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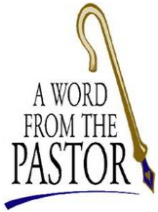
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021 NEWS

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Those “D” words

Who are we? Where are we? What do we care about?

Those are some of the questions we’ve been working through in our visioning process.

Many of you participated in the cottage meetings we held back in the Spring. And I for one am thankful for that. Aside from everything else it was a great time to re-connect with some folks whose faces I hadn’t seen in quite a while.

But those conversations also generated a lot of data. Maybe you noticed that from the collated notes I sent by email a week or so ago. Some of you had a chance to reflect on that data with us at our recent visioning day. And while I had hoped for a better attendance those of us who did attend had more great conversation.

Maybe some of us are a little fuzzy on where this whole process is going. That’s why it might help to make a distinction between decision-making and discernment. Most of us are familiar with decision-making. We all do it every day. It’s based on analyzing data, identifying options, and choosing solutions. It’s a rational and linear process that help us to manage our lives as individuals and communities.

But decision-making is never value-free. The information we choose to analyze, how we analyze it, the options we identify, the choices we make are all influenced by deeper factors. Factors like our identities, the context we find ourselves in and how we perceive that context, and what we value.

In other words, who we are, where we are, and what we care about. And understanding those things are what discernment is all about. Discernment is not linear. It calls on different faculties in us. And from a Christian point of view it’s about being open to the movement of God’s Spirit leading us to clarity. And it’s steeped in prayer and God’s word and not just intellectual reasoning.

There are many decisions that we as a church need to make, now and in our future. And we will use all of our fine decision-making skills and abilities to do that. But this is a time for us to also be spending some time in discernment. Discernment around our identity, what God is calling us to pay attention to around us, and what we most value and care about as a community of faith.

It’s not about avoiding decisions or action. But ensuring that whatever decisions we make and whatever action we take is in sync with who God has created, and is calling us, to be. I hope you will continue to join us for the ride.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations Confirmands

On Reformation Sunday, October 31st, the following confirmands will affirm their baptism:

Olivia McGreevy ~ Kiyan Saed ~ Dane Svingen-Jones

We join them and their families as they celebrate this significant milestone in their faith journey.

*A man's heart plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.*

~Proverbs 16:9

In-Person Services

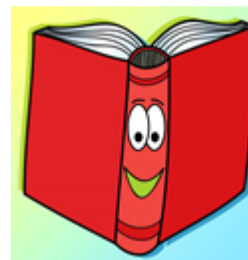
We continue to offer in-person, weekly worship services at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. These services continue also to be live-streamed and recorded, accessible in the usual way through our YouTube channel once the service concludes. These services respect Provincial Health Order Guidelines, and for the 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. Other safety measures include masks-wearing, social distancing, and ventilation (all windows open so dress accordingly!) We have room for 20 bubbles of parties up to 4 people. Please call or email the office should you wish to attend an in-person service.

Vision Process – Step 2

On Saturday, October 16th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Pastor Kathy Martin, Assistant to Bishop Greg in our BC Synod office, led us in the next stage of our Church Visioning Process. Great conversation was had over the 3 hour period with those who did, and a summary of observations by Pastors Eric and Kathy, as well as Student Pastor Elina, will be made available soon. Our next opportunity to gather will be on November 10th at 7 pm by Zoom. We hope that more people will be able to join us for that conversation. Details to follow.

Fall Educational Programming Resumes

Segueing from our visioning process into our Fall Adult Education programming, Learning Day is still open now for registration. It takes place on Saturday, September 23rd. It will be over Zoom, and no cost for attendance will be charged (except to the home church which is a one time cost for multiple attendees.) Ideas expressed tie in to our own church visioning process so all who have an interest are encouraged to register and attend. Registration can be done [here](#).



Other highlighted Educational opportunities are available for viewing beginning on page 5.

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.

Dorothy Durand, Bonnie, Shannon and James and the entire Durand family as they continue to mourn the passing of Roland. May God also comfort them as they mourn the passing of **Jacqueline Hupe**, Roland's niece. Please also pray for Dorothy as she has made the transition to Dufferin Care Centre.

Alma Trent as she grieves the passing of her daughter Debbie from cancer.

Bev Anweiler as she mourns the passing of Jack.

Dawn and Jerry Nieman as they mourn the passing of Dawns father Donald "Bud" Heeg

Al and Donata Startin, that Al will experience relief from his pain and receive good medical care, and that Donata will be strengthened in her health to continue taking care of Al.

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.

Karisa, Dale Wald's niece in Edmonton who continues to battle leukaemia.

Gail Tremain as she continues to recover from her recent abdominal surgery and continues to deal with back pain.

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 our three confirmands who will be affirming their baptism on October 31st: **Olivia McGreevy, Kiyan Saed, Dane Svingen-Jones.**

Birthday Greetings

We send out our birthday wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays in October and November:

Vera Beech
Bob Berry
Liana Berry
Gene Blishen
Lydia Inoue-Zwicker
Ethan Le Roux
Asta Marquess
Emily Myers
Mo Patz
Zachary Schuler
Christopher Seidel
Terry Shular
Dave Sommerfeld
Noah Sommerfeld
Doug Tremain
Ruth von Hertzberg
David Wills



*With Blessings to all from
your Good Shepherd Family*

Congratulations

The McLellan Family has Moved

Julie's new address is 41 – 7090 180 Street
Surrey BC
V4S 3T9

*God's blessings to Julie, Austin and Olivia
in your new home*

Welcome

We join Jill and Erick in their joy as they
celebrate son

Henry Finn Schuler

who was baptized Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Welcome to the family of God, Henry!

Sympathies

We join Dorothy, Bonnie & Rob, Shannon & Eric,
James & Marcela, and their extended families who
mourn the loss of:

Roland Gerard Durand

who passed away on September 9th.

*May God's peace rest upon all those who
mourn his passing.*

Sympathies

We join Alma Trent, and her extended family, as
they mourn the loss of Alma's daughter

Debbie Trent

who passed away in hospice on September 8^h.

*May God's peace rest upon all those who
mourn her passing.*

Sympathies

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Dawn
Neiman and her family as they mourn the loss of her
father:

Donald "Bud" Heeg

*We pray for strength and comfort for Dawn
and her family as they mourn his passing.*

Sympathies

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Bev and
her sons and their families as they mourn the loss of:

Jack Anweiler

who passed away on October 17th.

*We pray for strength and comfort for Bev
and her family as they mourn his passing.*



New 2021 Church directories have been printed, and are awaiting pick up from your mail slots when you next come to church. Please collect your copy, review your information, and let the office know of any updates that need to be made. Unfortunately, the items above did not make it in before the directories were printed. We anticipate issuing a new directory, updated with all corrected information, in early 2022.

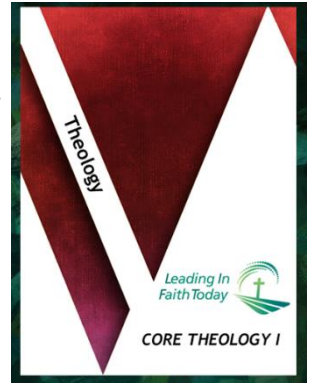
Don't have a mail slot but would like one? Just contact Pastor Eric. And don't forget to let him know if you have an interest in having your contact information updated into the church directory.

Adult Education Opportunity

The Lay Academy is a collaborative program of the Lutheran Theological Seminary and four Western Synods of the ELCIC, that seeks to provide continuing education opportunities for lay people and for those being prepared for lay leadership. The establishment of the Lay Academy came in response to the leadership needs of congregations and the interest expressed by lay people for a comprehensive program of study. In addition to empowering lay people for ministry in their daily life, the goal of the Leading In Faith Today (LIFT) curriculum is to also assist the church in educating lay and local leaders in under-served areas for ministry.

CORE THEOLOGY 1 is one of 21 classes being offered under the LIFT curriculum. Developed by Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, this is one of two courses that covers core theological concepts, how they function in various contexts, and their significance in the modern world. This course will explore:

What Is Theology, How Do We Study It, and Who are We Studying?
Who Is This Man-God? - Christology and Is God With Us?
Who is "Us" Anyway?



Exploring these questions – and others – over Zoom on successive Thursday evenings between October 7 to November 4, from 7-8 pm, we will dive into these questions and more. We will use materials developed by the LTS Lay Academy, costing \$19, however, if the cost is prohibitive right now, please contact Elina – as the church will gladly cover the cost for you.

Despite this course already having starting, it is not yet too late to get in on this educational opportunity. If you are curious about signing up, or would like more information, please contact Elina who is leading these weekly conversations.

Hosted by the BC Synod of the ELCIC and the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Join us for a time of conversation, reflection, and sharing the gifts of the Spirit amongst Christian communities. Bishop Gregory Mohr (ELCIC) and Archbishop Miller (RCAV) will be giving their reflection.

Overcoming Challenges Together: New Life After Pandemic - will be a hybrid one, on Saturday, **October 30**, 2021 from 10 am to 11:30 am. You will be able to attend in person at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in New Westminster, or by Zoom. To register (required for both in-person and online attendance) please click [here](#).



For those meeting online, the program will end at 11:00 am. For those meeting in-person, there will be an additional half-hour, from 11:00 - 11:30 am, of in-person fellowship and refreshments.

All are invited to join Kairos on **October 30th** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their Fall Symposium. This gathering marks a key moment in their journey, in Canada's climate plan, and in global climate action as they engage with COP26 (in November 2021). We will all hear the collective theological reflections in the Letter of the Faithful, learn about how our advocacy goals have evolved, and engage with faith leaders, theologians, and climate organizers. Event fees have been set to help cover the costs



FALL SYMPOSIUM

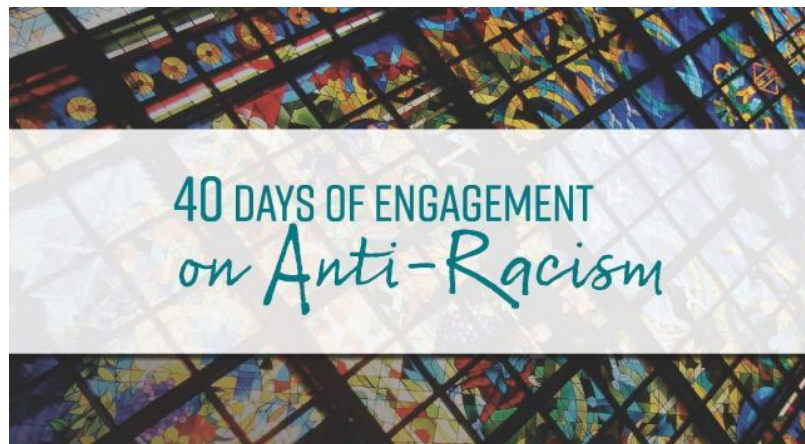
A full-day virtual gathering to advance
For the Love of Creation's action on climate justice.

of this event. Fees are: \$5 - Student; \$10 - Non-Student. Please note that there is a barrier-free option (\$0). If you have any questions about this event, please send an email to: flc.pac@gmail.com. [Register now!](#)

Hosted by The United Church of Canada (UCC), all have been invited to join them in a unique learning opportunity entitled 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. This is offered as a time of learning, reflection, and advocacy.

Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. There are also online events.

Continue the journey towards becoming an anti-racist church with this 40-day time of learning, reflection, activities, advocacy, and action.



During the 40 Days, each day's content will be available in a format that you can review, download, or print and distribute! Look for this content [here](#) and scrolling to the bottom, or view their [40 day schedule](#) to target those topic of interest to you.

Topic Examples:

Tuesday, October 12 (4:00 pm) – Paul Douglas

Walfall – Becoming an Anti-Racist Disciple

Tuesday, October 19 (9:00 am) – Mitchell

Anderson – Racial Fatigue

Tuesday, October 26 (4:00 pm) – Hannah Kim-Cragg & Thea Sheridan-Jonah – Youth Involvement in Anti-Racism

Tuesday, November 2 (9:00 am) – Bill Millar – Implicit Bias and Racism

Tuesday, November 9 (9:00 am) – Michiko Bown-Kai – Reflecting on My Family's Experience of Internment

Tuesday, November 16 (4:00 pm) – Alcris Limongi – Internalized Racism

Tuesday, November 23 (4:00 pm) – Adele Halliday and Alydia Smith – Light and Dark Images in Advent

At the end of the 40 Days, you are invited to continue the learning and engagement in your own ways.

ELCIC Bible Book Club: We will soon be reconvening our popular National Church initiative that promotes Bible literacy – our ELCIC Bible Book Club studies. Once a month we delve into looking at specific books of the bible. These Bible Book Club studies provide an overview of selected books from the bible, and participants are asked to pre-read the book – or as much of it as you can – prior to attending these studies. We examine the bible text through its historical context, author background, and other interesting facts about the book itself. A series of questions are also forwarded to interested participants, and then are discussed more fully within a group dynamic. All voices are respected. Participants are encouraged to join in on the ensuing conversation, or they may simply choose to listen and take part that way. Either way, the ensuing conversations allow different voices and insights to be heard, and most people tend to learn something they weren't aware of before the conversation began. Our next Bible Book Club Sunday is October 24, where we will be looking at 1st Corinthians.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**
In Mission for Others

Join us on our World Toilet Day Drive

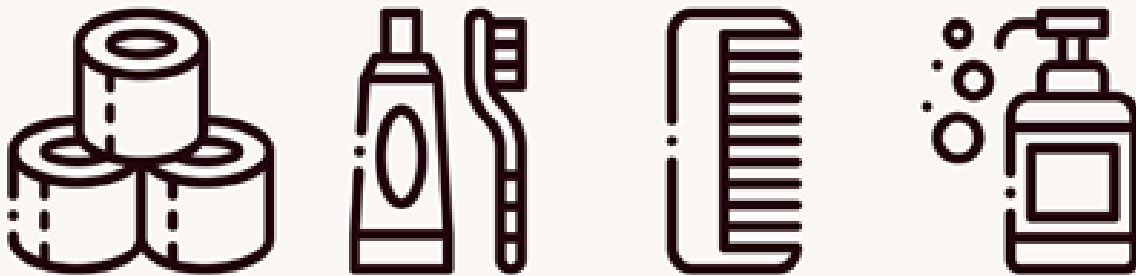
Did you know that November 19th is World Toilet Day? To many of us living in Canada, proper sanitation is obvious and expected. Unfortunately, for many others living in the Lower Mainland it is still a luxury.

Michelle Chan is organizing a collection of toiletry items over the next few weeks. She will then create packages and distribute them to homeless people in November. We have a donation bin by the church front door should you wish to assist Michelle in reaching out to those less fortunate with a bundle of products to help ease their circumstances. You can also make a financial donation to the church for this cause, by noting your intentions either on your envelope or cheque or in the electronic memo of your virtual donation. Thank you for your consideration.

If you'd like to help out with packaging and distribution the items, please contact Student Pastor Elina at elinasingh28@gmail.com, and she will connect you with Michelle.

Let's fight for sanitation.

HELP OUR COMMUNITIES!



NEW AND INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED ONLY

Shampoo or conditioner

Baby wipes / wet wipes

Toothpastes

Floss

Soap

Comb

Lip balm

Female hygiene products (very needed)

Socks & underwear (very needed)

Nail polish/nail clips

Small hand sanitizers

Toilet paper

Toothbrush

Lotion

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN

Due to covid restrictions, our Women's Group will likely finish off the year with no in person meetings. As a result, there will be no General meeting in October. However, our Treasurer, Flora Pregler plans to distribute our available funds to some or all of our special projects at year end. Our projects include: Aunt Leah's Place, Talitha Koum Society, CLWR, Youth and 3030 Gordon Avenue. Donations towards these worthwhile causes for 2021 can be received until December 15th. The donations may be made either through your monthly church offering designated GSW or a cheque mailed either to the church or Flora's home address (762 Canon Green, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 6E3.)

We look forward to the time when we can meet again for Bible Study and fellowship.



PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome to join us in our weekly prayer gatherings on Wednesday afternoons over Zoom, at 1 pm. To access the Zoom link, go to the main page of our website (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.

We gather every second week to pray in the style of Lectio Divina, where biblical texts are studied and meditated upon, with communal prayer finishing out our time together. On alternating 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 months of October and November our prayer-worthy focus words are 'insight' and 'freedom', and you are invited to lift up these focus words within your own daily prayer practices, in whatever way each word expresses itself to you, throughout the month.



Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him.

~ Philippians 4:6



You are invited to join us at our next book club on October 27th at 7:15 pm at the home of Mogens Hansen and Lily Yen (7255 Hewitt Street, Burnaby) when we will be discussing:

Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times
by Katherine May

A quiet book that reminds us that we are in charge of taking care of ourselves.

Looking forward to November (date and place TBA) we will be reading and discussing:

A Farewell to Mars
By Brian Zahad

An Evangelical Pastor's Journey Toward the Biblical Gospel of Peace.

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

All are welcome!

Property Matters

In Preparation for winter...

As the church moves into a new winter season, the property committee has been actively engaged in winterizing the church and, with most of the work being done by Bob Knutson, looking at our building's energy efficiency. Thanks Bob, for your work on the energy evaluation.

Now that the hot summer days are well behind us, our rainy season of fall is fully here, our property committee is looking ahead at what our winter ahead might look at. And that means addressing our need to having a snow removal contractor in place. Concurrent with the City providing sidewalks along Spruce Avenue, comes the responsibility now to keep them plowed, cleared and salted.

The Property Team is engaged in reviewing snow plow quotations from various local companies, as well as speaking directly with our own insurance company, making sure that any work done on our parking lot and new sidewalks will take into consideration compliance with WorkSafeBC and mitigate liability exposure to the church. With the City requiring plowing and salting within 10 hours of a snowfall, our Property Team is finding comparable snow removal and salting quotes to be almost double what our past snow removal costs have been.

Thank you Property Team for taking the time to consider all these moving parts, so the rest of us don't have to.

In addition, a financial donation was made to the church to upgrade the existing dishwasher. While it was initially thought this would be a swap upgrade, the Property team have encountered a bit of a conundrum when it comes to installing a flow through unit to allow some of our elderly backs to tolerate loading and unloading the washer. The new unit would require more space, but our kitchen is already too small. We're considering enlarging the kitchen, but that turns the project into a renovation that will require building permits and inspections. We're trying to figure out what those costs might become before we head down that road. While not insurmountable, this none-the-less complicates and slows down what was thought to be a relatively straight forward initiative.



From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial YTD Status as of September 30, 2021:

Total Income	\$166,523.66
Total Expenses	\$164,264.85
Surplus	\$ 2,258.81

Project Contingency Fund \$ 60,321.51

Thank you for your continued generosity



Our Reconciliation Journey

At our last reconciliation conversation we decided to watch the documentary "Reserve 107" together, followed with discussion. The documentary is short and will leave plenty of time for conversation.

The viewing will be on **Tuesday, November 2 at 7 pm** over Zoom. A link will be distributed.

All are welcome.

REFLECTIONS...from our Student Pastor

Doing Theology

Why do you believe in Jesus? Why do you go to church on Sundays? And how can you even believe in God, when the world is such an awful place sometimes?

These can be tough questions to answer, especially when someone gets you off guard with them. Maybe your cousin asks you something like this during a Thanksgiving dinner (remember those years when we could gather with the whole family? They seem so distant now...) Or maybe it's a neighbour, returning from a morning walk on Sunday when you're just heading out to church.

It can be hard to know what to answer. The author of 1 Peter must have known this, and encouraged the readers to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you".

Defense? What does the writer mean by that? It could mean a defense in the legal sense, with evidence and sensible reasoning. However, the cousin or the neighbour are not likely to be swayed by a logical explanation of why God exists. Many fine church minds have tried to find explanations like that over the past 2,000 years, but let's face it, most people are not convinced by them.

But what if we were ready to tell our story? We all have a story – although sometimes it's hard to find the words. It's the story of your relationship with God. How has God been part of your life? And how has that made a difference? Was God a comforting presence during a challenging time? Was the Spirit of God a source of guidance when you needed to make a difficult decision?

What is your story? And how would you tell it to someone who asks?

We will explore some of these questions during the Theology 101 class this fall. Because doing theology is really about asking good questions. God remains a mystery, and we can never really comprehend what God is about. But asking questions and telling our stories can help us tell others why we choose to believe, and why we choose to spend our Sundays in church rather than sleeping in. I hope you can join us!

I wish you all a blessed fall season. May the Spirit of God be like a fresh fall wind, bringing joy to your hearts.

Student Pastor Elina



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Renewing the Oikos of God

Renew: To make like new. To restore. To Rejuvenate.

As we come to the end of our *Season of Creation*, I would like to share a story of hope, one that includes both damage and renewal.

Nearly 105 years ago a dam was constructed on the Coquitlam River, effectively blocking returning salmon from reaching the upper Coquitlam River which contains some of the most pristine salmonoid habitat in this region. A plan has now been approved by the Greater Vancouver Water District, at the request of DFO Canada, to be allowed to annually transport up to 100 returning adult coho and 40,000 juveniles upstream of the Coquitlam dam.

- Much work has been done by the Kwikwetlem First Nation in hopes of once again having a viable salmon run in the Coquitlam River.
- Habitat for juvenile salmon has been expanded and approved. Passage to this habitat is also improved through a new tidal gate.
- Researchers from UBC have been invited to tag juvenile salmon and to look into improving the tidal gate and existing habitat.
- Partnering with DFO, BC Hydro, Metro Vancouver, Coquitlam, and Port Coquitlam in a joint restoration project.
- Since 2008, small numbers of sockeye have been returning to the base of the dam where they are captured and transported to the Coquitlam watershed.
- Fish valves have been added in the dam to help baby salmon get to the ocean to mature.
- A salmon hatchery is being built as well as a fish ladder below the dam.
- In partnership with the Colony Farm Park Assoc., wetlands were constructed to provide side channels for rearing habitat, primarily for coho salmon.

Kwikwetlem First Nation, National Government, Provincial Government, Local Government, community groups, NGOs, and universities all working in collaboration **are** proving that when we work together we **CAN** make a difference.

Claire Thompson

October-November Youth Update



ignYte has been meeting in-person since the beginning of September, and it's been so refreshing to play games, run around, and see each other's faces as we talk together. We've also started to sing again, with a mix of familiar oldies and some new tunes. On Oct. 24th, we'll have our first youth-led service of the year at Good Shepherd, with an opportunity for our CLAY 2021 participants to share their highlights with the whole congregation. We're also excited to support those youth who are being confirmed a week later!

Over October and November, we are learning about homelessness, in preparation for a night spent sleeping outside on Nov. 19th. We'll be raising money for the work of Youth Unlimited, an organization that supports at-risk and homeless youth around the Lower Mainland - and we'd love for you to support us! You can donate to the ignYte team at: <https://www.youthunlimited.com/yunite>

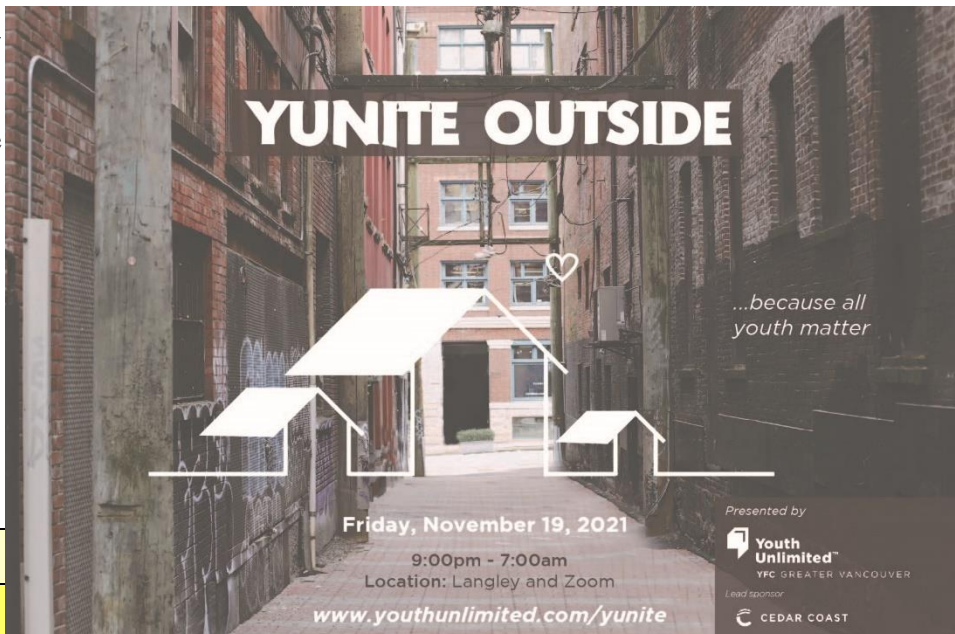
Here's our confirmed events coming up in October/November + beyond:

Oct. 16th... Restoration Saturday @ A Rocha
Oct. 22nd...ignYte @ GSL
Oct. 24th ...Youth-led/CLAY service
Oct. 29th ...Pumpkin carving @ St. Laurence
Oc. 31stConfirmation service @ GSL
Nov. 5th.... ignYte @ St. Laurence
Nov. 19th.. YUNITE Outside
Dec 10-12.Seymour retreat

Jason Wood

(He/him/his)

Youth and Families Ministry Coordinator



Have you heard about it yet...

Just what is Youth Unlimited?

Youth Unlimited is a faith-based organization that meets vulnerable youth where they are at in communities across Greater Vancouver. We're about genuine relationships, without judgement, with a goal to love like Jesus loved. We listen and have the conversations youth want and need to have. We are serious about helping. We foster strategic partnerships to collectively care for the youth in our communities.

At the heart of Youth Unlimited is mentoring relationships. We meet youth where they are at, come alongside and support them where needed and where invited—emotionally, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. This mentorship often begins and flourishes in our many, varied programs, which also make a tangible difference in the lives of youth across Greater Vancouver. To find out more [click here](#).

News from our BC Synod

Transitions Update

Who has accepted a new call or moved into a new area of ministry?

Who is on sabbatical?

Who is on parental leave?

Who has announced they are retiring?

We have been asked, in the interest of improving communication within our Synod, that we include a section in our newsletter every few months to share who has accepted a new call, who is on sabbatical or parental leave, and who has announced their retirement. We've been asked to keep in mind that circumstances can change so dates might change. (Example: Someone intending to retire may change their mind.)

We are all invited to keep these leaders and congregations in our prayers as we recognize these transitions!

Rostered leaders who have accepted a new call or moved into a new area of ministry:

- Rev. Dean Andersen, will continue in his call at Christ Lutheran Church, Chilliwack but will also serve Peace Lutheran Church, Abbotsford. His time will be shared between the two congregations as of October 1, 2021.

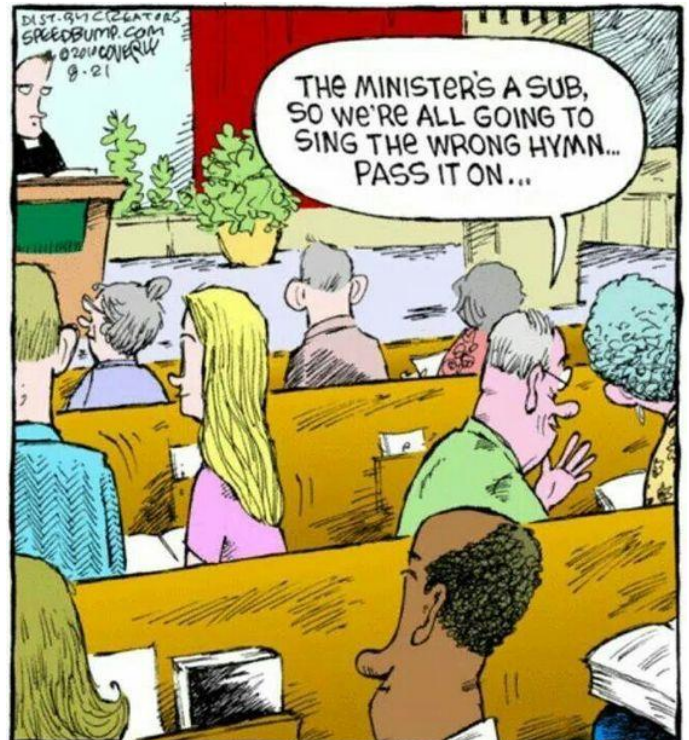
Rostered leaders on parental leave:

- Rev. Jane Gingrich, (Hills of Peace, Kamloops) returns January 2022.
- Rev. Katrina Vigen, (Redeemer, Vancouver) returns mid-November 2021.

Rostered leaders who have announced they are retiring:

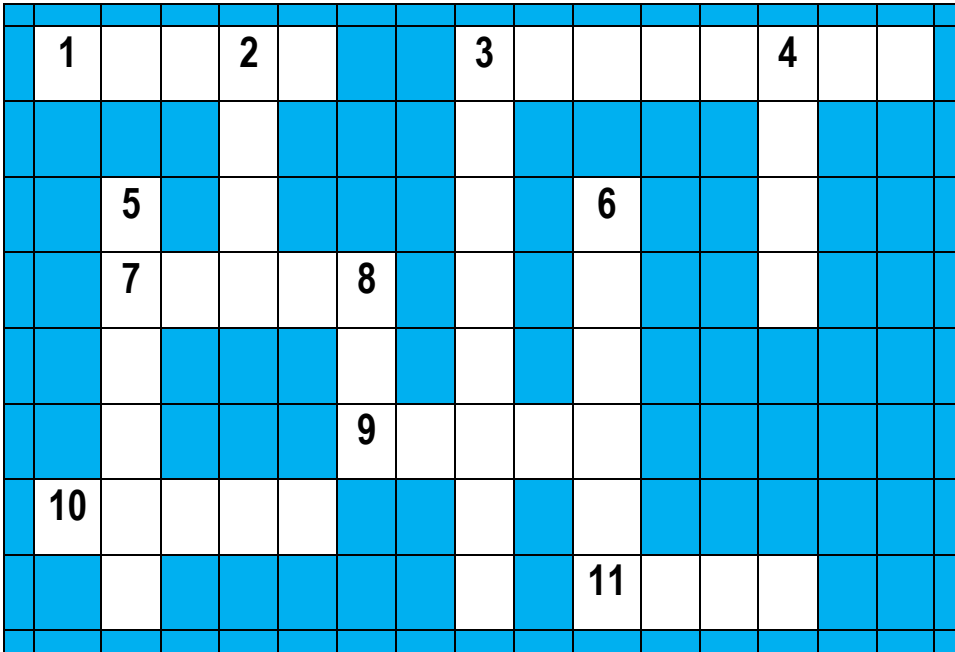
- Rev. Patricia Giannelia (later January 2022)
- Rev. Hardo Ermisch (October 31, 2021)
- Rev. Peter Hanson (December 31, 2021)
- Bishop Rev. Dr. Gregory Mohr (TBD)

PARISHIONERS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS...



STOP DOUBTING – ONLY BELIEVE

KIDS CORNER

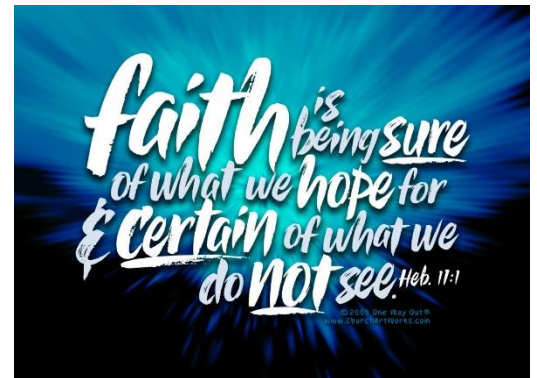


ACROSS

1. To believe in something for which there is no proof.
3. A follower of Jesus.
7. The body parts at the end of the arms.
9. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood.
10. To be in a state of pleasure or delight.
11. An entrance into a building or room.

DOWN

2. One of two babies born at the same time.
3. Unwilling to believe that something is true.
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war.
5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing.
6. Not open.
7. when breaking a religious or moral law.





Weekly Church Events

We may not be meeting entirely in person for all our former events, but we are still offering a number of opportunities to gather for fellowship, worship and learning. 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 meeting Sunday morning at 9 am over Zoom for our weekly bible study. We hope to perhaps move to a hybrid format at some point, 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. Check the announcements in the bulletin for our next Bible Book Club Sunday.

Sunday Morning Worship

We gather every Sunday morning at 10:30 for our weekly worship service. If you wish to attend in-person, we are asking you to register by calling or emailing the church office the week prior. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we are requesting that only fully vaccinated people attend at this time. This service will continue to be live streamed over our YouTube Channel, and a recording of the service posted 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 for an hour of fellowship every 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.