

CONSUMPTION OR KINSHIP?

During this past summer you may have noticed that we've been reading through the book of Romans (Paul's masterpiece) during the second lesson on Sunday morning. And on July 23 we heard Paul talk about how "all creation is groaning." Maybe those words popped out for you, given everything we've experienced this summer with the wildfires in our province. Creation is groaning indeed!

I read an article recently by Brian Bantum, a professor of theology. He talked about how our North American lifestyle of (over)consumption is contributing greatly to the groaning of creation. He writes, "I feel like I can hear those groans Paul talks about when I open my garage to begin some spring-cleaning and am almost toppled by piles of boxes and balled up plastic bags that never made their way back to the store. A few minutes later I give up and sit in the sun, scrolling on my phone, hovering over a new pair of shoes in my size and favorite color, rationalizing why I could click *"Add to cart."*...Wait for a little dollop of joy to arrive on my doorstep, and let the world melt away for a moment. And creation groans."

Interestingly he notes how part of our problem as Christians lies in our misunderstanding of Paul when Paul says that to set the mind on the flesh is death and to set the mind on the spirit is life (July 16). Too often however we equate "flesh" with the material stuff of this world. That leads to an attitude that says since stuff is really ungodly we don't have to care about how we use it.

But in fact, he claims, "flesh" is best understood as ego, or a conception of the self unrelated to others. In other words to live in the flesh is to live as if only we matter and everything else is disposable. That's deadly! Life in the spirit, on the other hand, is "to see our interconnectedness, our kinship" with the material world. Kinship recognizes that we live in relationship with all other created things. Consumption encourages us to see ourselves over against other things.

What difference does that make? As he says, "I have come to take great satisfaction in repurposing things. It is a strangely spiritual practice—repurposing, making new, letting the things that were seemingly broken become the means to repair...maybe a life in the Spirit is more about the nurture and care with which we tend to what we already have."

Through the month of September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Maybe one of the ways we can do that is by practicing a little repurposing ourselves.

Congregational News Highlights

Fall Learning and Fellowship Opportunities

As we look ahead to our new 2023 program year, please take note of the following opportunities to gather for learning and fellowship:

IGNYTE YOUTH GROUP: ignYte is the joint youth ministry we share with St. Laurence Anglican Church led by Jason Wood and Rachel Genge. They have an exciting schedule of activities planned for the upcoming year. Consult our website for more details and feel free to be in touch with either of them for more information. See page 12 for their more immediate youth ministry plans.

CONFIRMATION: We are entering the second year of our 2-year confirmation program this fall. We have four students who will be completing their instruction and preparing for their Affirmation of Baptism in the fall of 2024. Please pray for these young disciples: Rueben Friesen, Austin and Olivia McLellan and Jackson McGreevy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are planning to resume our regular Sunday School program on September 17th, the Sunday following our Rally Day Sunday. Dawn Nieman is our Sunday School Coordinator, and we welcome Dawn and our other volunteer teachers back to our classrooms for another year of learning and fun!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Starting Sunday September 17th our Sunday morning Bible Studies will resume at 9:15 am, both in-person and online. The Zoom link can be found on our website gslcc.ca

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: We will be resuming this study which will now gather on the 1st and the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11 am in the Fireside Room. We'll enjoy some study and conversation for about an hour and then lunch afterwards. Please bring your own bagged lunch. Because of our Fall Start up schedule, our first time together will be on **Thursday, September 21st**.

HAPPY HOUR: Our Happy Hours resume over Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 4 to 5 pm. This is a time of social connection, and to share and catch up on the news of each other's lives. The Zoom link can be found on our website gslcc.ca

BOOK CLUB: All book lovers are invited to join our Book club which meets monthly to read a wide variety of literature and engage in conversation. The September meeting will be held at the home of Mogens Hansen and Lily Yen at a date to be determined. See the article on page 8 for more details.

PRAYER GROUP: All are invited to gather weekly for a time of praying together, which bi-weekly is in the *Lectio Divina* format. No special expertise is required. See the article on page 8 for more details.

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN: The Good Shepherd Women are resuming monthly meetings on **Tuesday September 12th**. See the article on page 8 for further details.

Looking Ahead . . .

POETRY NIGHT WITH THE TROUPE DE POETRY!

Our own Kate Wright has joined the Tri-Cities' *Troupe de Poetry* as their newest poet. The *Troupe de Poetry* will be putting on two free poetry reading events here at the church in the fall, and you and your friends and all are neighbours are invited!

See page 18 for further information.





Here's Something to **Celebrate**

Birthday Milestones

It is with joy that we extend congratulations and best wishes to **Merv Kirk** who is **turning 93 years old on September 29th!**

Happy Birthday from your Good Shepherd Family!



September Birthday Greetings

We also extend birthday greetings to other members who are celebrating birthdays in September:

Thyin Billows

Eric Krushel

Lisa Gamboa

Olivia McLellan

Louis Giguere

Peter Schuler

Justine Hansen

Alicia Smillie

Rob Karhukangas

Joanna Whitter



With Birthday Blessings to all from your Good Shepherd Family!

Christmas in July Foodbank Fundraiser

The Outreach Team's **Christmas in July** Food Bank Fundraiser was a huge success thanks to everyone's charitable support. Once all the numbers were in, we ended up providing the Food Bank with 358 pounds of foodstuff for their pantry shelves, and a cheque for \$600.00. Well done, good and faithful servants!

*The Outreach Team extend their
gratitude and appreciation for
your support of their efforts.*



For Our Prayers

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 will be moving into assisted living sometime this fall.

Rob Karhukangas as he mourns his sister Theresa who passed away August 16th. May God hold Theresa in his eternal loving care.

Bonnie, Shannon and James and their families, as they mourn the passing of their mother and our dear sister in Christ, Dorothy Durand. May God comfort all who will miss Dorothy dearly.

All graduates that they may be encouraged by their achievements, and that you open doors for them that they may continue to walk in the path you have chosen.

All teachers and students returning to classrooms this fall, that their entry into a new year will be smooth and successful.

For our church council and ministry teams, as they start meeting again and leading our ministry.

For those in our community who are having difficulty finding affordable housing, and those who are housing-insecure.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

~ Philippians 4:6



Thanksgiving! Please join us as we thank God:

- ❖ for times to rest and recreate over the summer.
- ❖ for our wonderful musicians and the way they enrich our worship life.
- ❖ for those who make sacrifices to help others effected by natural disasters.



We pray to you Almighty God, in this time of raging wildfires. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our actions. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (ELW Pastoral Care)

O God, whose love encircles us, sustain those who respond when wildfires roar, keep them safe from harm and hold them in your sheltering embrace so that they may complete these burdensome tasks, return home to their families, and keep the lives and homes of all they protect safe from harm, in the loving name of Jesus, who gave his life for all.

Amen.  (Episcopal Relief and Development)



A prayer from our National Bishop

Loving God,
We pray for all those affected by wildfires. For evacuees, for those left behind, for those on alert, for firefighters, for families and friends who watch and worry.

We pray for safety of all people, for the protection of property, and for forest life.

May all know the assurance of your presence with them.
Amen.



Directory Changes

RICK ENARSON has a new email address...

ricke8869@gmail.com

ELSIE JOHNSON has now moved to a new home. Her phone remains the same, but her new addresses are:

#215 – 1800 Austin Avenue
Coquitlam BC V3K 3R3, and
bejohnson793@gmail.com

SHANHUI LIU, SAMMIE SUN, IKE & EVA's directory details are:

13 Eagle Pass
Port Moody BC
V3H 5E8

Shanhui: 236-515-4225 (cell)

awkping@gmail.com

Sammie: 778-996-4225 (cell)

sammiexc3@gmail.com

Please update these details in your church directory accordingly. Thank you!

Crazy Ideas Board

Our *Crazy Ideas* board is on-going. We invite everyone to add your thoughts and ideas as they occur to you over the weeks and months ahead. Maybe your idea is something you wondered about for awhile. Maybe it's something you've seen another church do. Maybe it's something you've read about in the newspaper or magazine, or online. Maybe it's something that occurred to you while in conversation with a friend or a stranger. However the inspiration hits you, everyone's ideas are welcome. And you never know how an idea might get put to use in the future.

So keep those ideas coming... keep them spontaneous and crazy... and keep your eyes open for future missional projects that just may have been inspired from your spark of an idea.

Rest in Peace, beloved sister in Christ

We join the Durand children (Bonnie, James and Shannon) and their extended families as they mourn the loss of their mother

Dorothy Durand

who passed away on August 26th, 2023.



We ask for comfort for Dorothy's family as they grieve her loss, even as we all celebrate that she is reunited with her beloved husband Roland (it would have been their 59th wedding anniversary on September 12th) and that she rests with Jesus. We bid her farewell, but not goodbye.

A *Celebration of Life* service will be held on **Saturday, September, 9th** at 1:00 pm at **First Memorial Funeral Services Burkeview Chapel**, 1340 Dominion Avenue, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 8G7. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in her name to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (through etransfer to goodshepherd@telus.net)



Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is a global movement celebrated for five consecutive Sundays from September 1st to October 4th annually. Christians worldwide unite for a time to recognize, act, and pray for the common goal to protect our common home. Each year the theme changes, but all themes reflect God's creation and a call to dwell on our need as a church and as individuals to seek our all opportunities for creation justice work ~ for all that God has made. 2023's new theme is **'Let Justice and Peace Flow'**, and the symbol that was chosen is a Mighty River.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Regrettably, biodiversity is currently being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. People everywhere are being threatened by the cascading impacts of this loss of biodiversity and our changing climate. The urgency grows daily.

As followers of Christ around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. And as co-creatures and part of all that God has made, our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the earth on which we live. God's justice calls us to repentance for what we have done and left undone, and invites us into a change of attitude and actions.

As the people of God, we are called to work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. To learn more, please [click here](#). During this Season of Creation, will you join others in that river of justice and peace, and take up climate and ecological justice, and begin speaking out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity?

Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5:24



**FOR THE LOVE
OF CREATION**

For the Love of Creation (FLC) is a coalition of ecumenical and interfaith organizations which provide resources in the areas of local and congregational engagement, and political advocacy. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) is a member of FLC. For more information and to access resources, please [click here](#).

Compassionate Justice Updates ~ Resources on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The ELCIC has resources made available for you to use which cover the areas of Racism, White Supremacy, and Issue of Racial Injustice; Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia; and Ableism. These resources are found on the ELCIC website when you [click here](#).



Climate Justice Action Group & Ocean Legacy Present
(ELCIC BC Synod)



On the **River** of **Justice** & **Peace**

Online Workshop SEPT 25TH, 7PM

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Go to this link to register,
or scan the QR code:

<http://bit.ly/letwaterflow>



Good Shepherd Women's Group

All women are invited to gather 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.

Our next meeting takes place on

September 12th at 1:00 pm

Study: Athaliah and Jehosheba

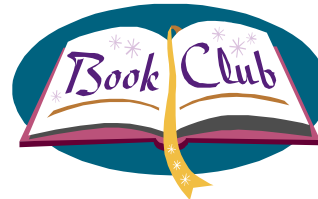
(Study Leader – Pat Savage)

Snacks – Pat Savage and Donata Startin)

*Come!
All are Welcome!*

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



All are invited to join us at our next book club in September – date and location to be determined. We will be reading and discussing the book:

The Name of the Rose

By Umberto Eco

Italy, 1347. A medieval mystery with two monks, William (Sherlock?) and Adso (Watson?) called to an abbey to solve murders and crimes. Discussion of morality, medieval medicine, science and other tangents ensue.

Looking ahead to October, we will be reading **State of Fear By Michael Crichton**, and in November we'll be reading and discussing **Disarming Scripture by Derek Flood**.

All are welcome!

Prayer Group

Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm over Zoom, the Prayer Group meets for a time of prayer. We alternate praying in the style of *Lectio Divina* (where biblical texts are studied & 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 daily 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 imbedded Zoom access link there.

All are welcome!





From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial
YTD Status as of July 31, 2023:

YTD Total Income	\$ 131,414.56
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 141,808.78
Deficit	\$ (10,394.22)

Project Contingency Fund \$ 6,131.82

Thank you for your continued faithful generosity.

Other Thank You's



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To our friends at Good Shepherd -

This is a brief but nonetheless heartfelt
note of thanks for your continued benevolence
to our Seminary.

Your support is simply exceptional.

God bless you.

Myra Williams

Director of Development, LTS

Dear team at Good Shepherd
Lutheran church in Coquitlam,

Thank you so much for your
generous gift!

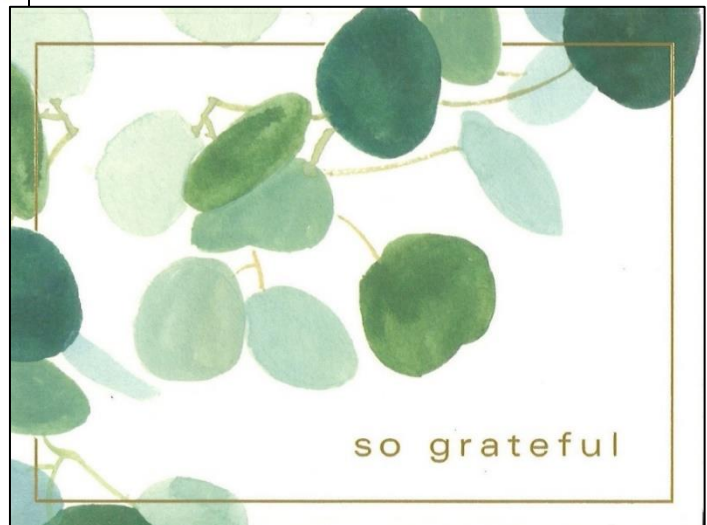
We know that God is at work as churches
become better equipped to support mental
health for their people and communities.
We are so encouraged by what we are seeing.

Thank you for being a supporter of this
cause!

Blessings,

Sofia - for the Sanctuary team.

July 2023





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June 22, 2023

To the congregation and council at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-

I appreciate your incredibly generous support of the seminary!

Your recent benevolence, from your membership, to our Annual Fund helps to support everyone here: our students, above all, and the faculty and staff too.

Also: a special thank you to everyone there for helping make President Bill Harrison's 2023 tour such a success. I know that we were all most grateful for your collective hospitality!

Thank you very sincerely for your continued faithful giving, and for helping further our ministry.

Hugh

Hugh Williams
Director of Communications and Development
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



THANK YOU!

On behalf of CLWR and our partners, I would like to thank you for your help in sharing our appeal for the crisis in East Africa with your congregation.

The region has been grappling with the triple threat of hunger, climate change and conflict, which has put millions of lives at risk. But, thanks to your congregation – and with the matched funding from the Canadian government – there is hope.

Together, we have raised over \$100,000 – thank you! These gifts will provide families facing this crisis the critical support they need.

LAMP

Sharing Jesus Christ in remote areas of Canada

4966 – 92 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T6B 2V4 | Phone: 1-(800) 307-4036, ext 1 | Fax: (780) 466-6733
Website: www.lampministry.org | Email: office@lampministry.org

Good Shepherd Luth Church
1504 Spruce Ave
Coquitlam, BC V3J 2P6

Dear Members,

Summer is upon us! This is a season of great excitement for us at LAMP. Volunteer teams from Canada and the United States are going north, and staff are doing field work. Travel plans are set, documents arranged, and prayers lifted to God. It's time to go!

We are so thankful for your support of this ministry. Your financial gifts and prayers are helping us reach 55 communities by 2025. Thank you! You are proclaiming Jesus' love to children across the North, something they desperately long to hear.

Please pray for LAMP's volunteer teams and staff. We trust that God will watch over them as they travel, and help the Word to reach warm and open hearts.

You are a blessing to LAMP and those we serve. We cannot thank you enough!

Yours in Christ,

Thank you

Rev. Dr. Steven Schave
Executive Director, LAMP



Service Opportunities



As we move into the fall and a new year of programs and activities, we are looking to expand our roster of helpers and assistants. If you can help with any of the following, please sign up on the volunteer sign up sheet. Even if you have no experience, training for all positions will be provided.

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

As well, if you are someone who likes to care for our indoor plants, we're looking for someone to drop by the church once a week to keep our plants watered and healthy.

Finally, if you have time on your hands and gifts, skills, experience, or talents to share in any way, please see Pastor Eric. We'd love to help you find a way to make use of what you have to offer, in service to others.

Fall Clean-Up – Save the Date!



The Church's **Fall Clean Up** is scheduled for the **morning of Saturday, September 30th**!

We will be looking for volunteers to clean up both inside the church and clean-up of the outside yard.

The plan is a start time of 9:30 am concluding by 12:30 pm; but as usual please just come and go as you are able to on that day. Any and all help is greatly appreciated and the more hands we have, the lighter and quicker the workload gets done.

Rags and cleaning supplies for indoor cleaning will be supplied (as well as a snack time to re-energize mid-way through the morning). If you plan on helping outside, please bring your own rake and garden gloves.



Plans for a Rose Garden

This is one idea that was originally on our Crazy Ideas Board, and council has now approved it!

We're very excited to have **Brenda Chenosky** leading up a group of volunteers to plant a rose garden on the east side of the church next to the parking lot in the **spring of 2024**. Meanwhile, from now and into the fall, Brenda is looking for volunteers to join her in a bit of weeding and other garden prep work of the area - **every Wednesday between 10 and 11 am**. You don't need to sign up, but do bring your own tools (a shovel/claw for pulling weeds.) If you find yourself with a bit of extra time on that day and you're looking for a bit of fresh air and exercise, she'd appreciate your help and your company and your help! Any and all drop-ins are appreciated!

Brenda is a member of the Fraser Pacific Rose Society, and brings with her a wealth of knowledge about growing roses.



September Youth Update

It's been an exciting summer! ignYte sent its first group of youth to Waterloo this August for CLAY, an amazing time of worship, fun, learning, and inspiration alongside youth across the country. We made new friends, learned about global realities of displacement, played epic games, and were invited to believe that each one of us is valued and beloved by God. We're looking forward to sharing our experiences with Good Shepherd and St. Laurence soon!



As we start a new year, we're excited to make a home in the new youth room downstairs at GSL. Thanks to Jane and David for helping get that space ready for us! We'll also be joining in as St. Laurence celebrates its 60th anniversary on Sept. 23rd. We're talking about some other fun ideas too, like another volunteer trip to A Rocha, a corn maze, and even a progressive dinner later in the fall. Through it all, we invite your prayers, as we continue to live into our vision of a bravely welcoming community where youth can bring their whole selves, make lasting friendships, kindle a joyful faith, and be energized to spread God's love in every part of their lives.

Stay tuned!

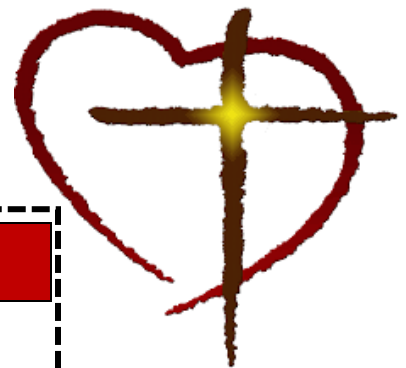
This Month's Events

Wednesday, September 13:	ignYte kick-off @ Good Shepherd
Wednesday, September 20:	@ St. Laurence
Saturday, September 23:	St. Laurence 60th Anniversary
Wednesday, September 27:	TBD
Friday, October 6:	Tri-Cities Youth Worship Night

Jason Wood & Rachel Genge
stlyouthandfam@gmail.com & rachel.genge@outlook.com and

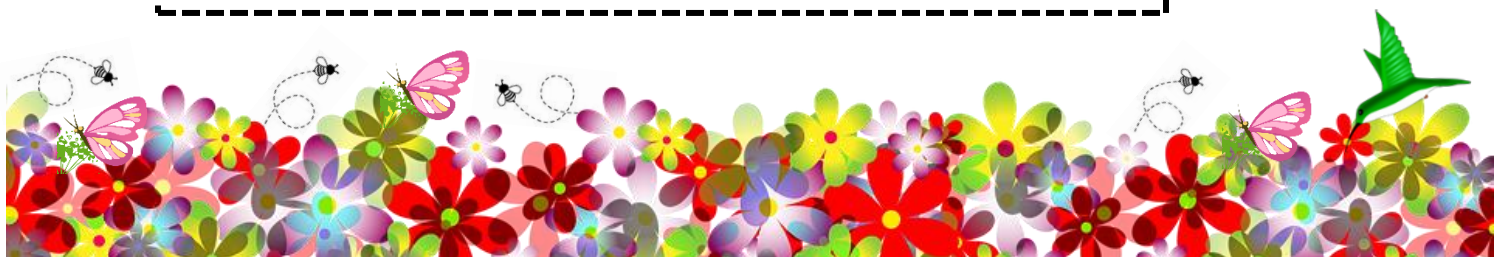
If you have any questions about ignYte (a joint ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran & Saint Laurence Anglican, open to youth grades 7-12 from across the Tri-Cities and North Burnaby region) please do not hesitate to reach out. New faces are always welcome. 😊

Pray for our youth and their leaders, as a new school year starts and new discoveries and milestones lay ahead. May God continue to be with all our youth and leaders, and bless and guide them in the months ahead!



CLAY Highlights:

Our youth and leaders had an awesome time at the CLAY gathering August 10-13th and they thank us for our support. Photo highlights have been shared on the [ELCIC Facebook page](#) & news highlights are available [here](#).



News from the greater church body...

BC Synod...

Over the past year and a bit there have been some transitions - some you may already know about and some you may not. Below is a recap of those who have accepted a new call, who have retired, who have been added to the BC Synod roster and congregations that have closed. Your feedback is welcome and please let us know if we miss anyone. We are 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. Lori-Anne Boutin Crawford has accepted a call to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Surrey. An installation date is still to be determined. She will begin her ministry there in August, 2023.
- Deacon Denise Pawliuk was ordained on July 8, 2023 and will be involved with specialized ministry.
- Rev. Rebekah Swanson accepted a call in the Metropolitan New York Synod and started her journey across the USA in March 2023.
- Rev. Barbara Groote transferred from the ABT Synod to accept a call at Christ, Kelowna on November 1, 2022.
- Rev. Vida Jaugelis served as an interim pastor at Gloria Dei, North Vancouver for many years and accepted a call as Parish Pastor on November 13, 2022.
- Rev. Nicolas Alexandre was ordained and installed at Christ the King, Surrey on October 15, 2022.

Rostered leaders who have retired:

- Roland Ziprick - April 30, 2023
- Marlys Moen - November 30, 2022

Rostered Leaders and Congregations who have been added to the BC Synod roster:

- Rev. Bill Fehr (retired) was reinstated on May 20, 2023
- St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 7, 2023
- Rev. Warren Nielsen (retired) transferred from the Sierra Pacific Synod - ELCA on March 29, 2023
- Rev. Mei Sum Lai (retired) transferred from the Eastern Synod on August 16, 2022

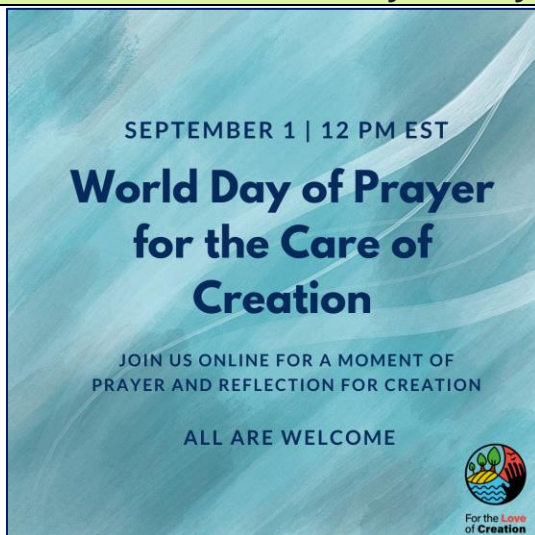
Congregations that have closed:

- Hope (Shared Ministry) in MacKenzie - September 18, 2022
- Mount Olivet in North Vancouver - May 31, 2022

PSSST!!...
If you haven't heard yet, it's
Pastor Eric's 25th Anniversary
of Ordination on October 4th,
but we're going to be
celebrating it on Sunday,
October 1st with cake after
the service. Save the Date &
plan on coming to church -
and together we'll celebrate
this milestone with him!



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – You are invited!



A moment of online prayer and reflection to mark the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, which marks the beginning of the **Season of Creation**, a period of ecumenical observance that runs from September 1 to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4.

Please consider participating in a 45-minute prayer service to observe the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and start of the Season of Creation. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

BC Synod's Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) & Ocean Legacy present:

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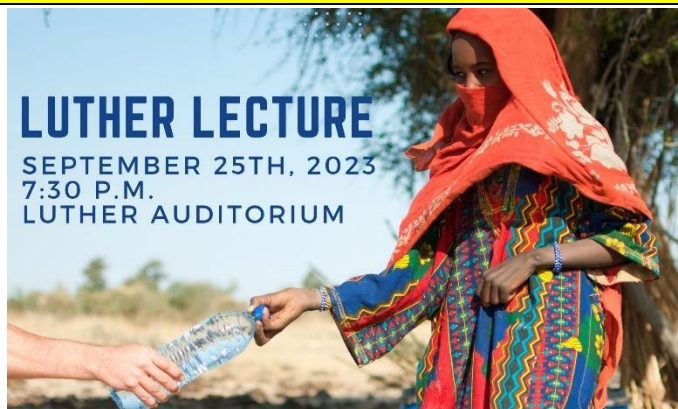
Scan the QR code in the image below, or [click here to register](#).

A poster for an online workshop. The background is a blue, wavy, water-like texture. At the top, it says 'Climate Justice Action Group & Ocean Legacy Present (ELCIC BC Synod)'. Below that, the title 'Set Sail On the River of Justice & Peace' is written in large, stylized letters. 'Set Sail' is in black with a white outline, and 'On the River of Justice & Peace' is in blue with a white outline. Below the title, it says 'Online Workshop SEPT 25TH, 7PM'. A paragraph of text follows: 'During the Season of Creation, 2.2 billion Christians are encouraged to pray and act on ecumenical issues that affect all of Creation. In 2023, we are facing a plastic pollution crisis that threatens streams, lakes, rivers and oceans across the globe. You are invited to join us on SEPTEMBER 25TH at 7PM to unite in learning about the depth and breadth of the worldwide plastic pollution crisis and how you can become part of a global community who, together, can build a mighty ecumenical river of lifesaving movement for water and ocean stewardship.' At the bottom left, there is a small circular logo with a globe and the text 'For the Love of Creation'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the text 'Go to this link to register, or scan the QR code: http://bit.ly/letwaterflow'.

Seminary & Schools...

Luther College: Save the Date for Luther Lecture on September 25

Please save the date in your calendars for another **Luther Lecture on September 25**. This year's Lecture features Dr. Regan Shercliffe from the United Nations World Food Programme, speaking on ***Humanitarian Aid Work: (Another) Impossible Profession***. Guests can join-in person or with the Zoom option. The Luther Lecture was established at Luther College at the University of Regina with the purpose of making a distinctive and stimulating contribution to the life of the University and the general community. Full details on Dr. Shercliffe's lecture are available when you [click here](#).



HUMANITARIAN AID WORK: (ANOTHER) IMPOSSIBLE PROFESSION



DR. REGAN SHERCLIFFE

Chief of Staff Counselling for the
United Nations World Food Programme

Regional Churches...

Our Redeemer (Penticton) Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Penticton would like to invite all friends and family of ORLC from over the years to come join our "reunion" on the weekend of **September 9 & 10, 2023**. On the Saturday we will hold an informal drop-in "open house" in the hall, from 1 to 4 pm. A great time to exchange memories, to look at the displays, and to catch up with others. On the Sunday our 10 am Worship Service, followed by a fellowship coffee hour, will be another day of remembering and giving thanks for the 60th anniversary of **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1370 Church St. Penticton!** Come add 'sparkle' to our diamond jubilee!

Lutheran World Federation...

2023 Lutheran World Federation Assembly: *One Body, One Spirit*

The [2023 LWF Assembly](#) is taking place **September 13 to 19** in Krakow, Poland. The theme is *One Body, One Spirit, One Hope* and the [Assembly Study Guide](#) is available for your reflection. To learn more about the 2023 LWF Assembly planning, journey, and experiences, see the announcements in the church bulletins beginning in mid-September. As an invitation, the local Assembly planning committee is promoting a [weekly prayer cycle](#) for local parishes and congregations, connecting Lutherans in Poland with the world by sharing information about all of LWF's member churches. Everyone is invited to pray along and to share the prayers on social media.

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities...

Pacific Jubilee

Retreat Into Silence

with Murray Groom & Nan Goodship
Thursday, September 14 to Sunday, September 17th
@ Bethlehem Centre, Nanaimo, BC

For more information, and to register, [click here](#)

Returning to Silence: That Which Holds Everything

With Cherie Westmoreland and Margie Savigny
Thursday, September 14 to Thursday, September 21
@ Rivendell Ledge, Bowen Island, BC

For more information, and to register, [click here](#)

The Possibility of Age: Discover Aging as a Spiritual Path

Online with Barbara Richards
Four Wednesdays: October 11 - November 1, 2023
1:30 – 3:30 pm Pacific Time

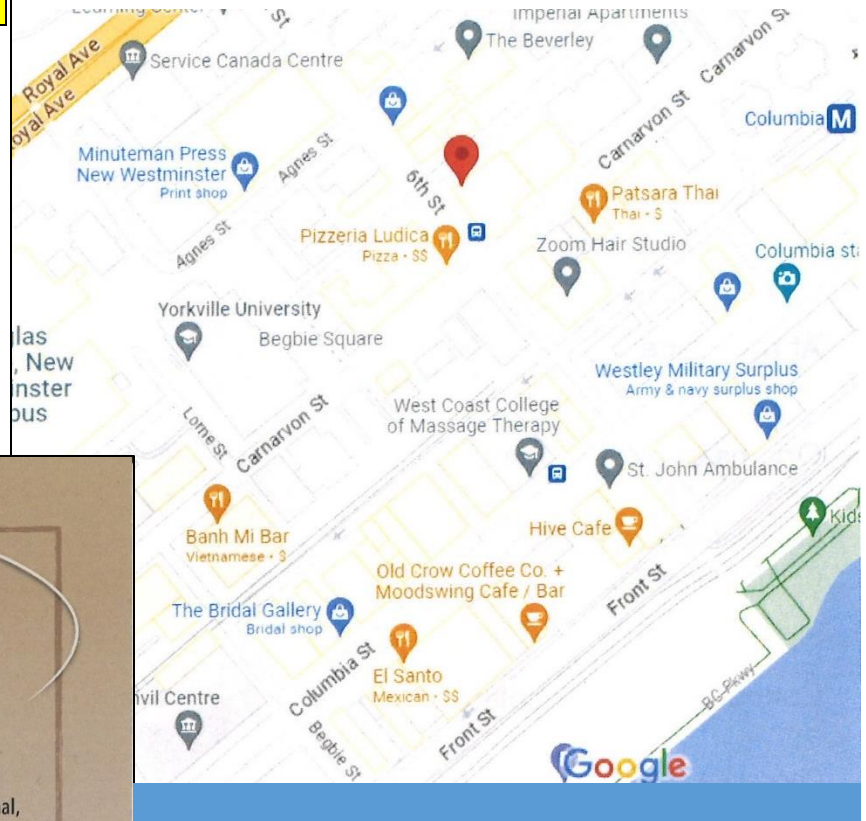
For more information, and to register, [click here](#).



Other Items of Interest...

Margaret Inoue's new Business Location

After a few difficult but rewarding years in Port Moody, Margaret Inoue is now making her Coquitlam-famous chocolate in a new space she now shares with another business. You can still find Margaret and her organic, ethically-sourced, super yummy chocolate popping up at the Coquitlam Farmer's market, but her new storefront is now located at 538 Victoria Street (at 6th Street on Victoria - between Royal Avenue and Carnarvon/Front Street) in Downtown New Westminster. Check it out!!



Regulation Certification

We are hoping to put together a list of members who have either Level 1 First Aid Certification and/or Food Safe BC Certification.

Most Ushers do not have any First Aid certification (and nor is this mandatory in order to volunteer). However, in an emergency most congregants would look to the Ushers as first responders...yet most could only dial 911 like anyone else. If there are people within the congregation who have their Level 1 First Aid certification and who would be willing to take charge in an emergency event, please let either the Pastor or the office know who you are.

Similarly, the Fraser Health Authority is now performing a Food Safe inspection of our kitchen. We have met all guideline requirements so far, but should regulations change in the future and a Food Safe BC certification be required at future events where food is served, we'd like to know who you are if you are currently Food Safe Certified. Online certification is possible and through a generous offer a limited number of bursaries for certification are currently available should you have an interest in getting certified yourself..



Coming Soon ...



Up Coming Free Events at the Church

The *Troupe de Poetry* is a group of six Poets that entertain audiences in the Tri-Cities area. Each Troupe member is a local poet, and brings to the troupe their own unique life experiences, expressive thoughts, and their own poetic styles. All members write their poetry and then perform their poetry in a theatrical and fun way. The *Troupe de Poetry* is very happy to announce that our own **Kate Wright** is their newest member!

The Troupe de Poetry will be offering two FREE performances at the church which will be open to the public. You are invited to attend any or all of these performances (since each show features different poems) and bring your friends and family along for the fun, too.

Performance Dates: Monday, October 16 for their Hallowe'en Show
 Monday, November 13 for their Winter Show

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Radio broadcaster Tetsuro Shigematsu wants to know his reserved, ailing father. As Tetsuro pieces Akira's story together, three generations of crossed radio wires ripple out into a transcontinental tale of familial love, grief, and joy. Experience this Canadian storytelling classic, reimagined for the PT stage after nearly a decade of international touring.

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From time-to-time Pastor Eric enjoys attending these Pacific Theatre theatrical performances. If you are interested in attending one of these performances with him, feel free to give him a call to see if he is available to attend with you.



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Season of Creation 2023

Let Justice and Peace Flow

This is an invitation to join with Christians around the world calling for Justice; not only for humans, but for all creation. Our climate and ecological emergency causes the most hurt to vulnerable nations, especially those who have contributed the fewest carbon emissions.

At COP 27 a victory was made by Global South Nations for wealthier nations to provide financing for loss and damage. This has taken more than 30 years of working together to accomplish.

At this year's biodiversity conference, COP 15, some hopeful steps were also taken with the new UN "Treaty on Oceans", to protect marine biodiversity in international waters. And, Canada, along with many other countries has committed to protecting 30% of both land and water by 2030.

Unfortunately, while individual actions are very important, they are no longer enough. We, as faith communities can call on our governments to:

- Keep 1.5 degrees alive;
- Reach binding global agreements that achieve a fair and equitable energy transition away from fossil fuels;
- Protect biodiversity;
- Allocate fair funding for loss and damages to vulnerable nations.

To achieve Peace on Earth, we must achieve peace with the Earth, and each other. This will require Justice.

"And may God bless us with just enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world" From a Franciscan Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Thompson

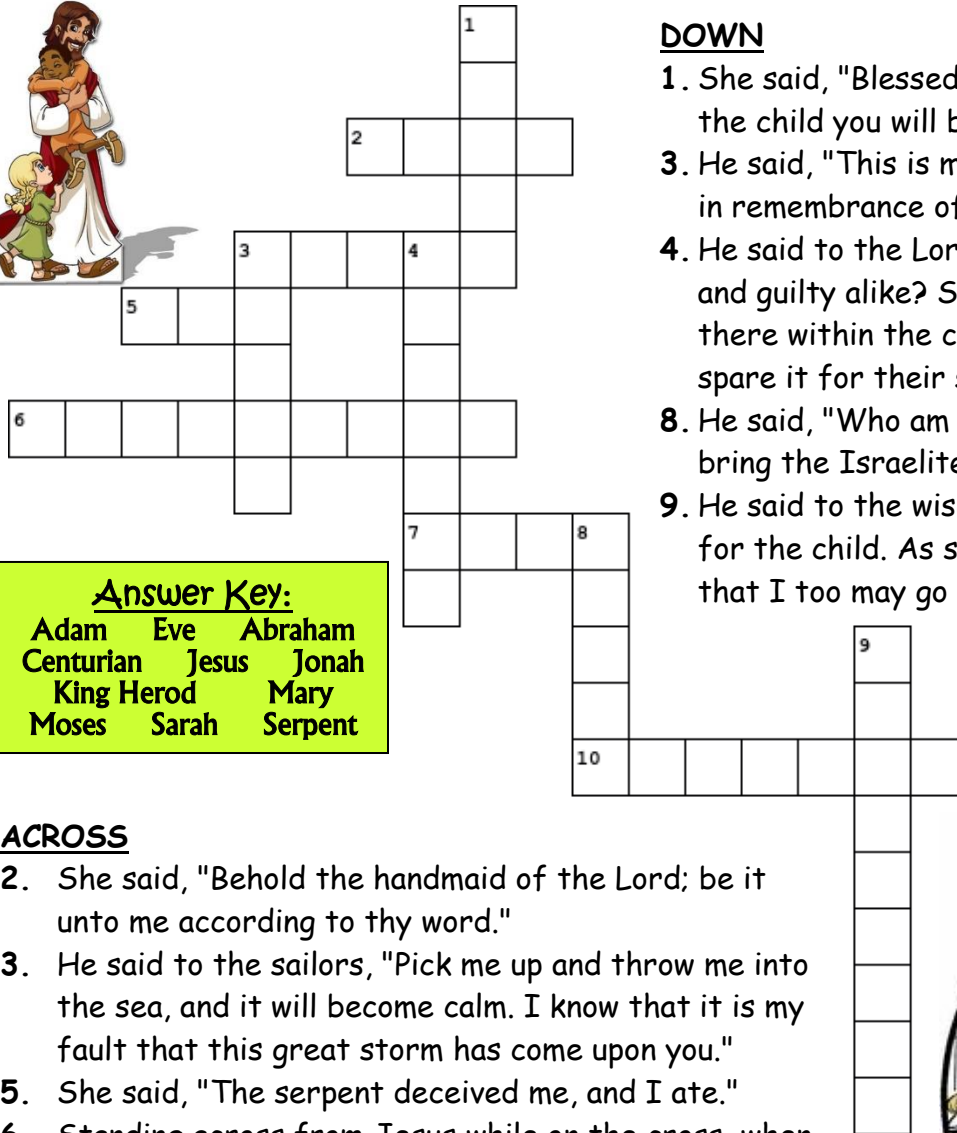
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Who Said it?

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Yeah!! Sunday School is starting again soon!! Are you ready? Can you remember from previous Sunday School lessons who said these words? Can you guess?



Answer Key:

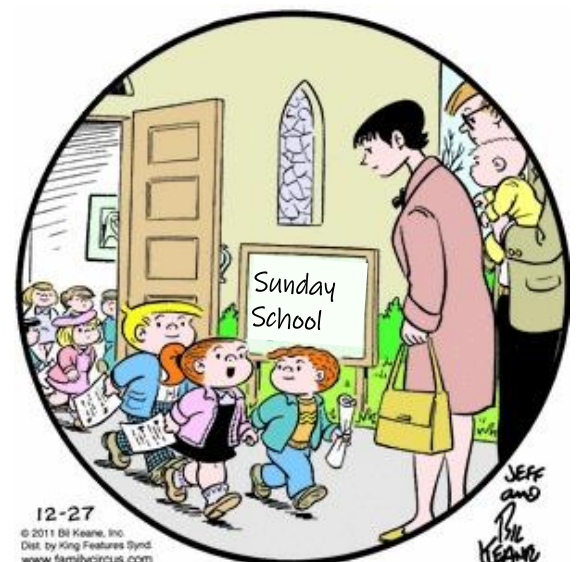
Adam	Eve	Abraham
Centurian	Jesus	Jonah
King Herod	Mary	
Moses	Sarah	Serpent

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1. She said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"
3. He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
4. He said to the Lord, "Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike? Suppose you find fifty innocent people there within the city--will you still destroy it, and not spare it for their sakes?"
8. He said, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
9. He said to the wise men, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (2 words)

ACROSS

2. She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."
3. He said to the sailors, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."
5. She said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate it."
6. Standing across from Jesus while on the cross, when he saw that in this way Jesus breathed his last, he said "Truly this man was God's Son!"
7. He said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
10. He said, "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

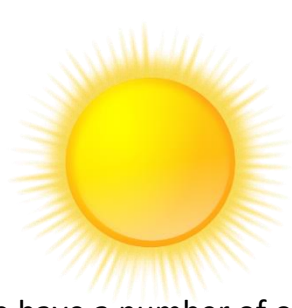


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"We learned the fourth commandment:
'Honor thy father and thy mother.'"





Weekly Church Events

Our fall programming resumes, and we have a number of opportunities to gather for fellowship, worship and learning available for you to consider. You are invited to join in on any one or all of these in-person or Zoom events. 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 resume meeting on Sunday mornings for our usual Bible Study on **Sunday, September 17th** at 9:30 am for a 45-minute bible study on one of the readings for that day, usually the gospel. All are welcome to join either in-person or online by Zoom.

Sunday Morning Worship

We gather every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. 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.

Midweek Bible Study

Our midweek bible study is resuming on **Thursday, September 21**. All are welcome. Bring a bagged lunch, and join us in the Fireside Room at 11 am. We will enjoy study and conversation for an hour and then do lunch together. We will continue to meet on the 1st and the 3rd Thursdays of each month thereafter.

Wednesday afternoon Prayer Gathering at 1 pm over Zoom

Our prayer gatherings continue, alternating between praying *Lectio Divina*-style & a free-style of '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 Thursdays of each month beginning on **September 14th at 4 pm**. 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.

