

Blessed Unpredictability

Life is unpredictable. And has there ever been a time when that observation is more true than now?

A couple of weeks ago our Movie Night group watched a filmed version of the wonderful Canadian musical “Come From Away”. It tells the story of how on September 11, 2001 - the day of the terrorist attacks in the US - 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly at the airport in Gander, Newfoundland and the events that followed as the community came together to host their unforeseen guests. It took me back to the shock we all experienced that day as our complacent assumptions about our lives as North Americans were shaken to their core.

And since then, we’ve lived (are living) through the shock of a pandemic that came at us out of the blue, a violent insurrection in the US, and now a war on European soil that everyone thought could never happen again.

The story of Holy Week is filled with startling twists and turns too. A crowd that lusts for Jesus’s death just days after giving him a hero’s welcome. A brazen denial by one of the Lord’s most loyal disciples. Christ’s mesmerizing silence in the face of a death sentence.

But maybe Easter is the mother of all unpredictable events. I mean how else do you describe resurrection? If Holy Week leaves us astounded, Easter simply shakes our foundations. To paraphrase one of my favourite preachers, Anna Carter Florence, how do you live in a world where the dead don't stay dead?

At least this shocking event overflows not with fear and dread, but blessing. Women are turned from mourners into evangelists. Cowering disciples are transformed into courageous martyrs. And the leader of a Jerusalem death squad is converted into the most powerful preacher in all of Christian history.

It makes me wonder if we miss something of the Easter experience when we turn it simply into one Sunday on our calendar. Do we believe God still does surprisingly, even shockingly blessed things? Does God not open our eyes to grace through some of the most unlikeliest people? Does God not surprise us with opportunities to be a surprising blessing to others?

Most of the story of “Come From Away” tells of how in the week after 9/11 those unexpected guests experienced the extraordinary hospitality of the people of Gander. Fear and suspicion gave way to compassion and community. Strangers became unlikely and life-long friends. Was it just typical Newfoundland neighbourliness? Or an example of the astonishing blessing of God at work in the most unexpected and surprising of ways? Either way, it's a beautiful Easter parable.

Congregational News

Free Afternoon Concert!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be hosting a **free Brass Chamber Group concert** featuring both a 3-piece ensemble and a 5-piece ensemble. This is all part of Nikolaj Yen -Hansen's UBC semester requirements, and our church is simply the serendipitous beneficiaries of these musical performances.

We are still working out details for a date and time, so please keep your eyes open for further communications or feel free to inquire at the office.

Come one – come all! And bring your friends, too.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

~ Psalm 98:6 ESV



Garage Sale

This May we anticipate the return of our annual GSLC Garage Sale, that took a 2-year holiday along with other church programming when Covid hit in 2020. Plans are being made to hold it on **Saturday, May 28th**, and set up will be during the week immediately preceding that day, after the Victoria Day weekend. Please start gathering your items for drop off from Sunday, May 22nd to Thursday, May 26th. We anticipate needing to continue to be Covid-conscience, so we'll likely NOT be offering fresh baking/jams for sale, nor having our coinciding youth hotdog fundraiser either. We will be looking for volunteers to help organize and price our treasures during the week, and also for those willing to take a shift or two on the Saturday as well. Thanks for your consideration.

Vacation Bible School

We are exploring the possibility of holding Vacation Bible School again this coming summer. In fact, the Good Shepherd Education Team and Pastor Eric have been in conversation with some folks from St. Laurence Anglican Church around the possibility of our two congregations cooperating in some kind of joint program. These conversations are very preliminary but we are discussing a somewhat modified format: three days instead of five and scheduling for mid-August.

In addition, Our long time, devoted VBS co-ordination, Linda Berry, has decided to step down from this role. We are extremely grateful for all the service she has given to this ministry of our church. It means that we will be looking for someone, or a couple of people, to take her place in helping to coordinate this beloved ministry.

Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer to help out in with program if plans go ahead.

Visioning Process

Our visioning process continues, and our next conversation takes place on **Tuesday, April 5th at 7 pm**. We will talk about the context of our congregation now, and what it might look like to live out our identity and core values in this time and place.

Even if you have not participated in this process in the past, please know you are welcome join us for this Visioning conversation, They are always interesting and meaningful conversations. The meeting will be held on Zoom and the link will be sent out by email.

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.

The family of Al Startin, the family of Earl MacRae, and our congregational family as we all continue to mourn the passing of these dear loved ones, members and friends.

Dorothy Durand as she prepares for her surgery for her recently diagnosed cancer.

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

Denise Elliott, Dale Wald's sister who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is awaiting chemotherapy.

Theresa Gold, Elaine Sturhahn's daughter who is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of her cancer.

Christine Stanley who was recently released home from Queens Park Rehab Centre after further hip and leg surgery.

The people of Ukraine and the Leaders of the World especially those who have been forced to flee their homes and those still living in threatened areas, that they may be protected and provided for, and a peaceful resolution for the conflict may be found.

Thanksgiving! Please join us as we thank God:



...that we continue to return to meeting in person and look forward to gathering more fully in the future.

..that our ministries connecting our church with our neighbours – VBS & Garage Sale - are resuming this year, even as we ask for your blessings on those ministries & connections.



Milestone Birthday

Special birthday wishes are extended to:

Agnes Mattson turning **97** on **April 16th**

Anne Christensen turning **91** on **May 8th**

Alma Trent turning **94** on **May 12th**

Flora Pregler turning **85** on **May 19th**



Birthday Greetings

We extend birthday greetings to the following members also celebrating birthdays in April and May:

Larrisa Chenosky	Olivia McGreevy
Tamara Chenosky	Elaine Myers
Davis Chow	Emily Moon
Nadine Darts	Barry Potter
Bob Derksen	Bernd Schadek
Judy Derksen	Henry Schuler
Liam Derksen	Jill Schuler
Kristian Hansen	Donata Startin
Donna Harris	Scott Stickler
Nathanael Inoue-Zwicker	
Amy Karhukangas	Cara Wills
Leigh Marquess	Lily Yen
Jackson McGreevy	



*With Blessings to all from
your Good Shepherd Family*

SPECIAL LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Healing Service this Wednesday! This Wednesday, **April 6th** we gather for a special mid-week Lenten service at 7 pm. It will be a healing service with opportunity for individual prayer for healing. It will be available to those wishing to attend both in-person and online. Instructions on how to participate will be sent out by email. As usual, we respectfully request that only those who have been fully vaccinated attend in-person, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 10TH AT 10:30 A.M.

We begin holy week with this service including the procession with palms. For those joining us online, we will make a supply of palms available for pick up by the back office entrance. Drop by and pick up palms for yourself and your family. They will be available by Thursday, April 7th.



HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY – APRIL 11, 12, 13 AT 8 A.M.

We will gather for a short ½ hour service of Matins each of these mornings.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 14TH AT 7 P.M.

We enter into the 3 days of the Easter Celebration with this service commemorating Jesus' last night with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 15TH AT 11 A.M.

We gather for worship on this day of our Lord's crucifixion and reflect on his saving sacrifice.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 17TH

• **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT 9 AM:**

This will be our first foray into a time of coffee and fellowship since the beginning of Covid. It is expected to be a casual, drop-in affair with offerings of either tea or coffee and food being limited to hot cross buns. While it won't be our usual Sunrise Breakfast table feast, it will be a first step back into something familiar. If you're still a little skittish, feel free to bring your own coffee cup.

• **SUNDAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:30 A.M.:**

We gather to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and worship the gifts of salvation and new life in him. We will once again be offering our tradition of decorating the cross, so feel free to bring fresh flowers with you to place on the cross.

HOLY HILARITY SUNDAY – APRIL 24TH AT 10:30 A.M.

We continue our tradition of celebrating with a bit of fun and frivolity. Laughter and fun attire encouraged!

On Eagle's Wings Ecumenical Ministries

In the spirit of drawing closer to our Lord as we journey through Holy Week, please find this year's edition of **On Eagle's Wings Holy Week Reflections** which is available online and accessible from their website [here](#).

He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

~Isaiah 53:3-4 NLT

Concern for Ukraine

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, our BC Synod and National Church are offering the following, reminding us that God remains with us even in these times of concern and worry.

Vigil for Peace - Prayers for Ukraine and the World



We are invited to join Bishop Kathy Martin as she continues to host a Prayer Vigil for Peace on an ongoing basis on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm (for approximately 15 minutes). The actual leadership of these Friday prayer sessions will be shared. Come as you are, bring a candle to light, and gather with people from BC and beyond.

"We know this is a time of anxiety and deep uncertainty. We invite you to pause and join us for a short a short vigil service, as we gather to light candles as a symbol of peace and pray for all those impacted by the invasion of Ukraine as well as all those suffering as a result of war and political oppression."

Join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643051883?pwd=MDk4ZEZjZzhBMnh0WnhGUxhJWDZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 4305 1883

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Statement from the ELCIC's National Church Council

The ELCIC's National Church Council met virtually from March 4-6, 2022. As part of their work, they issued the following statement calling for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine and global solidarity with the people of Ukraine. To read the full statement please [click here](#).

WCC to Moscow: "raise up your voice so that the war can be stopped"

The [World Council of Churches](#) Acting General Secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca asked the patriarch of Moscow to mediate so that the war between Russia and Ukraine can be stopped. To read the full letter please [click here](#).

LWF Statement: Welcome All Affected by the War in Ukraine

[The Lutheran World Federation](#) calls on government officials, particularly in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, as well as the European Union and its member states to ensure the protection of all fleeing the war. LWF General Secretary Anne Burghardt wrote the [statement](#) on behalf of the global communion.

CLWR Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) through its partnership with [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) calls on its members to respond through prayer and financial support to the urgent humanitarian needs in Ukraine. The ELCIC and CLWR join with their partners, and people around the world, in calling for an immediate end to violence. As fighting intensifies, millions are expected to be rapidly displaced creating a widespread humanitarian crisis. Partners in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries are closely monitoring the situation and preparing to respond with immediate humanitarian needs including food, shelter, emergency supplies and trauma support. Individuals and organizations wishing to support relief efforts can donate as follows:

- Make a designated offering donation for "Ukraine Appeal" through any ELCIC congregation.
- Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or online at <https://www.clwr.org/product/E-104/ukraine-crisis>.
- Send a cheque to CLWR: 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R#B 0W5. marked "Ukraine Appeal."

Directory Update

Dorothy Durand's new address is:

**Nicola Lodge Care Community
Room 3311 - 2240 Hawkins Street
Port Coquitlam BC V3B 0M2**

(Her telephone number remains the same)
604-942-0121

Please update your directory copy accordingly.



Prayer Group

Weekly prayer gatherings on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm are accessible by going to the main page of our website (gslcc.ca) and scrolling halfway down to Weekly Meetings. Click on the Prayer Group button which will provide you with the embedded link to join the prayer group via Zoom. All are welcome.

We gather 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 gather simply to lift up the concerns and thanksgivings of our lives in prayer.

For April and May our prayer-worthy focus words are 'PERSEVERANCE' and 'STRENGTH', 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 coming months.



In April, you are invited to join the book club at their next book club (date, time and location TBD) as they discuss the book:

The Tyranny of Merit What's Become of the Common Good By Michael Sandel

These are dangerous times for democracy. We live in an age of winners and losers, where the odds are stacked in favor of the already fortunate. Stalled social mobility and entrenched inequality give the lie to the American credo that "you can make it if you try". The consequence is a brew of anger and frustration that has fueled populist protest and extreme polarization, and led to deep distrust of both government and our fellow citizens--leaving us morally unprepared to face the profound challenges of our time.

World-renowned philosopher Michael J. Sandel argues that to overcome the crises that are upending our world, we must rethink the attitudes toward success and failure that have accompanied globalization and rising inequality. The Tyranny of Merit points us toward a hopeful vision of a new politics of the common good.

Looking ahead to our May book club meeting
Date and time TBA, we will be reading and
discussing the book:

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes By Randolph Richards and Branden O'Brian

What was clear to the original readers of Scripture is not always clear to us. O'Brien and Richards show how better self-awareness and understanding of cultural differences in language, time, and social mores allow us to see the Bible in fresh and unexpected ways. Getting beyond our own cultural assumptions is increasingly important for being Christians in our interconnected and globalized world.

All are welcome!



From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial YTD Status as of February 28, 2022:

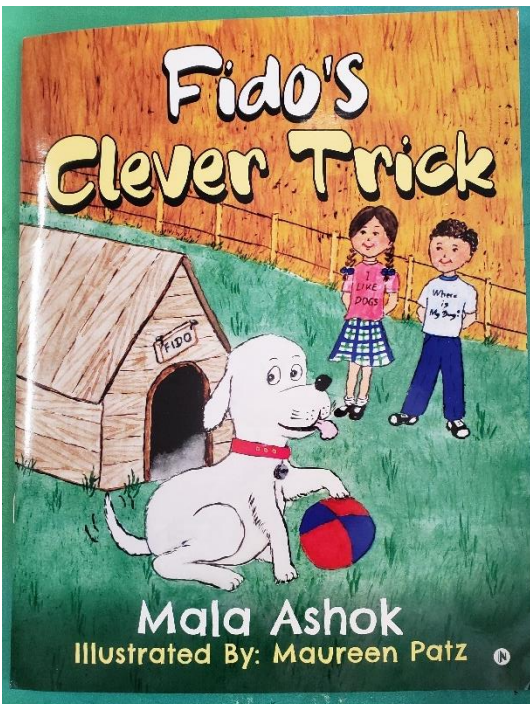
Total Income	\$ 37,550.99
Total Expenses	\$ 35,327.93
Surplus	\$ 2,223.06

Project Contingency Fund \$ 56,836.31

Thank you for your continued generosity

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was shipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

~Isaiah 53: 5-6 NLT



Congratulations Mo Patz!

We offer our congratulations to Mo Patz, as she can now add published children's book "Illustrator" to her already impressive resume that includes Mechanical Draftsman and Elementary Core French Teacher. Mo met the author, Mala Ashok while attending SFU classes for seniors, and the rest is history!

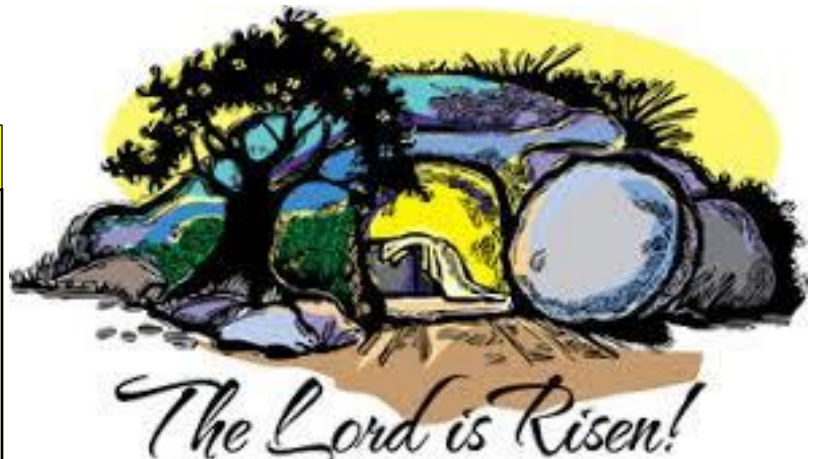
Fido's Clever Trick is a children's reading/colouring/puzzle book that includes a happy ending. My favorite! Both ladies have already begun working on a second collaborated effort with Mo once again illustrating Mala's written text. *Fido's Clever Trick* is available for purchase on Amazon throughout the world, thus on Amazon.ca here in Canada.

Mo has provided a free copy to the office, so one is available here for free on a first-come-first-served basis.

Well done, Mo!

Baptismal Photo Challenge through Lent

Thank you to all who submitted photographs, drawings, and other creative artwork that was used to remind us of our Baptismal promises and what they mean to us. These were displayed during these past several weeks in our Lenten Services.



Property Matters

Throughout the last few months, the Property Team has been busy both inside and out. The wheelchair ramp was painted with a non-skid paint, providing better traction for those using the ramp. The basement threshold was repaired, and some reparative door planing was completed.

Thanks to the old cedar fence planks provided by Bob and Judy Derksen, the office counter's usable surface has been extended through the installation of a meticulously cut and sealed sink cover, with a removable plate which allows easy access to water from the taps. Thanks to David Stroud for his design know-how and woodworking skills.

Two microphones have been installed hanging from the Sanctuary roof, to pick up singing from the congregation for soundtracks from our recorded and live-streamed services.

Thank you to the members of the Property Team who continue to monitor and clean out debris in the eaves, and green waste (fallen limbs) from the grounds. Our forsythias are beautifully groomed and blossoming bright yellow, welcoming in the spring and sending their own praises to God!

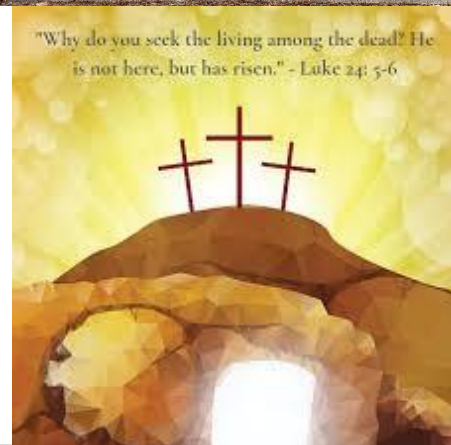
Thank you Property Team members and other volunteers for doing this maintenance work on our behalf, that keeps our yard and building in good shape and in good repair.

If you would like to add your name to a roster of possible 'volunteers' that could help out from time to time with this maintenance work when it is conducive to your schedule, please contact David or the office.

The Property Team will soon be turning their attention to an upgraded security system for the church, even as they continue searching for a suitable replacement dishwasher more sympathetic to our aging backs.

*The flowers appear on the earth; the
time of singing has come, and the
voice of the turtledove is heard in our
land.*

~Song of Solomon 2:12 NRSV



Spring 2022



LTS TODAY

Lutheran Theological Seminary, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, nurtures and challenges all people for Christ-centred leadership and witness for God's mission in the world.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF AN INTERVIEW FROM THE MOST RECENT SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER FROM THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

STUDENT LIFE

LTS Today recently interviewed students Elina Singh and Andrea Wilhelm. Elina will graduate with her Master of Divinity this spring, and Andrea—current Chair of the LTS Student Union—is in her 2nd year of the Master of Divinity degree.

Please tell us about the journey that brought you to LTS.

Elina: Where should I begin...? I have sensed a call to ministry since I was about 8, although being a pastor was not part of that equation until just a few years ago. I have done a variety of jobs for churches, including office administration and youth ministry. However, about five years ago various people (including my pastor) started asking if I had ever considered seminary studies. No, I hadn't, and I laughed it off – but that left a door open to the possibility. So the external call was first, and the internal call slowly followed.

What have been the joys and the challenges of student life thus far?

Elina: I live in Vancouver, and I have been grateful for the intensive course format. That has made it possible for me to manage life here and studies there – although getting up at 6:30am for online classes that start at 8:30am in Saskatoon has been a bit rough at times. I've really enjoyed the times we've gathered in Saskatoon in person, and the opportunities to get to know my classmates outside the classroom.



How has being a student in the pandemic shaped or re-shaped your educational experience?

Elina: When the pandemic began, I was just finishing off my second year of academic studies and heading off to internship. I've just finished internship, so that entire experience was done during the pandemic. I have seen how the church has adapted and shifted, pivoted this way and that. I have seen the challenges that come with not being able to gather in person.

It has been valuable to learn about online worship and Bible studies – there are people who have been able to connect with a church online when they were never able to do it in person, for various reasons, and that has been wonderful to see. Although I do miss the chance to get together with people and share a meal.

To read the entire article...

- 1) we have a printed copy at the church available for viewing, or
- 2) it is available for download by selecting Newsletter Spring 2022 at <https://lutherantheological.ca/newsletter>

April - May Youth Update

2022 began with online events. We looked at Genesis and the story of creation, and we had a fun-filled family trivia night. Later, when the weather permitted, we met at Rocky Point Park for games and ice cream and started gathering safely, in-person, on a weekly basis. We held a youth led service at Saint Laurence and kicked off Spring Break with a pizza and movie night at Good Shepherd.



Over the coming months, we look forward to further exploring our role in creation, gathering for a sleepover (probably on Maundy Thursday) and participating in a weekend kayak trip with our senior youth. The kayak trip will be for those currently in grades 10, 11 and 12 and will take place on the weekend of May 28/29. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks and are excited to announce that we have received grant money from the LLLF (Luther League Legacy Fund) that will cover the majority of the costs.

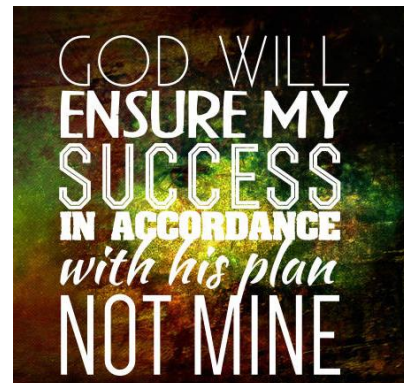
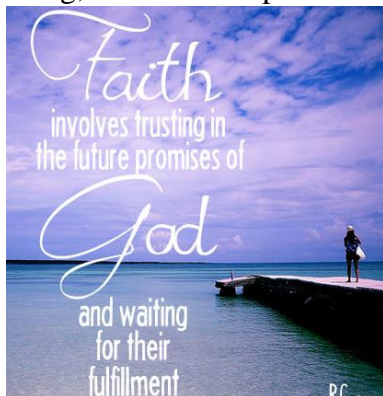
We are hopeful that the loosening of restrictions and the warmer weather will allow for greater opportunities to hang out, share meals, build friendships, and kindle a joyful faith - together!

With hope,

Rachel Genge and Jason Wood Youth and Families Minister

YOUTH PRAYER REQUESTS

- + **For all ministries world-wide** that educate, mentor and minister to the needs of children and youth.
- + **For all leaders of our National Churches concerned with youth ministry**, that they be led to develop inspired programming and educational opportunities for our youth and children, including VBS, Sunday School and CLAY 2023 events.
- + **For all leaders of our joint children and youth ministries at Good Shepherd and St. Laurence Anglican**, especially Jason and Rachel, that they be equipped for the additional challenges that Covid and distance-interactions have made to their outreach plans and ideas.
- + **For all parents of our youth and children**, that they be equipped for the specific challenges they face within their own families and situations.
- + **For all our children and youth**, that they be raised in God's truth and remain inseparable on their life journeys, and they walk in paths of truth and light for their lives and the whole world. Inspire them to become all you have meant them to be.
- + **For the upcoming Senior Youth Kayak Trip**, that they will remain safe, that their time together will be a blessing, and that the special memories they make that weekend will last them a lifetime.



Contributed by Gene Blishen, ELCIC Treasurer and member of the ELCIC National Church Council.

As treasurer of the ELCIC, I attended the recent bi-annual meeting of the National Church Council. One of the items discussed was the strategic plan for our ELCIC. We agreed that it would be something new. The planning took over a year to contemplate and deliver, as it had to recognize a shift in the actual structure of the national church committee, and what priorities needed attention and development for our ELCIC churches. This was a tricky proposition, as there are different understandings of how and what that encompasses, as each of the ELCIC's five Synods uniquely reflect their own particularly regional perspective.

The ELCIC has 3 tiers of structure within our church. There is the national level of the ELCIC, the regional level of the 5 Synods, and the congregational level nationwide. There are similarities, and there are differences between all groups. At the same time, we are part of a global federation of national churches worldwide with membership in the Lutheran World Federation.

What was put forward involves all levels and creates the ongoing understanding of being one church, and is true to our knowledge of what being a Lutheran in today's world means.

The 4 pillars of the ELCIC Church Council plan include:

- Striving to be a Healthier Church
- Seeking to cultivate Effective Partnerships
- Encourage Relational Leadership
- Leading with Compassionate Justice

How will we develop these priorities collectively? What attributes and understanding will we as a congregation and as individuals offer amongst ourselves and others? What will we state the meaning of these priorities mean to each of us? This is not easy work and is a challenge.

Dialogue around these items will remove assumptions and create the trust needed to answer the call that we all have been given. This is our work; our church is done by all before us, now and after us. Our diligence to the grace and faith apparent in our church is recognized and happens so often. In word and service, in whatever fashion we can offer, we can be an inspiration to all of those we see and are with.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT on our own GSLC Visioning Process...

Our congregation, for over a year now, has been involved in our own visioning process.

As we continue to listen for God's leading for our own church's visioning process, can we ask ourselves this:

- Do our own Visioning Outcomes align themselves with our National Church Council's plan?
- Are we, and can we, move forward in our visioning process working within and with these 4 pillars outlined by our National Church?

...more food for thought!

Our next Visioning conversation takes place over Zoom on **Tuesday, April 5th at 7 pm**. Hope to see you there!



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.

The Green Rule

Do unto the Earth as you would have it do unto you.

A few weeks ago, David and I had the opportunity to take part in a zoom meeting hosted by “Faith and the Common Good”. This is a multi- Faith Organization that shares their religion, their spiritual practices, and their philosophies.

We had four speakers at this session, one each from the Sikh community, the Muslim community, the Jewish community, and the Catholic community. Each speaker had the opportunity to tell how their religious practices and sacred writings explain why they feel it is important to take care of the Earth.

Each speaker also talked about an activity that their community took part in. Two groups had planted trees with guidance from their local parks and recreation departments on which trees were suitable and where they should be planted along with an instruction session on how they should be planted. One group contacted a Butterfly Assoc. to learn how and where to plant milkweed for the declining Monarch butterflies. The fourth group, with help from a bee-keeper, planted pollinator gardens to aid the bees and other pollinators, which are also under stress.

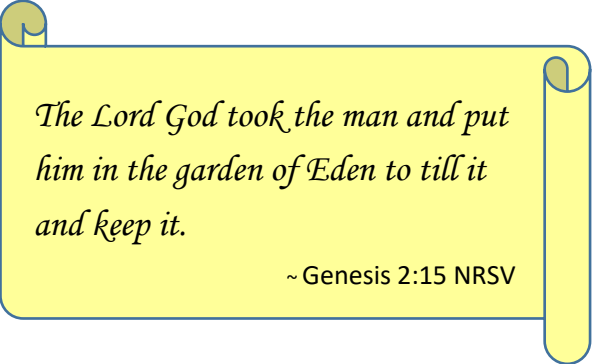
We heard only four speakers, but this organization also includes: Hinduism, Shintoism, Indigenous Spirituality, Confucianism, Jainism, Taoism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Baha’I Faith, and Unatarianism.

Different religions, different practices, different scriptures, different philosophies, but if we can listen beyond the differences, we can find a common thread running between them – **Voices for the care and healing of our planet.**

And this gives me hope.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claire Thompson



The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

~ Genesis 2:15 NRSV

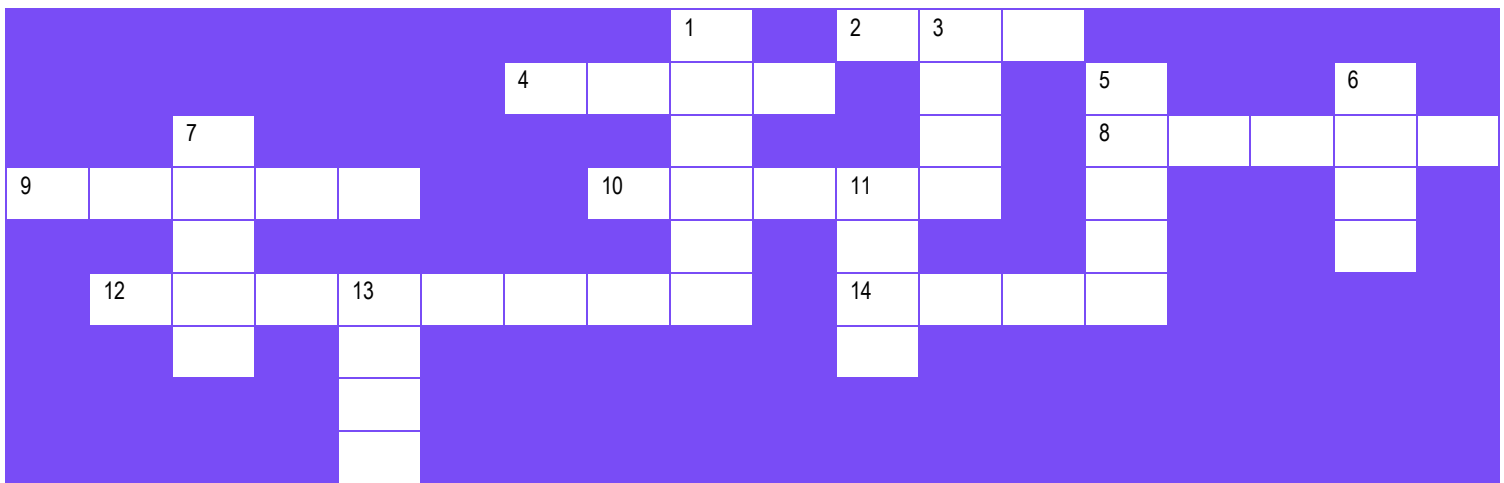
KIDS CORNER

ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
10. The colour that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 NIV



DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light





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. The links to join any of these meetings below can be found on our website gslcc.ca. 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 does not 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, on the first Sunday of the month, we follow the ELCIC Bible Book Club selection. The next two ELCIC Bible Book Club studies are scheduled for **April 3rd** at 9:00 am, where we will be looking at the book of **Ester**, and **May 8th** at 9:00 am, where we will be looking at the book of **Jonah**.

Sunday Morning Worship

We gather every Sunday morning at 10:30 for our weekly worship service. You no longer need to pre-register to attend. We are still requesting that only fully vaccinated people attend at this time. However, in compliance with the Government's direction around masks, wearing a mask is no longer mandatory but is still encouraged, as well as social distancing. 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 continue, alternating between praying Lectio Divina style & free-style 'Prayers of the People'. Praying aloud is not mandatory. All are welcome.

Second and Fourth Thursdays afternoons at 4 pm – Zoom Happy Hour

All are welcome to join in for an hour of fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. 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.