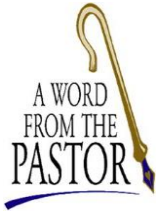




**Good Shepherd**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# September 2021 News

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## BACK TO ???

This September newsletter is the one where I usually write about getting back to our normal fall routine: back to worship, and all those activities we normally enjoy and look forward to after a refreshing summer break.

Well, this year, for obvious reasons, is a little different. Yes, we are looking forward to returning to in-person worship (I'm writing this the week before Labour Day). But how it will all roll out and what things will look like by Christmas is anyone's guess. "Getting back" is hard to talk about when you're not sure exactly what you are getting back to.

So how to name a time like this? Well, we might want to consider the word "liminal". Liminal or liminality is a word describing a threshold time; an in between time; a time where you know one way of being has passed, but a new one has not yet taken shape or come into view. And that can be an uncomfortable experience. Most of us like predictability and knowing what to expect in the future. Liminal times, however are full of uncertainty, discomfort, unpredictability.

But liminal times can also be exciting and inspiring. They can free us up to try things that have never been tried or let our creative juices flow in ways we've perhaps never allowed them to flow. It makes me think of our visioning process (which is something we definitely will be getting back to). Visioning is an exercise for liminal times as we acknowledge the gifts of the past but also open our minds and spirits to the possibilities of the future. It's challenging but worthwhile work.

Maybe we think that we're unique in facing times like these. But not so. In fact, the Bible is full of stories of God's people facing liminal times. As Susan Beaumont (our synod convention guest speaker) even says, "God's greatest work occurs in liminal space." Think of the Exodus story where the Hebrews wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. They knew they weren't slaves anymore, but they also didn't know what they were becoming. They vacillated between wanting to return to Egypt and hoping for a new future. Eventually God led them to the promised land. They became Israelites.

They sometimes couldn't see it, they often forgot it, but God was with them even in their anxiety and disorientation. And God is with us in this time as well. No we don't know how this fall will roll out. We don't know what our visioning process will yield. What we do know is that God is faithful, will never abandon us, and just might be up to God's greatest work among us even now.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### Welcome Back!

We are pleased to be able to offer in-person, weekly worship services again at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. They commence on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with the Health Order Guidelines in place at the time. We anticipate those will include masks-wearing, social distancing, and ventilation (all windows open so dress accordingly!) As our Public Health Orders are updated, our gathering guidelines will be subject to amendment as well. We ask for your continue consideration since we all have different Covid risk tolerance levels. **For the safety of yourself and others we respectfully request that, at this time, only fully vaccinated persons (and those under 12 years of age in the supervision of a caregiver) attend in-person worship. Live-streaming of our Sunday services will continue to be offered on a weekly basis and will be accessible in the usual way through our YouTube channel.**

Our current reopening plan consists of calling or emailing the office (time stamps will be noted) should you wish to attend an in-person service. A seating plan will be in use, and bulletins will be discouraged. Please print your own at home and bring it along if you are able. The entire service will be projected, and our live-stream worship service will still be accessible and recorded for same day uploading and access.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are all in this together!

### Elinor Knudson is Retiring

After almost 30 years as **Altar Care Coordinator**, Elinor Knudson has decided to retire. Thank You Elinor for a job well done. You have done a remarkable job coordinating our Communion Assistant volunteers throughout the decades. In addition to serving in the Altar Guild, Elinor has also served in our Children's ministry as a Sunday School and VBS Teacher, and as a former Council member. While we at the church don't offer gold watches upon retirement, we can offer Elinor our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for her lifetime of volunteer service given to our church.

Elinor's youngest daughter is due in December, and both Elinor and Bob plan on helping Sarah, Leigh and Asta Marie as much as they can in the months ahead, and welcoming their new granddaughter upon her arrival. May God bless you as you enjoy your busy retirement.

Should anyone be inspired to take over this position from Elinor, please contact Pastor Eric and let him know of your interest.

### Vision Process Update

Thank you to all who gave their time and consideration to our Vision Process conversations in the spring. That feedback has now been collated, and Pastor Kathy Martin, Assistant to Bishop Greg in our BC Synod office, will be leading us in a congregational meeting which involves reflection and Spirit-led discernment, to define what our congregation sees as our core values and guiding principles to help us make faithful decisions around our future. Please continue to pray for all our church leaders and council members who are helping to move this process forward.

## For Our Prayer

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

**Al and Donata Startin** as Al continues his cancer treatments and Donata seeks medical care for her breathing issues.

**Bob and Linda Berry** as they both continue to recover.

**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.

**Jacqueline Hupe, Roland Durand's niece** dealing with terminal cancer.

**Roland and Dorothy Durand** as Roland is being treated for heart issues and Dorothy is in respite care.

**Betty Jones** as she recovers from a fall.

**Hilda Zapf** as she deals with her transition to Dufferin Care Centre.

**Karisa, Dale Wald's niece** in Edmonton battling leukaemia.

**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.



**Thanksgiving!** Please join us as we thank God for the beauty of creation and all living things with whom we share this home.

## Birthday Greetings

We send out our birthday wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays this month, in September.

Justine Hansen  
Joanna Whitter  
Olivia McLellan  
Louis Giguere  
Alicia Smillie  
Peter Schuler



*With Blessings to all from  
your Good Shepherd Family*

### **A Note from the Church Office:**

If you don't see your milestone birthday listed here, it is because we don't know your birth year! Please give the office a call and let us know what it is so we won't miss out on celebrating it the next time.

Milestone years are 65, 75, 85 and all birthdays over 90!

Alternately, if you don't want your birthdays listed at all or your milestone birthdays celebrated, let us know that and we will make note of that too.

Thank you.

## Moved

### Lillian Vigurs has moved to Mission!

Lil's new address is 8569 Fennell Street  
Mission BC  
V4S 1M2

*God's blessings to you Lil in your new home  
closer to your family.  
You will be missed!*

### Karen Neuls has moved to Comox!

Karen's new address is 20-1220 Guthrie Road  
Comox BC  
V9M 4A6

Her update land line # is 250-339-7471

Her email remains the same.

*God's blessings to you Karen in your new condo.  
You will be missed, too, but we're so glad that  
you're planning on coming back from time to  
time and we will see you then!*

### A Note from Lil Vigurs:

Hi Folks:

After 54 years in my house, I will be moving on, admittedly with mixed feelings. My house has sold, I have until Aug 31 to part with stuff and leave, with mostly great memories.

I will be going to live in a suite that is part of Michael and Lana's home in Mission. I will have the joy of watching my granddaughter, Sofia, grow. They have a garden so I will still be able to muck around in the dirt. New address: 8569 Fennell St. Mission V4S 1M2. I would like to keep my old phone # but I am not sure their house has phone jacks! I don't think my # is coming with me. I might have to be happy with a phone that is smarter than I am. Richard and crew will not be far away. Will be good to be closer to my kids.

Blessings to all,

Lil

### A Note from Karen Neuls:

My Good Shepherd friends

I'm so grateful for all my time with you over these past 55 years, and all the time yet to come. You have prayed with me, worshipped with me, and sung with me. But most of all you have been my extended family as I grew in my love of Christ, with faith in God's plan for me. I have always felt your support through good and bad, even through this last year when we couldn't show our support "live".

Well, now God has decided I need to go to Comox. Not something I'd ever expected, but I know that as he brought my parents to Good Shepherd to raise me in the embrace of our church, so I will continue to be a faithful member of the Good Shepherd family. I hope that you see me a lot more than you expect, because I will be coming back, and will always ensure my visits include a weekend. So I will eventually gather with you and share God's peace once more. God's blessings to you all.

Karen.

PS: Look after Barb and Mark for me.

### *An Update from Shannon Svingen-Jones:*

I walked 215 Km and raised my goal of \$1,000 to be donated to the [Indian Residential School Survivors Society of BC](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported me. There is still so much work to be done when it comes to truth and reconciliation but awareness and education is the first steps.

If you would like to learn more you can look into the University of Alberta as they have a [free course](#) on Indigenous history.

Thank you Shannon



**Editor's Note:** For the Love of Creation will be holding a webinar on Thursday, September 16th, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Indigenous Issues. For registration and more information, please click [here](#). ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson is the host-facilitator for this event.



For the **Love**  
of **Creation**

**Indigenous Rights**  
reconciliation and climate justice

Thursday, September 16th  
7:00pm ET / 4:00pm PT

registration: <https://bit.ly/3meWSCf>

*Advocacy Webinar Series*

## An update from our Class of 2021 Graduates!

Here are some of the future plans of our GSLC Youth that graduated this past summer:

**Shelby Goyeau** is going to La Salle College for Baking and Pastry Arts in October.

**Nikolaj Hansen** will study trumpet at UBC, where he will live on campus in a dormitory.

**Shayan Saed** plans on joining the military, and training to eventually become a specialist. His more immediate plans include travelling to visit family and friends around the world.

May God bless these plans that you have made.

*Oh listen dear child-become  
wise; point your life in the right  
direction.*

~ Proverbs 23:19 THE MESSAGE



# Lutheran World Federation

## 2021 Season of Creation

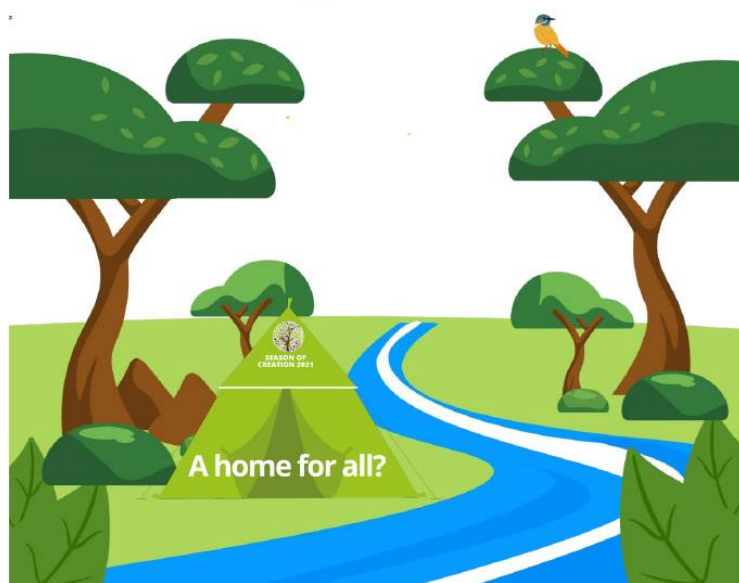
### September 1 – October 4

Did you know, that in 1989, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I declared September 1st as a day of prayer for the care of creation? In the following years, other Christian World Communions endorsed this initiative, and today many churches in the ecumenical family observe the “Season of Creation” (also known as Creation Time) between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, as observed by some Western traditions.



#### 2021 Season of Creation Celebration Guide **A Home for All?**

Renewing the *Oikos* of God



Season of Creation renews our baptismal call to care and sustain this ecological turning so that life may flourish, and all creatures may find their place to flourish in our common home.

**A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God** is an invitation to engage in a month of prayer, symbolic acts and campaigns to give thanks for creation and renew our human vocation to care for it. It is also an opportunity to be united in our human vocation to reshape just and sustainable political, social and economic systems that respect the life-giving ecological limits of the Earth.

For our Lutheran communion, this liturgical season of prayer and action has become an opportunity to affirm the LWF’s commitment to address a central crisis of our time—climate change. Echoing our governing body decisions since 1977, the Twelfth LWF Assembly affirmed “that the global ecological crisis, including climate change is, human-induced. It is a spiritual matter. As people of faith, we are called to live in right relationship with creation and not exhaust it.”

Honoring this commitment, the LWF invites its member churches worldwide to join in the annual “Season of Creation”. This year we will be uniting around the theme, “**A home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.**” Oikos is the Greek word for “home,” or “household.” By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth. We hope that this

This year's ecumenical prayer, printed below, centers the voices of Indigenous Christians from around the world. Throughout this Season of Creation, we are encouraged to come back to this beautiful prayer.

*Creator of All,*

*We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.*

*With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house “even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.” We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.*

*But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.*

*In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.*

*In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*



## New Season of Creation Banners

Thank you Claire Thompson for using your gifts and creating these beautiful banners, which will be used during our 2021 Season of Creation worship services.

Much fun was had on August 29<sup>th</sup> when these banners, as well as our parking lot, were further decorated. Thanks to all who ventured out. One of our neighbours walked around the parking lot after our event was over, coming to see the chalk art projects. They telephoned to let us know they appreciated the talented artists that gave of their time, and they also appreciated seeing us gather again in the church itself.



## Flowers for the Altar

Until we return to our usual practice of Flower Chart sign-up, please call or email the office should you wish to provide flowers for the altar to commemorate a certain date or event.

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 is willing to provide an arrangement for you for a cost of \$50. (Note: This \$50 charge is for flowers and supplies only. Heather's time is donated.) Heather will purchase the flowers, make the arrangements, and you can come back to the church on Monday between 10 am and 2 pm to pick them up (Please bring a pail or 2 vases in which to transport them).





## GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN

While it has been some time since our Women's Group has met, we look forward to once again getting together in person. Pending Covid regulations, we are tentatively planning a general meeting in October. This would be for the purpose of a Bible Study, distribution of funds, election of officers and fellowship. Unfortunately, due to safety concerns, we will be unable to provide lunch.

In the meantime, if you would like to make a contribution to the group, the simplest method may be to add it to your regular offering and designate the amount given to GSW. Some of the charities we support are: CLWR, Talitha Koum, Aunt Leah's Place, 3030 Gordon Avenue, as well as our Youth and others as the need arises.

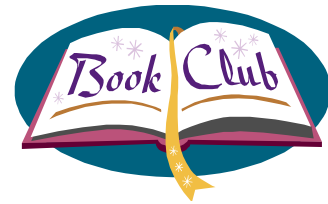
In order to get an idea whether we would have sufficient attendance at an October General Meeting at the church (providing restrictions can be met) please let Elaine (604-941-8303 or [esinton@telus.net](mailto:esinton@telus.net)) or Flora (604-942-5276 or [flora@pregler.com](mailto:flora@pregler.com)) know your thoughts and if you would attend.

## PRAYER GROUP

Our Weekly Zoom prayer gatherings resuming again on September 1st, 2021. In lieu of the usual Lectio Divina practice of prayer, where we read and reflect on scripture followed by prayer, Kate Wright will be leading the prayer group in a combined study of art and gospel. The masterpiece to be viewed is a piece by James J. Tissot, and the accompanying Bible passage is Mark 5:21-34. All are welcome to join. To access the Zoom link, go to the main page of our website ([gslcc.ca](http://gslcc.ca)) and scroll halfway down to Weekly Meetings. Click on the Prayer Group button which will take you to another page that has the embedded link to join the prayer group via Zoom.

On alternate weeks we continue to gather simply to lift up the concerns and thanksgivings of our lives in prayer. Access to that prayer opportunity is the same as above.

For the month of September, our prayer-worthy focus word is 'truth', and you are invited to lift up truth in whatever way that word expresses itself to you, within your own daily prayer practices throughout the month.



You are invited to join us at our next book club on September 19, 2:30 pm at the home of Mogens Hansen and Lily Yen when we will be discussing:

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

This is a grand prophetic book motivated by love and focused on justice, social justice, ecological justice, and dignity for "the least of these." *Cornel West*

Looking ahead to October (date and time to be determined) we will be reading and discussing:

### **Wintering.**

By Katherine May

*Wintering* is a poignant and comforting meditation on the fallow periods of life, times when we must retreat to care for and repair ourselves.

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

All are welcome!

## Property Matters

### In Preparation for our return...

As the church readies for in-person worship services again, our Property Team has been tending to out exterior grounds – making our grounds a welcome sight.

The three trees on the east side of the parking lot have been removed, with the new zero maintenance plantings, as well as the underground watering system, have been installed. The trunks of the fallen trees have been cut down to size and have been gifted to the Kwikwetlem First Nation.

The forsythias on the north side of the parking lot have been trimmed and manicured, and our grove of trees and flowers in our flower beds have been kept alive during this time of drought by hours of hand watering with the hose. Thank you to Keith, Jerry and David for all your hard work.



Our parking lot lines have been freshly painted in anticipation of cars once again using our parking lot. Thank you to all our volunteers who give of themselves to tend to the maintenance needs of the church as they see fit. Thank you to all of you volunteers who have given your time, energy and efforts into helping out when and where you can, to maintain our church building and our grounds. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare and are looking for something to do, please let David Stroud know and he'll suggest an appropriate task from his list.

## From Our Treasurer

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

Total Income	\$131,704.26
Total Expenses	\$129,165.65
Surplus	\$ 2,538.61

Project Contingency Fund \$ 49,071.51

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

*Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*

*~ 1 Corinthians 10:31*

**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.**

## What is Environmental Racism?

We are currently celebrating the Season of Creation, which consists of the five Sundays between September 5 and October 3 (inclusive). It's a season that focuses our attention on our created world and our call to be good stewards of all God has made. God has given the gift of our planet as a home for all. But our environmental practices often contradict that truth, treating some people as if this is more our home than theirs. That's environmental racism, which consists of actions such as the following:

- Hazardous facilities disproportionately affect Indigenous, Black, and other marginalized communities.
- Heavily polluting industries tend to be located very close to these communities, affecting air and water quality.
- There is often a lack of political power to fight against the policies that allow harmful projects to be placed in these communities.
- There is a slow rate of clean up of contaminants and pollutants in racialized communities.

### Example: **PICTOU COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA**

A'sek was a tidal estuary used by the Pictou Landing First Nations as a place to hunt, fish, dig for clams, as well as a place to pray, and was considered to be the "other room" of their community.

In 1960 a pulp mill was proposed at Abercrombie Point and the government proposed A'sek, now known as Boat Harbour, to be used as a waste treatment plant. The pulp mill opened in 1967 and millions of waste water daily was piped to the harbour. By 1968, the Pictou First Nations were complaining about the pollution from the effluent plant, the sulphur smells, the fish die offs and health concerns. Demands were made to clean up Boat Harbour.

Governments promised and promises were broken and the complaints went on for years. The final straw for the First Nations happened in 2014 when a pipe carrying effluent burst, spilling 47 million litres of untreated effluent over wet lands and a sacred Mi'kma burial ground. The pipe was blockaded and clean up demanded. A deal with the government was made, but it still took until April of 2020 for the last discharge to be made into Boat Harbour.

Today Boat Harbour is a toxic place containing mercury, dioxins, furans and cadmium. Plans are now underway to start a clean up, which may take up to ten years to complete, but at least the air is cleaner and there is a glimmer of hope for the Pictou Landing First Nations.

As we continue to celebrate the Season of Creation, may stories like these help us to find ways to truly make this world a home for all.

Claire Thompson

## Our OUTREACH Outreach



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**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.

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As Good Shepherd is soon to be open for in-person worship, please consider offering a donation to the Food Bank. You may place your item{s} in the bin which is in the entranceway. We will be making a delivery to the Food Bank after Thanksgiving.

Items to consider might be: rice, pasta, beans/lentils, canned fish or meat, canned fruit, tomato sauce, oatmeal/non sugar cereal, tea, peanut butter or peanut butter substitute, vegetable oil, baby food, juices.

Children are returning to school...so such things as drinking boxes, granola bars (peanut free), or individual fruit cups would be ideal for lunch boxes.

Please check the best before dates.

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* Hebrews 13:16

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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### A Summer Update from ...



## Canadian Lutheran World Relief

CLWR's Summer 2021 Report shows that because we and others responded quickly and generously to their urgent requests for those in need, CLWR and their partners on the ground were able to do the following in Christ love:

- **India:** As the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID-19 hit this country, we provided cash support, awareness/sensitization on COVID and hygiene kits to 45,000 people in 9,000 households
- **Myanmar:** successfully rebuild 29 longhouses, each able to shelter 8 families, with 21 more in the process of being repaired. While the work has slowed due to pandemic restrictions, CLWR has worked to ensure these shelters are safe, especially for women and girls.
- **Burundi:** working with 900 households in 10 villages, we continue to provide immediate food support as well as training farmers, supplying seeds and agricultural tools, setting up village savings and loan groups and supporting the rehabilitation of community resources through cash-for-work initiatives. In Burundi, CLWR's goal is creating longer term solutions to build resilience
- **Lebanon:** Where many in this region are struggling to make ends meet, CLWR's partner *Norwegian Church Aid* has been providing hot meals to vulnerable families three times a week. This work of supporting basic nutritional needs has proven to be life-saving. Educational fees have also been paid on behalf of many of the country's impoverished children.

*Thank you - your support is making a difference*



# September Youth Update



After a year's delay, CLAY finally happened!

In August a group of 7 youth and 4 adults from ignYte met to connect with each other, play and pray together, and participate in the online worship gatherings and workshops organized by the national CLAY team. While it may not have been as exciting as a fully in-person CLAY, it was a great opportunity for our youth to connect more with each other. We even celebrated 2 of our youth getting baptized! And it made us that much more excited for next year's CLAY in Waterloo, Ontario, themed around "Ashes & Embers".

As we move into a new year, we're looking forward to our in-person gatherings becoming "normal" again! We particularly want to find ways to deepen our relationships with each other, connect with other groups from our supporting churches, start singing together again, and explore how we can join God in mission in the community and wider world. We'll be meeting Friday nights, rotating between the different churches connected to ignYte - Good Shepherd, St. Laurence, and St. Stephen's. We'll also be leading a youth-led service in October, so stay tuned!

## September Dates:

September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Good-bye to Summer @ Cultus Water Slides
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	ignYte Fall Kick-off @ GSL
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Laurence
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Stephens

**Jason Wood**

(He/him/his)

*Youth and Families Ministry Coordinator*

*I am thankful for...*

*Jesus*

*God's beautifully created home*

*today*

*family*

*friends*

*health*

*Jason*

*Rachel*

*random acts of kindness and those that do them  
and last but certainly not least...*

*Our beautifully created*



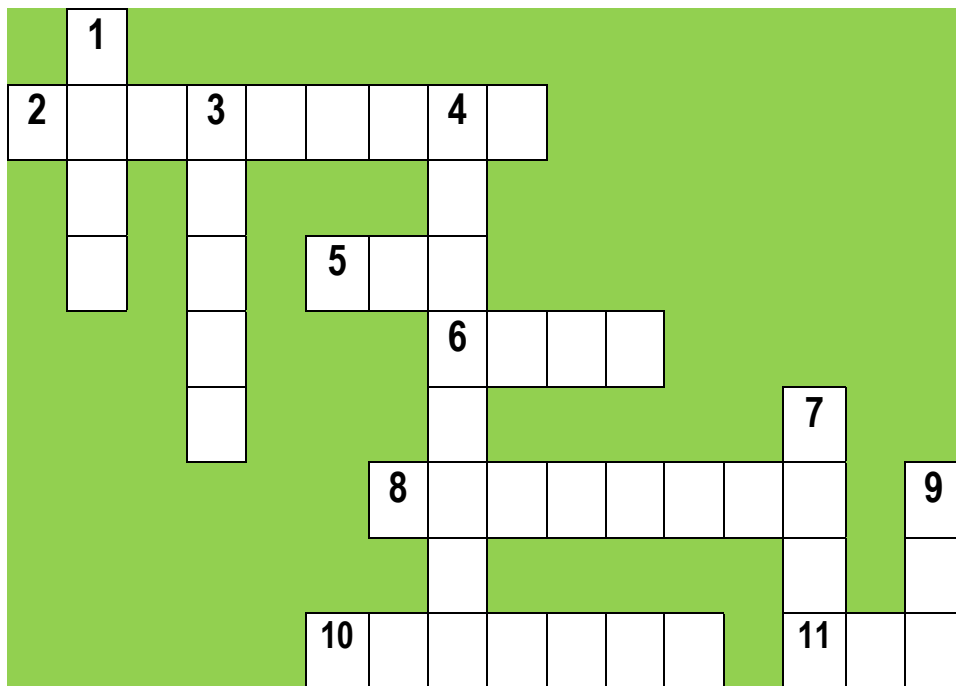
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**GRATITUDE**  
AND NOT  
EXPRESSING IT  
IS LIKE  
**WRAPPING A  
PRESENT**  
AND NOT  
GIVING IT.

~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~

What **ARE** You  
Thankful  
for?

# GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION

## KIDS CORNER



### ACROSS

2. What we call animals that live on a farm.
5. The name that God gave the first woman.
6. The name that God gave the first man.
8. What we call animals that are not tame.
10. The book of the bible that tells us about God's Creation story.
11. Clouds are found here.

### DOWN

1. God created these to swim under water.
3. The name of our planet.
4. What we thank and praise God for when we notice what He has made; we thank him for his beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Large bodies of water similar to oceans.
9. When God created winged creatures, he created them with wings to \_\_\_\_\_.



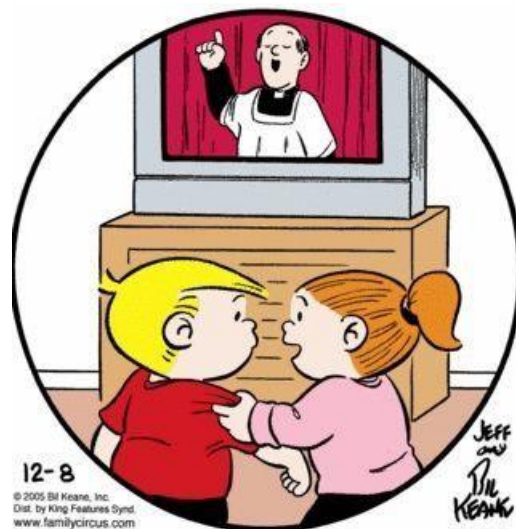
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“The bird in front must have the map.”

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“Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life.”

JEFF and THE KEANE



## **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 are planning to resume our Sunday morning Bible Study on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. To begin with we will continue to meet online through Zoom. Our hope is to transition to a hybrid format soon so keep your eyes and ears open.

If you have never attended this study please know that all are invited. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner with the bible or an experienced reader. Everyone's voice is respected and our discussions are always lively. We usually focus our study on the gospel reading for that Sunday morning, but once a month we follow the ELCIC Bible Book Club selection. Our next Bible Book Club Sunday will be announced soon.

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

Starting September 12<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering worship in person again **at 10:30 am**. Our protocols and procedures for the next while will be published shortly by email and sent to those who require it by snail mail. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we are requesting that only fully vaccinated people attend at this time. However, this service will continue to be live streamed over our YouTube Channel, and a recording of the service posted to our channel at shortly after the service ends.

### **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.