUP

Weekly Zoom prayer gatherings will continue over through June and July, meetings every Wednesday at 1 pm. We will take a break in August, resuming again in September.

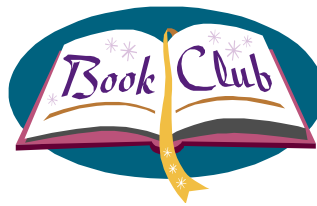
Every 2 weeks we follow the Lectio Divina practice of prayer, where we read and reflect on scripture together followed by prayer. On the alternate weeks we gather simply to lift up the concerns and thanksgivings of our lives in prayer. All are welcome.

Weekly Zoom links are provided to those who have expressed interest in attending these gatherings. Please contact the office to be included to receive these weekly links.

We are changing the way we currently carry out our monthly prayer invitation. Instead of joining us on *one* particular Wednesday a month to pray for a particular prayer-worthy focus, we're inviting you to join us in prayer throughout the entire month on these prayer-worthy topics, within your own daily prayer practices!

So going forward, we invite you to pray over these words, in whatever way they express themselves to you, in the upcoming summer months:

June - Cherish
July – Renewal
August - Inclusiveness



The next book club meeting will be held at the Hansens' on **Sunday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m.** As restrictions have been somewhat lifted, we expect to meet on their deck with social distancing. If anything should change, we will meet by Zoom. The book to be discussed is:

Braiding Sweetgrass:
Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge and the teachings of plants
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

For directions or phone numbers, contact the office, Mogens Hansen, or Kate Wright.

All are welcome!

We do not meet in the summer. The book for September is

Resisting Structural Evil: love as ecological economic vocation
by Dr Cynthia Moe-Lobeda.

A message from the BC Synod

We invite all members of your congregation to receive an electronic copy of our BC Synod Announcements.

It's simple. Just click below and every Wednesday your members receive news, articles, opportunities for learning and study, online events etc. directly to your mailbox. Stay informed about what's going on at the Synod level of our church.

[sign up for The Synod Announcements](#)



"Hey, Dad. I need some short-term, economic aid."



From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial YTD Status as of March 31, 2021:

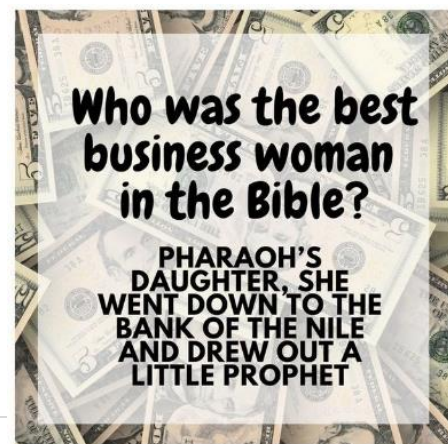
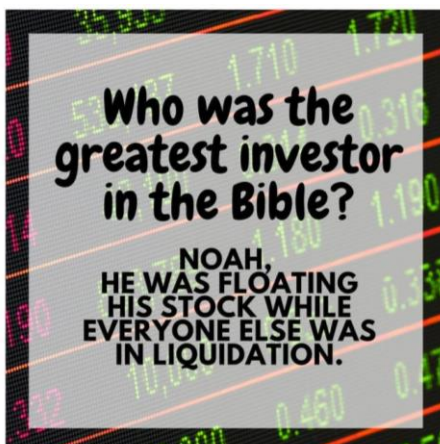
Total Income	\$76,743.56
Total Expenses	\$71,143.22
Surplus	\$ 5,600.34

Project Contingency Fund \$47,641.51

Thank you for your continued generosity in these "unprecedented" times

Inquiries still come in from time to time on how best to make donations to the church. What follows are our Treasurer's top three recommended methods.

1. **BY INTERNET BANKING:** Send an e-transfer to goodshepherd@telus.net. Include your envelope number and indicate if your offering is for general revenue or a special purpose (eg. general offerings, designated gifts, project contingency fund)
2. **BY CREDIT CARD THROUGH CANADA HELPS:** Click the Donate Now button on our website (gslcc.ca) or follow this link. *Canada Helps* will issue you the donation receipt and retains a small percentage as a service fee.
3. Put a **CHEQUE** in your numbered 2021 church envelope, and either mail it to the church (1504 Spruce Avenue, Coquitlam BC V3J 2P6) or drop it through the mail slot in the front main door entrance.



Property Matters

Grounds

In lieu of a spring clean-up, a few individuals have been busy tending to outside yard maintenance. Thanks to David who has been spotted removing weeds, building trenches for water to guide it to the drain, and raking debris from the lawns.

Thanks to Jerry for cutting the lawn, shaping the front bushes, power washing the parking lot, applying a moss-remover and power washing again for safety sake.

Thanks to Greg Seidel for removing the flat tire from our lawn mower, driving it to Westwood Tire for repairs, greasing the bearings of both front tires and re-installing it onto our lawn mower.

Thanks to Keith and Donna Harris who continue to attend to the flower watering as the summer days turn hot and dry.

Thanks to Al for coordinating with BC Hydro to tending to the exterior lighting.

Thanks to Val Newton for her weeding of the garden at the north end of the Sanctuary and trimming back some of the ivy on the west side of the church over a couple of days.

And a huge Thank You to Westwood Tires (980 Westwood Street, Port Coquitlam) who fixed one of the tires on our rider mower free of charge. When Greg mentioned that the mower belonged to the church, the business graciously provided the service for free. Thank you for your generous act of kindness. If anyone needs new tires, you know where to go for outstanding service.

These are just the ones who have been spotted quietly tending to maintenance needs as they see fit. Thank you to all who come and go unnoticed, who have devoted your time, energy and efforts into helping out when and where you can, to maintain our church building and our grounds.

Our own **Shannon Svingen-Jones** is a 7th generation Assiniboine and a Citizen of the Métis nation, who will be walking 215 km in 60 days in honour of the children that were found in Kamloops this week, to raise funds for the *Indian Residential School Society in BC*. If you are inclined to donate to this cause, know that all funds collected (100%) will go directly to the society, and all donations receive a charitable tax receipt. To donate through Shannon's facebook page [click here](#), or if you are not a facebook member you can donate directly to the society through their [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#) website. If you donate through the website simply click on the large "Donate" button. That will bring up a form to fill in. The first field in the form asks for "Name/Organization". You can fill in "Shannon Svingen-Jones" in that field. Then, a little later in the form you can fill in your first and last name and address. That way she will be notified of your donation.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

~ Psalm 8:1

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

~ Psalm 19:1

REFLECTIONS...from our Student Pastor

Hello everyone!

We celebrated Pentecost just a couple of weeks ago. On the Monday before Pentecost I was getting ready for bed when the storm started outside. It was like someone flicked on a switch – suddenly the thunder was rumbling, the heavy rain was pelting on the windows, and the wind was howling in the large trees in the nearby park.

The next morning, as I was going for a walk and stepping over fallen branches on the sidewalk, I was thinking about wind. We like wind, in moderation. A gentle breeze is refreshing on a hot summer's day, drying my laundry and lifting kites into the sky. A good, steady wind is needed for sailboats and wind turbines. Wind is a useful force indeed.

But too much wind is a problem. From cancelled ferry sailings and power outages to destroyed buildings, flooded cities, and damaged infrastructure – wind can be dangerous.

All this made me wonder, do we also like the Spirit of God in moderation? We like to feel God's presence among us when we gather for worship on Sunday mornings – the church would feel empty without the Spirit of God. And we can often feel God's presence when we spend time with friends or family, or outdoors on a beautiful day.

But sometimes the Spirit of God is like a storm – the Pentecost story in Acts 2 describes the arrival of the Spirit as “sound like a violent wind”. The Spirit of God can uproot old things and create chaos in the church – or what seems to us like chaos. The Spirit is never destructive like a storm might be. The Spirit of God can be disruptive, but always working towards life, an abundant life.

The visioning process we've been working on may seem like chaos. Some of you commented on that in the cottage meetings – it all seemed like loose thoughts and ramblings without a focus. Maybe that's Spirit of God at work. The Spirit is inspiring those loose thoughts and helping us ramble together, and eventually, something useful and beautiful will emerge. We needed the strong wind to uproot us a little, to create restlessness and disturbance, and to nudge us toward a vision. We can trust the Spirit of God in this process even when we don't see the end clearly yet.

What will this summer bring? I pray that the Spirit of God continues her work in and among us, so that God's dream for this congregation could emerge from our thoughts and ideas.

I also hope that this summer will bring opportunities to be together. I still haven't met so many of you in person! I would love to meet you – maybe for a walk, or outside on your yard or deck, or the church parking lot. It seems we can do this safely now. You can contact me through the church office, or at elinasingh28@gmail.com.

May Spirit be with you.
Student pastor Elina



Contributed by Claire Thompson & David Stroud ~ energizing the renewing Gospel for all creation around the world: in the healing hands of a church seeking social, economic & climate justice.

SO JUST WHAT IS CLIMATE JUSTICE?

Justice is generally understood to mean what is right. Climate justice is an ethical and political issue rather than one that is purely environmental and relates the causes and effects on climate change to concepts of justice including environmental and social justice.

The adverse effects of a warming climate are not felt equally on our planet. Extreme weather and rising sea levels have more impact on marginalized and underserved communities. The poorest countries, especially those dependent on agriculture, will be affected the most despite having contributed the least to climate change. It also means ensuring all people and the planet are treated fairly by: reducing further climate change (mitigation), and adapting to changes we have already brought about (adaptations). Fair, transparent and inclusive decision making is needed with costs and benefits of meeting climate change spread out fairly. Plus it also means thinking about the needs of future generations AND non-humans, including restorative justice which is the restitution of integrity to our Mother Earth and all its beings.

God created our Earth and everything on it and saw that it was very good.

As a Christian community we are told to “act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8). So what can we do?

- We can raise our voice in faith for climate justice.
- We can also follow the 5rs:
 - Refuse** - to buy things that are overly packaged in plastic.
 - Reduce** – what we buy.
 - Reuse** – use rags instead of paper towels
 - Repurpose** – Donate items you no longer need (or hold a church yard sale when we finally get out of covid 19).
 - Recycle** – which we already know how to do (even if the rules keep changing).

These are just some of the definitions of climate justice and just a few things we can do.

I invite your comments and your participation,

Claire Thompson wdstroud@telus.net

*Spirit of Light, illumine our minds,
Spirit of Love, inflame our hearts
Spirit of Life, empower our limbs.
Divine Spirit, now and ever, heal and free us
to live with passion and purpose the promise of Pentecost.
Let the churches say, “Amen”!
~ Prayer from the World Council of Churches
WCC Presidents Pentecost message*

Our OUTREACH Outreach



Contributed by Gail Tremain ~ As a member of the **Good Shepherd Outreach Team** along with Pat Savage, Gail thought you would enjoy knowing where a portion of our church's charitable donations are being sent, just who they are helping, and how they are being used to directly impact our community.

Did you know that **meal programs** are the most accessed service according to the *2020 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count Final Report*? You might like to know that a portion of your donations Good Shepherd Lutheran Church goes to help support a free community meal program that directly serves those most vulnerable in our community!



A Mobile Community Kitchen was launched in late January, 2020. It is The Phoenix Flame BBQ Food Truck, which is operated by the Phoenix Society. The Phoenix Society is a multi-service agency dedicated to providing accessible service and opportunities to families in poverty, and to those who face barriers related to addiction, housing, mental health, education, criminal justice involvement or employment.

This Mobile Community Kitchen partners with organizations like the SHARE Society to offer meals to their food bank recipients. It serves the Tri-Cities area, as well as individuals in the Surrey Food Bank area. It has the capacity to serve 100 people per day, 3-5 times a week.

Along with being able to access a hot meal in a safe manner, this flexible meal service develops relationships with the hard to serve, vulnerable populations in the community by being able to connect them to helpful resources in the community. There are also partnerships with local food redistributors to repurpose fresh food items in the meal program and reduce unnecessary waste.

Our donations are very much appreciated. At Christmas we were informed by Phoenix, that our donation to the Capacity Expansion Shelter made a difference and lifted spirits, as the guests there said that they didn't realize there were "people out there who did not even know them, yet cared about them."

The Phoenix Society has expressed thanks to us, as our donation(s) will help to keep this Mobile Kitchen up and running. ...and isn't that wonderful?

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:15



Summer Youth Update

Summer! Hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the school year already. It feels like the longest/fastest school year on record. But before we wrap-up and take a mini break, we have a few exciting announcements! First, we are not done yet! We have several events planned for June, so be sure to keep an eye on your email. From hikes to sports days, and graduation recognitions, there will be times to laugh, play and celebrate.

Second, we will be taking a 5–6-week break from the end of June to the beginning of August, but we will be returning in plenty of time for CLAY! We are really looking forward to this year's event and hope you will be able to join us. CLAY runs August 20-22nd and more information can be found at www.claygathering.ca. Or feel free to reach out to Jason or Rachel with any questions you may have. We will need to know our registration numbers before the end of June.

Last, and certainly not least, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the youth-led service. You did an amazing job, and it was a real blessing to be able to share the service with churches in our community.

As we begin our summer adventures, we want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. And for our graduating youth, Shayan, Shelby, Emily, Nikolaj, Spencer and Ian, as they take on the challenge of a new beginning, may this be a time of hope and joy and celebration. Congratulations on your graduations!

With great joy and thanksgiving,
Rachel Genge

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 3:14

ignYTE Summer Schedule

Saturday, June 5th 6pm

Guys'/male-identified folks' hike @
Buntzen Lake

Sunday, June 6th 2pm

All-youth gathering @ St. Stephen's

Friday, June 11th 6pm

Girls'/female-identified folks' inlet
walk @ Old Orchard Park

Sunday, June 13th 2pm

Family sports day @ Mundy Park
All youth + families welcome,
including incoming 7th graders!

Friday, June 18th 5:30pm

End-of-year celebration +
grad recognition

Sunday, June 20th

CLAY registration deadline

June 23 - August 3

Summer break

First 2 weeks of August

Expect a couple social + pre-CLAY events

August 20-22

CLAY

Week after Labour Day

ignYTE "lights" up again!





The **Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth** gathering is happening this year on **August 20-22**, and we're hoping you can join us!

What is CLAY?

The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY) is a program of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada \(ELCIC\)](#) and the [Anglican Church of Canada \(ACC\)](#).

Canadian Lutheran Youth Gatherings have a history that goes back as far as 1966. In 2010, the gathering became a joint gathering of the ELCIC and ACC. CLAY is an immersive, several-day event where youth gather from across the country to worship, play, learn, and grow together.

Who can participate?

CLAY is designed for youth **ages 14-19** (born between 2002 and 2007). But since CLAY 2020 was postponed, youth up to age 20 (born 2001) are welcome to participate. Youth born prior to 2001 are still welcome to attend and are invited to do so as a **Leader in Training**.

With the endorsement of their Home Team Leader and their local congregation/parish, and with the permission of the CLAY Registrar, youth who will be 13 years old (born in 2008) by the end of the year may be permitted to attend the gathering.

What will CLAY look like this year?

You can expect about 3 hours of online group gathering time each day featuring: worship, workshops, and a large group gathering with the CLAY band, drama team, and our keynote speaker, **Melanie Delva**.

There will also be Late Night Spots every day (a CLAY participant favourite), activities engaging with our **National Youth Project** happening outside of the online gathering times, and local activities planned for these three days.

As home team leaders, Rachel and I committed to making this as engaging an experience as possible. As much as it is safe to do so, our aim is to spend these few days together in-person, following any public health guidelines necessary.

How much will it cost?

The national organizers are making this a pay-as-you-can event, suggesting a **donation of \$45**. Depending on what we are able to do by then, locally planned activities by Rachel and I may increase this cost somewhat. But we'll make sure to let you know as we make plans. Just know that we don't want money to prevent anyone from coming!

Where can I find out more?

Check out the [CLAY website](#) to find out more. Then sign up for the CLAY newsletter to receive direct updates!

Let us know if you're interested! With registration opening up any day now, we're hoping to start compiling a list of interested people for the ignYte Home Team.

Are you a youth hoping to participate? A potential Leader in Training? Let us know!

Jason Wood

(He/him/his)

Youth and Families Ministry Coordinator

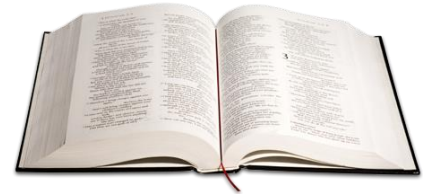
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

5. GOD is Spirit and his worshipers must _____ him in Spirit and Truth. (John 4:24)
6. I am the _____ and the life. He who puts his faith in life will live, even if he dies. (John 11:25)
8. I am the _____ of life. He who comes to Me will not be hungry. (John 6:35)
9. I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in the _____. (3 John 1)
10. The Word became _____ and he lived among us (John 1:14)



DOWN

1. If you hold to My teaching you are really My _____. then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John 8)
2. _____ is the promised Messiah (HINT: Jesus’ Hebrew name)
3. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the _____, except through Me. (John 14:6)
4. God so loved the world that he gave his only _____ Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
5. Never take your _____ of truth from my mouth (Psalm 119:43)
7. Your righteousness is everlasting and Your _____ is truth. (Psalm 119:142)





Weekly Church Events

Is socially-distancing causing you to miss human engagement and face-to-face contact? Are you aware that most weeks the church offers the following online get-togethers over Zoom that offer just that? You are invited to join in any one (or all) of these live-over-Zoom events. All are welcome!

Sunday mornings at 9 am –Bible Study over Zoom

We continue to gather for conversation and reflection on one of the scripture that will be read in worship for that Sunday, until the end of June only. We will resume this practice again in September.

We will continue our one Sunday each month participating in the ELCIC's Bible Book Club program to help increase our bible literacy, where we all read through one book of the Bible and gather for discussion and reflection on questions provided on the book. Our summer participation is as follows:

On June 13th we will be looking at **Amos** ([Overview](#) & [Questions](#))

On July 18th we will be looking at **Mark** ([Overview](#) & [Questions](#))

On August 15th we will be looking at **Acts** ([Overview](#) & [Questions](#))

It is not necessary to have actually completed reading the entire book by the time we meet in order to join in on the lively conversations that transpire.

Live Streamed Sunday Worship with Communion

Every Sunday now (for the time being) we will be offering a worship service live streamed from the church at 10:30 am. The service will include communion. You can join in by going to our YouTube channel and clicking on the video that is indicated as "live". A recording of the service will also be posted to our channel at some point after the service end.

Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm – Zoom Prayer Gathering

Our prayer gatherings (alternating between praying Lectio Divina style & free-style 'Prayers of the People') will continue during June and July, but will take a break during the month of August..

Thursday afternoons at 4 pm – Zoom Happy Hour

All are welcome to join in when we share anecdotes on the comings and goings of the week. It's always a fun time of social interaction and engaging in lively conversation about what's going on in our lives and in our world. These will continue throughout the summer months.