

Crazy Ideas

One of the things we learned early on in our missional journey is that God's future is among God's people. But what does that mean?

Sometimes we think that discerning where God is calling us to go next is the job of the church council. In part that's true. So, our new council is devoting at least half an hour of their monthly meeting time to missional brainstorming. Or in other words, dreaming and discerning opportunities to reach out to and connect with our neighbourhood in mission. So far it's been life-giving and even...enjoyable!

Sometimes we think that's the job of the pastor. And that's also true, in part. Often it's pastors who have access to conversations and resources that can inspire ideas and opportunities for missional outreach.

But what's missing in these previous two paragraphs is YOU...the whole people of God. The truth is, missional opportunities aren't revealed only to pastors and elected lay leaders. Missional opportunities are around all of us all the time. God's future is among God's people.

Maybe in your daily travels you've noticed a need in your neighbourhood that doesn't seem to be getting addressed. Maybe you've read something in your local newspaper or online about something some other group is doing that has struck you as interesting. Maybe you've had a conversation which has sparked a thought or an idea of what our congregation could be doing. Maybe you have a gift, or an interest, or a personal passion that might translate into an idea.

The problem is that too often we dismiss these experiences because we think the thoughts and ideas they inspire in us are crazy, or silly, or impractical. Or we just feel shy about putting them forward. Well, we want to hear them. Really, we do!

That's why we are creating a bulletin board, called the "I Know This Sounds Crazy, But..." board. It will be up and running very soon. You will be invited to post your thoughts and ideas for missional opportunities whenever you are by the church. No need to sign your name to them.. And there will be absolutely no judgement levelled. All ideas will come before church council and will be considered at our brainstorming sessions.

Not all ideas will be implemented. Some will truly be crazy and impractical. But that's exactly why we want to hear them. Missional living is about thinking outside the box and sometimes the craziest and most impractical ideas can inspire the most creative and practical ones.

You can read more about this in the article further on in this newsletter. But let me use this space to encourage your participation in this project. Perhaps, like we on church council have discovered with our brainstorming sessions, you too will discover how life-giving and fun such an exercise can be.

Congregational News

April Family Night

In partnership in Family Ministry with St. Laurence Anglican Church, we will be offering another intergenerational Family Night on **Sunday, April 23rd** from 4:30 to 6 pm.

Save the date, and see page 4 for all the details of this event.

Seminary Information Meeting

On **May 11th** at 7 pm, GSLC will be hosting an evening with the President of our Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, the Rev. Dr. William Harrison. Save the date and stay tuned as further event details are provided.

Pentecost Youth-Led Service

Our Pentecost worship service on **May 28th** will be a youth-led service beginning at 10:30. If you remember feel free to wear red, yellow or orange in remembrance of the flame that burned over the heads of the disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Remembrance of our Brothers in Christ

We received news of two long-time members who formerly worshipped with us years ago (in Fred's case it was over 40 years ago) and who have recently passed away.

Some of you may remember **Jerry Seaman**. Jerry's funeral is scheduled to take place here at Good Shepherd on **April 29th** at 11 am. All are welcome to attend.

A *Celebration of Life* for **Fred Jauck** occurred on March 25th at *Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria*. Fred's daughter was kind enough to send us a copy of his obituary, along with a picture that was taken at a service in 2019, when Fred last worshipped with us here at Good Shepherd. (See page 5).

Looking Ahead . . .



GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

We will once again be holding a church garage sale to raise funds for 3 charities: Aunt Leah's Place, LAMP, and The Good Samaritan Society. Start poking through your items to see what you might want to donate, but don't bring them yet. See all the details on page 9 including when we will be able to accept your treasures!

VBS – JULY 10-14TH

See all the details in the article on page 6. Register your kids/grandkids & help us get the word out!

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.

Elmer Krushel, Pastor Eric's father who suffered a bad fall a couple of weeks ago and is recovering from broken ribs, that he will continue to recover well and the family might be given wisdom to discern his future care.

Tammy McDonald whose mom Verna is in palliative care in Port Alberni, that Verna receives, compassionate care and passes quietly and peacefully and Tammy may know the comfort and help of good friends and family, and be held in the grace and mercy of God.

Tor Erickson as he continues to undergoes treatment for his cancer and has been experiencing better health as of late, that he will continue to experience healing and that the family will be held in God's loving care.

Ruta Kifle that she may be encouraged as she awaits any news on the expected arrival date of her nephew Tesfay who remains in Sudan awaiting transportation to Canada.

All who are struggling with doubts, anxiety or worry, even as we welcome the beauty of spring.



Thanksgiving! Please join us as we thank God:

- ❖ that Solomon, Ruta's older nephew is settling in well to his life in Canada.
- ❖ for a wonderful Easter celebration and a scrumptious return to our Easter Breakfast tradition.
- ❖ all who showed up to our Spring Cleaning Day to help shine up the church.



Milestone Celebration

With joy we extend congratulations and best wishes to the following friends who soon will be celebrating milestone birthdays:

- **Marika Owston** turning **80, April 7,**
- **Agnes Mattson** turning **98, April 16,**
- **Anne Christensen** turning **92, May 8,**
- **Alma Trent** turning **95, May 12,**
- **Elaine Myers** turning **75, May 15,**
- **Donata Startin** turning **85, May 20,**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!



Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings are also extended to the following members celebrating birthdays in April or May:

Larrisa Chenosky	Paul Jarvie
Tamara Chenosky	Amy Karhukangas
Davis Chow	Lee Marquess
Nadine Darts	Jackson McGreevy
Bob Derksen	Olivia McGreevy
Judy Derksen	Barry Potter
Liam Derksen	Flora Pregler
Tor Erickson	Henry Schuler
Sandra Goudal	Jill Schuler
Kristian Hansen	Scott Stickler
Donna Harris	Shannon Svingen-Jones
Katherine Hunt	Cara Wills
Nathanael Inoue-Zwicker	Lily Yen

Belated Birth Announcement

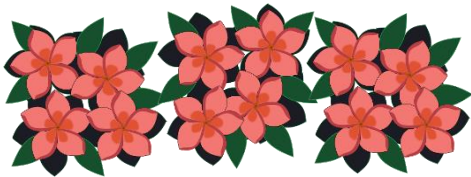
We join parents Dr. Jen Obst and Captain Jason Goodenough in welcoming the birth of their son

Spencer James

Born on December 15, 2022 in Frederickton, NB. Spencer is little brother to Tessa, 18-months old, and all are all overjoyed at little Spencer's arrival, who weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Especially proud & happy is grampa Jack Obst. 😊

May God bless the new and expanded Obst-Goodenough family in your new life together!



Rest in Peace, dear brothers

VICTORY IS WON!

Fred Jauck passed away on March 23rd at the age of 104. We celebrate with his family that he is reunited with his beloved wife Ester, and rests with Jesus. See excerpts of his obituary (next page) provided by his daughter.



Jerry Seaman passed away on March 3. We ask for comfort for his family who continue to grieve his loss, and bid him farewell, but not goodbye. A funeral service will be held here on Saturday, April 29 at 11 am.

April Family Night

In partnership in Family Ministry with St. Laurence Anglican Church, we will be offering another intergenerational Family Night on **Sunday, April 23rd** from 4:30 to 6 pm.

This time we will gather at Good Shepherd 4:30 pm. And we'll be going on a journey...sort of. We will continue to enjoy some ice-breaker games, some singing, crafting and prayer stations and we will celebrate eucharist and enjoy dinner together.

We are looking for one family from Good Shepherd to supply desert for the evening. If you are able to offer this please let Pastor Eric know.

And help spread the word!

... But those who have done what is right will receive eternal life."

~ Matthew 25:46(b)

New Directory Ready for Pick Up

A new telephone directory has been created and is in your mail slots awaiting pick up.

For those who have contacted the office requesting that it be mailed out... well, that will happen next week!



Excerpts of the OBITUARY of John Frederick (Fred) Jauck

With heavy hearts, but with gratitude for his long, satisfying and productive life, we announce the passing of Fred Jauck at 104 years of age, on March 1, 2023. Fred was born on June 5th, 1918, on the Jauck Family Farm near Duval, Saskatchewan. He was the second youngest of eleven children, seven brothers and four sisters.

Fred taught school for a number of years in a one-room school house in the small prairie town of Zeneta, Saskatchewan. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was transferred to Sea Island, BC. Once there, being a man of strong Christian faith, he sought out the nearest Lutheran Church, where he was smitten by the beautiful blue-eyed red-head in the pew in front of him, Esther Schormann. They were married in 1944.

After the war, Fred enrolled at UBC, in Vancouver and graduated with a degree in Commerce. He later completed a C.O.A. in office and business management and labour relations at U.B.C. In the early 1960's he completed a two-year course in Hospital Management at the University of Manitoba.

Fred worked for over thirty years in various departments of The Government of British Columbia. In Social Services, he worked at the Old Age Assistance Board in Vancouver. In the Department of Health, he was Hospital Administrator at Pearson Hospital, Vancouver. Fred ended his Civil Service career as Personnel Director in the Public Service Commission, Valleyview, Coquitlam.

Upon retiring at the age of sixty, he organized his own consulting service to work with various non-profit organizations in the building of social housing and long term care units. This included a move to Victoria, BC where he provided direct administrative services to the Luther Court Society for twelve years.

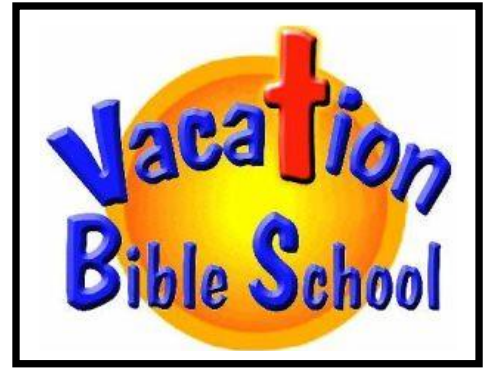
In thankfulness for his many blessings, Fred served on Boards of Director for many non-profit organizations in Victoria. Fred was pre-deceased by, and is reunited with his dear wife, Esther, and all his siblings.

Left to rejoice in a life well-lived and to cherish memories of many happy family events are his daughter, Roberta Fritz (Bill) and his son, Mark Jauck (Vigdis), his many grandchildren, nieces and nephews and others to whom he is "Opa", six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Fred was held on March 25th at Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria.



VBS for the Summer of 2023



Building on our successful collaboration in VBS with St. Laurence Anglican we are planning to offer another VBS program this summer.

This year's theme: Babylon! For five mornings from July 10-14, kids ages 4-11 will be invited to journey back in time, experience a taste of the ancient world, and join with the Biblical character of Daniel as he lived out a courageous faith.

To pull this off, we are looking for someone to serve as a co-coordinator with Heather Esposito of St. Laurence. This is not as big a job as you might think. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead in different areas:

- ❖ -Games in the Palace Playground
- ❖ -Bible stories in Daniel's Adventures
- ❖ -Lead crafts as part of the Marketplace
- ❖ -Leaders for small groups, called tribes
- ❖ -Snack preparation + serving
- ❖ -Welcome/registration

Could you let Pastor Eric know if you are interested in helping this year, and if there is a particular area you'd like to help with? And if you know others who you think might

like to help, please invite them to contact Pastor Eric, too. And if you know of families who would enjoy having their kids participate, please invite them to contact the office and help us spread the word!



Looking forward to a remarkable adventure!





Special Worship Opportunities in April and May



During this Season of Easter we bring to your attention a few special services that celebrate important church calendar events.

HOLY HILARITY SUNDAY APRIL 16

We continue our tradition of celebrating the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Holy Hilarity Sunday. To encourage a spirit of frivolity, we invite you to dress up with a bit of laughter and fun, and bring your church appropriate jokes to share with us that morning.



DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 28

Plans include for this day include a youth-led service of song and word, as we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit among us. Will there be theatrics? Will there be dancing? We're not sure of anything, except it will be high energy since the youth is involved! If you feel so moved, join others who will be wearing the colours of flame on this day.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MAY 21

The *Ascension of the Lord* is on Thursday, May 18th, but we will be celebrating it on Sunday, May 21st, technically the 7th Sunday in the Season of Easter.



Image of our
Easter Cross
covered in fresh
flower offerings
in praise and
thanksgiving to
our Risen Lord!

~ picture submitted
by Jane Whitter

Good Shepherd Women's Group

All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and Bible Study at our monthly meetings held at the church on the second Tuesday of the month. at 1:00 p.m.

April Meeting:

April 11 at 1:00 pm

Study: Jezebel

(Study Leader – Kate Wright

Snacks – Gail Tremain, Sherry Russell)

May Meeting:

May 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Study: The Widow of Zarephath

(Study Leader – Donna Harris

Snacks – Gail Tremain, Elaine Sinton)

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

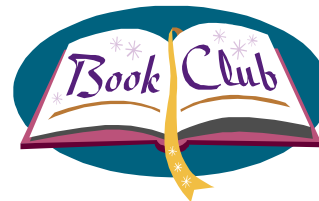
~ Ephesians 6:18

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group consists of a few members who meet Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm over Zoom for a time of prayer. We alternate weekly praying in the style of *Lectio Divina* (where biblical texts are studied and meditated upon, with communal prayer finishing out our time together) and Prayers of the People (where we gather simply to lift up the concerns and thanksgivings of our lives in prayer).

Access is easy through the GSLC website (<https://www.gslcc.ca>) by scrolling halfway down the screen to "Weekly Meetings", clicking on the Prayer Group button, and you'll find the inbedded Zoom link there.

All are welcome!



All are invited to join us at our next book club on **May 4th** at 7:15 pm at the home of Mogens and Lily when we will be discussing the book

Deacon King Kong

Written by James McBride

Bringing to these pages both his masterly storytelling skills and his abiding faith in humanity, James McBride has written a novel emotionally honest and told with insight and wit, Deacon King Kong demonstrates that love and faith live in all of us.

Looking ahead, our June meeting will be held at the home of Mogens and Lily on **June 8th** at 7:15 pm, when we will be discussing the book

By What Authority

Written by Dr. George E. Sears

And as a special treat, **the author will be joining us at book club on June 8th**

If you own a Bible, this book will give you a deeper appreciation for its significance as a message of God's revelation to humankind. The book will help readers to reflect on their faith journey in light of a fuller understanding of the place of the Bible within human history.

All are Welcome!

Seminary Information Meeting

On May 11th at 7 pm you are invited to an evening with the President of our Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, the Rev. Dr. William Harrison. This will be an opportunity to meet Dr. Harrison personally, hear about the exciting changes happening in the life of our seminary, and find out how you can be a part of shaping and supporting the future of LTS in several ways. See poster on page 10 for more details.

REFUGEE CONCERNS

The Refugee Team asks that we keep all of Ruta Kifle's relatives in our prayers, as they have been forced to live marginalized lives, and especially Tesfay. He remains in Sudan as a displaced person, and is powerless to that authorities that weekly provoke discriminatory acts against him and his fellow Eritreans, who have fled their homeland to what they thought would be a better life due to the political regional strife they left behind.

Dear Lord, we lift up in prayer all refugees, migrants, asylum claimants and displaced persons seeking a safe places to live ~ that they may find new homes, kindness, compassion and welcome in all the places to which they flee.

And Lord, help all leaders find compassionate ways to respond to their desperate plight. Bless those leaders and officials who are working to promote peace for those living in fear. Humble all leaders who are engaging in tyranny and oppression, by frustrating their plans that create division and animosity of others.

Amen

From Our Treasurer



The following is an update on our financial YTD Status as of February 28, 2023:

YTD Total Income	\$ 39,254.42
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 38,111.05
Surplus	\$ 1,143.37

Project Contingency Fund \$3,109.31

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient..

~ Colossians 3:12

Church Garage / Yard Sale



We will once again be holding our annual Church Garage/Yard Sale, and on this year it will fall on **Saturday, May 27th** from **9-2** (Note the time change). The City of Coquitlam has changed their time listed on their website from 9 to 1, so we thought we might stay open a bit later than that, but close earlier than we have in the past which would give us a full 2 hours to clean up before the Spanish Church arrives at 4 pm for their service.

We are asking that you start gathering your like-new or slightly-used items now (no large pieces of furniture please), but **hold on to them until after the Victoria Day Long Weekend**. We will be setting up tables by May 23rd, so you can start bringing in your items for donations then. We anticipate having a baked items table again for those who like to contribute fresh baked goods for sale. Please drop these items off on Friday if you are able.

We will be looking for volunteers to help organize and price your treasures during the week, and also for those willing to take a shift or two on the Saturday as well.

Sign up sheets will be out soon.

Thank you for your consideration!





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LTS PRESIDENT'S TOUR 2023

LTS Today... and Tomorrow!

Hear about it

Talk about it

JOIN US

With the Rev. Dr. William Harrison

When: Thursday, May 11

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1504 Spruce Ave., Coquitlam

Time: 7:00pm



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Service Opportunities



We are looking to add to our weekly roster of volunteers that provide worship service assistance. None of the duties required are onerous, all are easily learned, and we do provide training for each of these volunteer tasks. Please prayerfully consider how you can help out in the following areas:

- ❖ Ushers
- ❖ Readers
- ❖ Communion Assistants
- ❖ Communion Clean up
- ❖ Fellowship Coffee Set-Up
- ❖ Fellowship Coffee Clean-up
- ❖ Inside Plant Waterer

...and then sign up on the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet on the table on Sunday morning. Please feel free to call the office or talk to any of the current volunteers that you see who are presently involved with any of these tasks, if you have any questions.

Any time you can help out is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



My brothers and sisters, you were chosen to be free. But don't use your freedom as an excuse to live under the power of sin. Instead, serve one another in love.

~ Galatians 5:13

Attention Embroiderers!

Our Baptismal Ministry is looking for someone who enjoys embroidering, to help maintain a supply of embroidered baptismal napkins which we give away at every baptism along with our baptismal faith chests. We still have a small supply of them on hand, but if you have been gifted in the art of embroidery and have a little spare time, perhaps this is something you'd like to volunteer for. The napkins are of a simple design, so each should not take a great deal of your time to complete. Please speak to Pastor Eric if you would like to help out.



ALTAR GUILD COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to serve as an Altar Guild Coordinator. This is the person who organizes and monitors the roster of volunteers who set up for communion and clean-up after communion. The Co-Ordinator does not do the work but organizes those who do. This person will be supported by the Worship Team and Pastor Eric so much help and advice is available. Please see Pastor Eric or any member of our Worship Team (Peter Schuler or Linda Walters) if you are interested.

Property Matters

As always, the Property Team has been very busy these past few months. As the final winter snows blanketed the area at the end of March, *Terra Firma* plowed the lot twice. The first snowfall accumulation was 11 ¼ inches. The Team spent many hours shoveling and salting the sidewalks and approaches. During the periods of snow David and/or Jane arrived before 6am daily to re-salt and shovel as needed before daycare staff arrived, and Jerry helped greatly and even our renters Tammy and Shawn lent a hand shoveling one morning too. Thank you so much for everyone's hard work, your diligence and your attention to this safety work on our behalf.

The fencing around the Little House is now complete with *Raybern's* installation of the missing gates. The new fridge's larger size required the modification of two kitchen cabinets. They were uninstalled, modified off-site, returned to the church and re-installed.

Two of the long-time tenants in the Parsonage moved out March 31st. David, Mogens, and Jane performed a property inspection of the Parsonage prior to all but one of the current tenants moving out, and recommended that deposits be refunded as appropriate. A new CO detector to the Parsonage was provided and a missing electrical plate was replaced.

Action items from the fire inspector's report for the church required the replacement of the fire extinguisher in the kitchen with a larger unit, and adding a push bar/panic bar mechanism to the daycare's main entrance downstairs. David collected specs and pricing for the bar/panic bar mechanism and hardware was supplied by Access of Vancouver. The Team also built a sheath for an extinguisher that was installed outside the furnace room, and moved a bulletin board downstairs rather than have a fire extinguisher relocated.

The front door lock needed a part, so one was fabricated and installed and is working well. An unused paper towel holder in the janitors' room was removed for better ladder access/storage.

In the foyer, the light timer was re-set to illuminate from dusk to dawn as intended. The Team attended a call re sink trouble in the Daycare's main bathroom downstairs, however no leak was found.

Spring clean-up took place on Saturday, April 1st (no joke!). About 25 people attended and the church interior and yard got a thorough cleaning. A HUGE **THANK YOU!!** to all who helped out.

Looking forward to the coming months, the Team will replace the parking area and west yard light with LEDs when BC Hydro removes our "lease lights". Parking lot lines are being painted as pockets of warmer, consistently-dry weather become available. We're working on bringing the former youth office downstairs to a usable condition.

Yard clean-up continues on a regular basis. Please consider volunteering to help out anytime you are available and able. We could use you!

Image of
Hellebores in
Church Planters
planted by
Donna and Keith
Harris

~ picture submitted
by Jane Whitter



*The Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection, not in
books alone, but in
every leaf in spring-
time.
~ Martin Luther*

Missional Brainstorming

Exciting things are happening on council this year:

We are committing to adding half an hour of missional brainstorming to each of our meetings. We feel that this productive discussion is helping to bring forth creative thoughts and ideas which we are happy to share with you from the past two meetings.

February 2023 Council Missional Brainstorming Session:

A. Began this section with prayer

- Inspiration for events should be 'organic'. Ideas can come to the Council via the Teams
- Ideas:
 - ❖ Gleaning Society
 - ❖ Earth Day event
 - ❖ Coffee House
 - ❖ Artists
 - ❖ Poetry Lady
 - ❖ Get a group to attend community events but having a worship event before or after, or a reflection of the event after
 - ❖ Should we have the Land Acknowledgement written down and displayed?
 - ❖ Should we have an Indigenous leader come in person to present or welcome
- The way forward will most likely include some partnerships
- Having the Harp event in the Tri City news was effective
- F. Education Team would like educational ideas or topics that would bring in the community or be a benefit to the community

March 2023 Council Missional Brainstorming Session:

- At the Creative Worship meeting, a suggestion was made to do an event at Easter for families in the community such as a kids Easter Egg Hunt, or a scavenger hunt. Another idea from the meeting was to have a family activity during the Easter Breakfast. Maybe an Art Table such as some mural paper where people can draw or write words on what Easter means to them. Or people can do them ahead of time to be added to the mural.
- Earth Day - April 22nd.
- Earth Hour March 25th 8:30 - 9:30
- Idea from Outreach Meeting - Setting up a fridge outside your building with a community fridge. People can come take what you need. Maybe ask other churches how it worked for them and what they put in it. Maybe it can be inside.
- How can we make our yard more hospitable to our community. What can we do to make it a community gathering place? Benches? Lending Library? Pet Refreshing Station? Before I Die Walls? Community Notice Board? Community Piano?
- Letting the daycare kids paint the stairway wall in the daycare
- Inspiration white board at services **"Maybe I'm Crazy But..."**
- Putting a Bench in the parking lot

Maybe you're wondering about that second last bullet? **It's our way of inviting the whole congregation into our brainstorming.** So in the next few weeks you will notice a white board in the Fellowship Hall with the title...

THIS MAY SOUND CRAZY BUT . . .

We're inviting anyone and everyone to contribute their missional thoughts and ideas by writing them down on this board with the pens that will be provided. All ideas are welcome without judgement, no matter how wild and crazy. We'll be making note of the ideas that appear and refreshing the board frequently. And council will be including them in our monthly reflections. Please contribute often.



To let you know a little more about the current complexion (**structure/nature/set up**) of our council life:

- Our in-person full council meetings are held once per month
- We gather around a one-hour shared meal, prepared by two different people,
- While eating we have some bonding time while discussing our lives and the life of the congregation, followed by a 2-hour business session consisting of:
 - A short devotion consisting of either: dwelling in the word, which many of you may be familiar with from our missional team; or a more free-form reading lead by anyone on council who feels comfortable doing so.
 - we sing, pray, then call the meeting to order.
 - After our land acknowledgement we proceed to approve the reports which have been prepared in such a way that shares information, highlights things that are going on in each of the ministries of the congregation, and flags anything that requires council discussion.
 - We approve each of the reports, have some discussion about ongoing church business, and then move on to our new missional brainstorming session which was touched upon earlier.
 - After adjournment, we pray the Lord's Prayer, then clean and pack up before we go our separate ways.

FEATURING FLORA PREGLER

If you are a regular reader of the Canada Lutheran Magazine, you will know that every issue features a member of our ELCIC who is active in Missional Service. About a year ago our very own Flora Pregler was featured. We were remiss in not bringing this to your attention, so we offer now a copy of the article.

IN MISSION ■

Flora Pregler

A retired 84-year-old teacher, a member of Good Shepherd, Coquitlam, BC, where her involvement has included choir, Church Council, committees, teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, Lutheran Church Women and worship leadership.

Mission is to look beyond the church doors and reach out to all in the community and beyond. We are to use our talents and abilities in service to others regardless of race, colour or sexual preference.

Leadership is one's ability to know what others are capable of doing and to delegate tasks within this ability. It is important not to jump in and do the task if it is taking longer than you expected. It is also important that within a group situation there is consensus regarding the goals you wish to achieve.

I am inspired by memories of how my mother's faith never faltered. When I was three years old, she held our family together (seven children, ranging from an infant to a ten-year-old) while my father

and oldest sister were hospitalized with tuberculosis.

I find satisfaction as a volunteer assisting in programs at a care home (25 years) where many of the residents get few or no visitors.

I also find satisfaction in assisting with the packing of medical supplies for shipping to underdeveloped countries. I find this most satisfying knowing that supplies that would end up in landfill are being used and appreciated.

I became involved in overseas projects through Rotary. These have included their youth exchange program, and projects related to health care and clean

water. I found this beneficial in that it broadened our children's knowledge of other countries and the acceptance of other cultures and beliefs.

I encourage others by trying to point out their abilities and urging them to use their talents rather than hide them. I often say, "Take one step at a time."

I am motivated to be a leader because I like to see things accomplished in the most efficient and quick manner. I also like to see things well organized.

One saying that has stayed with me comes from Thomas Carlyle—"He who has health, has hope, and he who has hope has everything."



Flora Pregler testing hearing in Uganda in a Rotary project.

April - May Youth Update

Spring is here! With that comes longer days, warmer weather, and signs of new life. Blessings abound.

At the start of March, ignYte gathered to play games, sing songs, paint a mural, watch a movie, and help lead a Sunday morning service at Saint Laurence. It was beautiful to see everyone come together and share their many gifts and talents. During the service, youth acted as ushers, played instruments, sang songs, shared poems that they had written, did the readings, and were a blessing to the life of the church.

Over Spring Break, we took a two week pause. Jason finished his exams for his degree. Congratulations. And I went a family vacation to the Dominican Republic. Thanks to my mom and dad. Now we are back, slightly more refreshed, and looking forward to the next couple of months. We hope and pray everyone else is too!

We will kick-start April with a sleepover at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver. On Saturday, April 8th, Holy Saturday, we will we'll meet at Good Shepherd, go for walk, and finish up at Saint Laurence with a meal together. For April 14th and 21st we will go back to our regular Friday night events at Good Shepherd and Saint Laurence; and we will finish off the month with a Tri-Cities Youth Worship Night at Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship on April 28th.

We have lots of events coming up in the next few months and hope it is a time of joy and growth for the youth in our community. Below are just some of the events we have on our calendar. We are also plan to have another senior youth trip this year, celebrate our graduating youth, and do a few more activities outside of our church buildings. Stay tuned.

March 31 to April 1 – Make Way sleepover, 7pm - 11am @ Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver

April 8 – 3:30-6pm Holy Saturday walk + supper

April 14 – 7pm @ St. L

April 21 – 7pm @ GSL

April 28 – Tri-Cities Youth Worship Night @ Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship

May 5 – TBD

May 6 – Coronation Tea ignYte/CLAY Fundraiser

May 12 – 7pm @ GSL

May 19 – 7pm @ St. L

May 26 – 7pm @ GSL

May 28th – Help lead Service at GSL

June 2-4 – Youth retreat @ Camp Artaban, Gambier Island

August 10-13 – CLAY National Gathering

With peace and blessings,

Rachel Genge and Jason Wood

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If you have any questions about ignYte (a joint ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran & Saint Laurence Anglican, open to youth grades 7-12 from across the Tri-Cities and North Burnaby region) please do not hesitate to reach out. New faces are always welcome. 😊



News from the Greater Church Body...

Lutheran World Federation...

[The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) has published a Study Guide for its Thirteenth Assembly. This resource equips participants at the organization's highest decision-making body with material to explore the meaning of the assembly theme, "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope," for the member churches and LWF's work around the world. The Study Guide is meant to inspire reflection on how the global communion of churches is called and equipped to be a sign of hope in the midst of God's creation, as it proclaims the gospel and participates in God's holistic mission. It can be download when you [click here](#).



World Council of Churches...

[World Council of Churches](#) general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay commented on the synthesis of the 6th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released on March 20.

"There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all," the report underlines. "Rapid and far-reaching transitions across all sectors and systems are necessary."

The report also adds that our choices and actions - and inaction - in the next few years "will have impacts now and for thousands of years." To read the full news article, please [click here](#).

BC Synod...

New Hire at Synod Office

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to announce that recent graduate and first call candidate Elina Singh has agreed to join our BC Synod office staff to serve as an Executive Administrator. (.75 Full Time Equivalent) We know this will be a temporary position however it will allow us to continue moving forward with a number of our projects, including work in the east central Fraser Valley. Elina will work out of the BC Synod office in New Westminster. Her new email address is esinghbcsynod@gmail.com and she can also be reached at 604-524-1318. Please join me in extending her a warm welcome!

Bishop Kathy



Team Paetsch Wins Gold at the Friars' Briar

The Annual Friars' Briar Curling Bonspiel took place in London ON, March 6-10, with 12 participating teams representing Lutheran, Anglican, United, Mennonite, Roman Catholic and other denominations from Ontario to BC. Winners overall were the Ernie Paetsch team representing BC & Wisconsin.

- Skip: Ernie Paetsch (ELCIC, Salmon Arm)
- Third: David Hunter (ELCIC, Vernon)
- Second: Chris Schwanz (LCMS, Marshfield, Wisconsin)
- Lead: Heidi Schwanz (LCMS, Marshfield, Wisconsin)

Team Paetsch had only one loss at the hands of the Lutheran-Led team from Saskatchewan with the Rev. Harold Hesje and Bishop Sid Haugen of the SK synod making a couple of clutch shots to secure the win. Complete results can be found at www.friarsbriar.ca Next year the Friars' Briar will take place in Regina concurrent with the Tim Horton's Briar.



Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon...

Canadian Lutheran History's Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow Project invites you to attend their For the Sake of the Gospel, Part III Webinar series on **May 15th, 2023 from 12:30pm-3:00pm PDT**. This webinar will feature Marcus Busch presenting: Lutheran Immigration Board: A Forerunner of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). The Lutheran Immigration Board was established 100 years ago in April 1923. Following Busch's presentation there will be a 30 minute Q&A, and a Call for Papers on "Where do we see Grace and Gospel in Canadian Lutheran contexts today and how do we proclaim it?" **Register Here:** <http://shorturl.at/ekDUY> Watch Webinars Part 1 and Part 2 [here](#).

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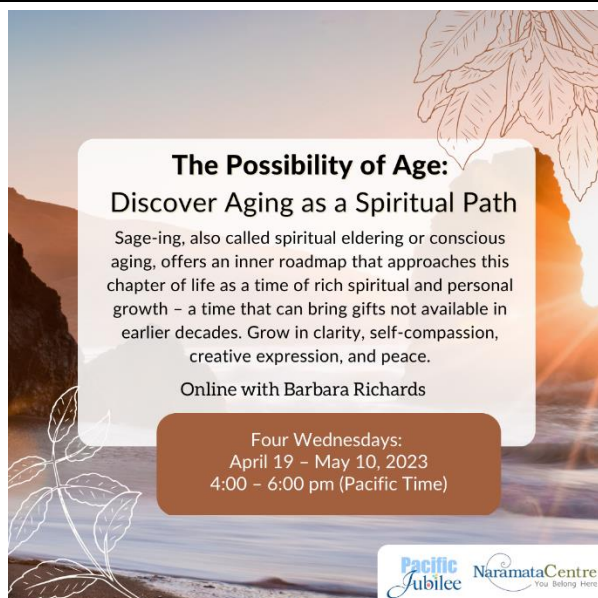
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Retreat Opportunities from Pacific Jubilee...

The Possibility of Age: Discover Aging as a Spiritual Path



Online with Barbara Richards
Four Wednesdays: **April 19 – May 10, 2023**
4:00 – 6:00 pm Pacific Time

Many of us who are approaching the third chapter of life feel unsettled, restless, and adrift. We sense the years 55 to 80+ can be some of our best, but we don't know how to navigate the changes that come with aging.

Sage-ing, also called spiritual eldering or conscious aging, offers an inner roadmap that approaches this chapter of life as a time of rich spiritual and personal growth – a time that can bring gifts not available in earlier decades.

[Learn more and register](#)

Pacific Jubilee - Spring Silent Retreat

with Murray Groom and Nan Goodship
May 4 - 7, 2023
Bethlehem Centre, Nanaimo, BC

This short retreat (4 days/3 nights) is an opportunity for anyone with a long weekend to experience intentional Silence. If you already know the gift of a silent retreat or if you are curious to discover what such an experience might bring, welcome! Our days will include an introduction to a variety of contemplative practices, morning and evening group sessions, a daily conversation with your spiritual director, and extended periods of freedom to enjoy the beauty of Bethlehem Centre and its surroundings.

Come away to the peace and quiet of Bethlehem Centre, where you will be immersed in a rich pool of intentional silence. With a community of like-minded seekers and supported by the able guidance of Nan Goodship and Murray Groom, you will have an opportunity to delve into the depths of your own soul and there find a new wholeness, your own sure place.

[Learn more and register](#)



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Our Other Water System

This is the water system we don't like talking about, preferring it to stay underground where it belongs. However, as our population keeps growing, our sewer systems are under increasing pressure from "fatbergs". Fatbergs are created when fat, oil and grease are poured down drains and then solidifies in the cold water in the sewer system. When combined with items such as wet wipes, cotton balls, dental floss and all other things that should **not** be flushed down our toilets, it creates a heavy solid which can block sewers. Blocked sewers can then back up through domestic or commercial pipes causing flooding in homes and businesses. This can also crack or break pipes, especially older pipes, and then discharge sewage into the environment. Fatbergs can also damage pumping stations as well as "offgas" toxic compounds such as hydrogen sulfide.

Financial and environmental costs

Property owners are responsible for maintaining sewer lines up to where they connect with the city's main line.

- Last year our church kitchen had both sinks backing up. Despite much effort from the property team, plumbers eventually had to be called in and the cost for finding and removing the blockage was \$393.75. The plumbers felt the main culprit was coffee grounds, which can add to the fatberg problem as they do not dissolve in water.
- Metro Vancouver is currently spending \$2.7 million a year to maintain and repair damage to their sewer system.
- Raw sewage leaks, such as the one happening now in North/West Vancouver, can have a huge impact on the animals and plants living in waterways. Algal blooms are encouraged by the presence of sewage and can cause serious damage to fragile ecosystems, cause fish kills and can even smother coral reefs. Sewage also contains bacteria, viruses and parasites that make both people and wildlife sick.

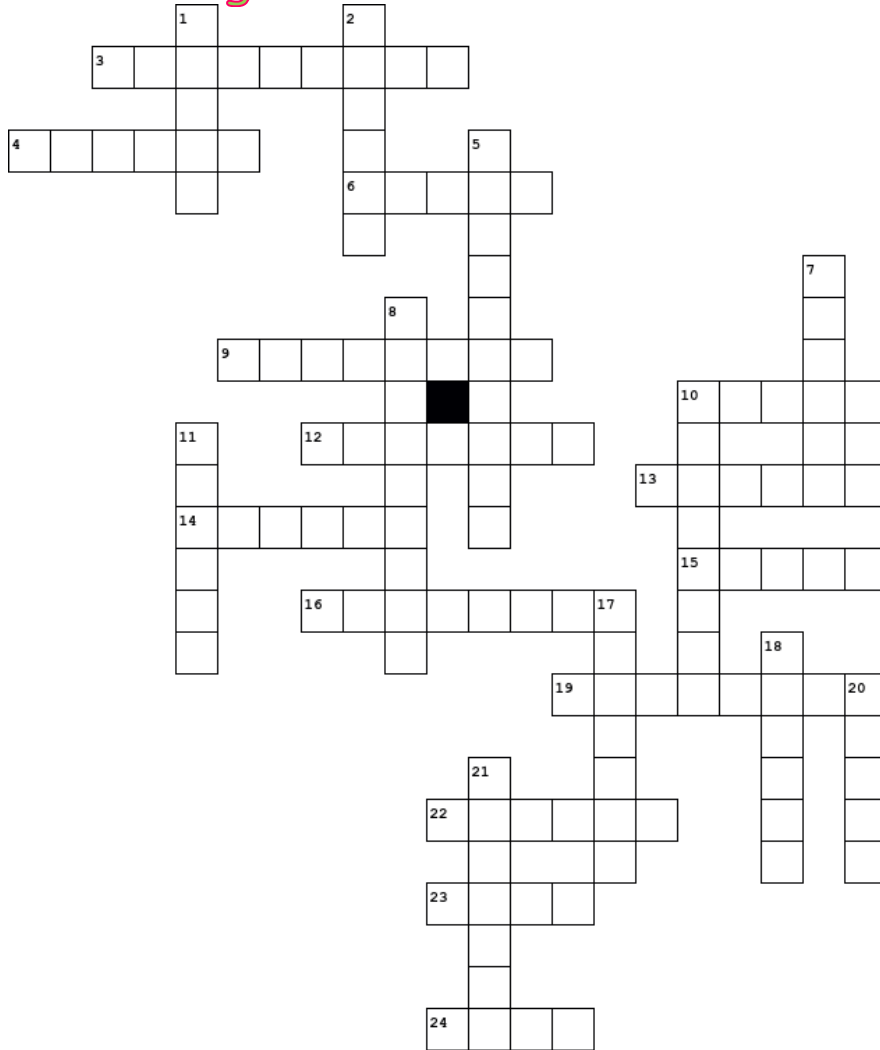
Fatbergs may sound like something out of a Ghost Busters movie, but they are real and they have real costs. We can all do our part in keeping our pipes clean and unclogged by using our green bins for small quantities of fats, oils, grease and food bits. And use our toilets for bodily waste and toilet paper ONLY!

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Thompson

The Easter Story

According to Matthew 26 -28

KIDS CORNER



Down

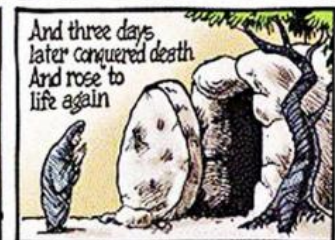
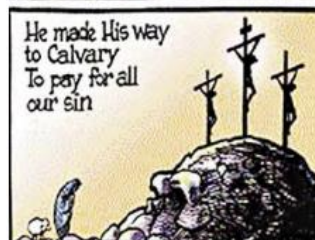
1. The ___ of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone 28:2
2. After see the High Priest, Jesus was handed over to ___. 27:2
5. The place where Jesus went to pray, and his disciples just fell asleep.
7. The soldiers put a crown of ___ on Jesus' head. 27:29
8. Peter followed Jesus and waited in the ___. 26:58
10. The soldiers led Jesus to ___ (which means Place of a Skull). 27:33
11. Jesus said " Truly I tell you, one of you will ___ me. (26:22).
17. The soldiers put a ___ robe on Jesus. 27:28
18. Then he took the cup, and gave ___, then gave it to his disciples. (26:27
20. The soldiers compelled ___ of Cyrene to carry Jesus' cross. 27:32
21. The angel told the women that Jesus was going ahead to ___, and he would see his disciples there. 28:10

Across

3. A ___ who was keeping watch over Jesus, saw all that was happening and said "Truly this man was God's Son!" 27:54
4. The angel sald to the women "Jesus is not there [in the tomb], as he has been ___, as he said." 28:6
6. Jesus told Peter that he would deny him ___ times. (26:75
9. Jesus and his disciples celebrated ___ together, which became known as the Last Supper. 26:18
10. The chief priests went with the ___ and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone. 27:66
12. When Jesus dies, the temple ___ was torn in two, from top to bottom. 27:51
13. Jesus took bread, and after ___ it, he broke it... 26:26)
14. Judas betrayed Jesus for _____ pieces of silver. 26:15
15. After dinner, Jesus and a few disciples went to the Mount of _____.
16. the chief priests and elders told the crowds to ask for ___. 27:20
19. The name of the High Priest who questioned Jesus first. 26:57
22. Jesus asked "My ___, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." 25:36
23. Judas aid "The one I will ___ is the man; arrest him. 25:47
24. Pilate asked Jesus "Are you the king of the ___? 27:11

Answer Key:

Barabbas, Betray, Blessing, Centurian, Curtain, Father, Galilee, Gethsemane, Golgotha, Guard, Olives, Passover, Raised, Scarlet, Simon, Thanks, Thirty, Thorns, Three,



Weekly Church Events

We are continuing to offer a number of opportunities to gather for fellowship, worship and learning. You are invited to join in any one or all of these events in-person or over Zoom. The links to join any of these meetings below can be found on our website gslcc.ca. All are welcome!

Sunday morning Bible Study

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 am for a brief bible study on one of the readings, usually the gospel. All are welcome to join us in person or online by Zoom. We are contemplating moving the study even later, to 9:30 am. Please stay posted for further information.

Sunday Morning Worship

We gather every Sunday morning at 10:30 for our weekly worship service. This service will continue to be live streamed over our YouTube Channel, and a recording of the service posted shortly after the service ends.

Seniors Bible Study – Wednesday Mornings

We still haven't quite got our act together to resume these Wednesday Morning studies, but we're working on it! The plan is to meet every 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. Please stay tuned for further details as they develop.

Wednesday afternoon Prayer Gathering at 1 pm over Zoom

Our prayer gatherings continue, alternating between praying Lectio Divina style & free-style 'Prayers of the People'. Praying aloud is not mandatory. All are welcome. Zoom access to our Wednesday prayer gatherings 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 provides an embedded link to join the prayer group.

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 and 5th 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.

