



Good Shepherd
LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL TO MAY 2026 NEWS

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SHARING NEW LIFE THROUGH CARING

*From the
Pastor*

Fearless Caring

We love all people - those like us and unlike us - even when that is risky, inconvenient, uncomfortable, or makes us vulnerable.

Years ago I heard about an incident at one of our sister Lutheran congregations. One morning during worship a couple of young men showed up after the service had begun. They were part of the group some members had seen hanging around the church parking lot some evenings selling drugs.

What would you expect ushers to do in that situation? Well, in this situation a couple of members came out of the service and engaged the young men in conversation. A couple left. But one stayed behind and was led over to a table. The members served him a coffee and continue chatting. Turns out his mother had died the night before and he was at loose ends. Because the congregation dared to care he was ministered to instead of ignored and ushered out.

It's easy to be impressed by stories like that. Such act of fearless caring are impressive. And maybe they end up setting the bar high when we think about what it means to live out this principle. On the other hand, fearless caring isn't always dramatic. I've heard of and seen it among us here at Good Shepherd.

One member often has taken the time to speak to a young man begging outside her local grocery store. And on occasion has even bought him food. Another member during our Easter egg hunt last year noticed one child wasn't engaging with the others in the hunt. So she hid some eggs in our church library, where this child could enjoy the fun too on their own terms.

Over this past Lent another member has taken on some of my responsibilities for programming as I have been busy with my extra work for the synod, even though that challenged them a bit. And most recently, another member took notice of a pile of brush on a neighbour's yard that hadn't been removed for a number of weeks. Turns out the neighbour was elderly and had hired somebody to cut down a tree on his property who had failed to clean the site afterwards. Our member organized a work party and took care of it for the neighbour.

Whenever we care in a way that takes us out of our comfort zone, or stretches us, or impinges on our convenience, or even incurs a bit of a risk, we are engaging in fearless caring. I encourage you to share your story of where you've seen this principal lived out. Even better, let these examples I've shared inspire your caring. That's one way we can share new life and the joy of this Easter season.



PROPOSED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Listening to God and to each other, we commit to live out our life and ministry as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church guided by the following principles:



Radical Lutheran Identity

We trust that, as sinners, our only hope in life is in God who loves and forgives us unconditionally and who is always forming and reforming us by the Holy Spirit into a church unafraid to deny itself, take up its cross, follow Jesus, and embrace change.



Discipling Worship

We gather for worship that is rooted in scripture, speaks to our everyday lives, renews our relationship with God, and challenges us to live out our faith.



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Missional Stewardship

We trust that God's generosity is bottomless, and that God calls us to manage all we've been given in a way that doesn't just serve our advantage, but creatively seeks the welfare of our community, our world, and creation.



Intentional Inclusivity

We value people in all their uniqueness and diversity, as God does, and welcome friendship with everyone we encounter even when that challenges our comfort.



Joyful Fellowship

We celebrate friendships and relationships between and beyond us by gathering formally and informally for enjoyment and community.



Transformative Witness

We pay attention to the world around us and seek opportunities to bravely love our neighbours, care for creation, do justice, and live out the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ in the world.

Congregational News

Annual General Meeting Highlights

We bid farewell to outgoing council members Marjun Blishen and Rob Karhukangas whose terms ended in 2026, and thanked them for all their gifts that they had used and given to our church in the past. You are both such a blessing to our congregation. And, we welcomed back to Mogens Hansen who let his name stand for another term on council. Thank you! Thank you! In addition we welcomed Michelle Chan and Aryan Saed who were elected to join Mogens in a 3-year commitment on council. Thank you for your willingness to serve our congregation in this leadership role, as we go forward in our faithful journey as Lutherans; not sure where our journey as a church will take us, but confident that God is leading us on the path we should go.

Holy Week and Easter

Please see the feature on page 5 for our Holy Week offerings. These are some of the most powerful services of our Church year, drawing us deeply into the power of our Lord's passion and the joy of his resurrection.

Earth Week 2026 Commemoration

During the week of April 19-26, Faith Communities across the country are invited to pray, learn and act for climate justice. Some special things are in the works for April 26th to commemorate this week ourselves. Stay tuned.

We Are One Body - June 6 - 7

From June 6-7, Our Synod is inviting all congregations to attend a weekend of conversation, reflection and visioning. This is a follow-up to the same gathering that was held last year. It will be at King of Life Lutheran Church and will run all day Saturday and until noon on Sunday. We are invited to bring a team of three lay people plus our pastor. If you are interested in participating on our team, or would like more information, see the article that follows in the BC Synod News.

Spring Fellowship Dinner

The Fellowship Team is working on another fun, fellowship get together sometime this spring, around a theme still TBD. Keep your eyes and ears for details as they become available.

Troupe de Poetry's Mother's Day Show

The Troupe de Poetry invites you to attend their free poet-led performance at the church on **Thursday, May 7th from 6 to 7:30 pm**. Come early for some games, and stay later to partake in some refreshments. See the poster that follows for further details. Come & listen to some beautiful NEW poetry. All are welcome!

Garage Sale

GSL's Annual Garage Sale will once again take place on **Saturday, May 23rd from 9 to 1 pm**, the Saturday following the Victoria Day Long Weekend. Read the article on page 9 for initial details of the event, and then stay tuned as more information is released periodically on when you can start dropping off your treasures, and when you can sign up to help out!

Here's Something to



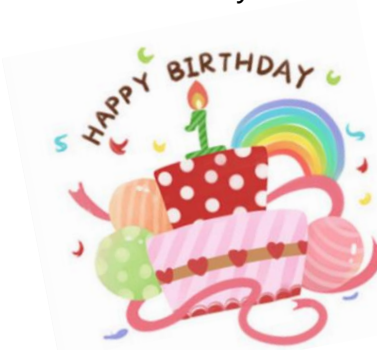
Milestone Celebrations

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

There's a **CENTENARIAN** among us!

Agnes Mattson will be turning **101** on **April 16th**, and we give thanks to God that many of us have had the pleasure to call her 'friend' during her lifetime.

We love you, Agnes, and the GSW Women's Group hope to be able to celebrate this milestone with you soon!



Also celebrating significant birthdays are:

❖ **Alma Trent**, turns **98** on **May 12th**

Congratulations & Birthday Blessings to you both!

Birthday Greetings

We extend birthday greetings to members who are celebrating birthdays in April and May:



Larissa Chenosky

Tamara Chenosky

Davis Chow

Nadine Darts

Bob Derksen

July Derksen

Liam Derksen

Donna Harris

Nathanael Inoue-Zwicker

Leigh Marquess

Jackson McGreevy

Olivia McGreevy

Allison Moon

Emily Moon

Katherine Moon

Elaine Myers

Marika Owston

Barry Potter

Flora Pregler

Henry Schuler

Jill Schuler

Samuel Sommerfeld

Donata Startin

Scott Stickler

Shannon Svingen-Jones

Cara Wills

Lily Yen



With Birthday Blessings to all

from your Good Shepherd Family!



We welcome **Amy, Irene and Adam MacLeod**, who were received into membership March 8th as transfers from First Lutheran, Vancouver. It is a joy to have you as part of the Good Shepherd Family. Amy is now our VBS Co-Coordinator, and Irene and Adam are wonderful additions to our Sunday School. We hope you find the blessings, peace and comfort of God in this place you've now called your home-with-us.

50th Wedding Anniversary Bob & Elinor Knudson

Married March 6, 1976, Bob and Elinor celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with us on Sunday, March 8 – bringing cake, too! Bob recalls that on their honeymoon in the San Francisco area, they picked up some giant sequoia and arbutus seeds which were then planted in pots upon their return. When the seedlings were large enough, they planted them on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church in Burnaby at the church where they were married.



Elinor

On the day of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, they decided to see what the trees would look like after 50 years. "The sequoias must be 60-70 feet tall and very large in diameter. One of the sequoias nearly died from drought the first year.

Consequently, it developed a double trunk, but seems to have thrived ever since. The arbutus is not as large, with characteristic twisting form, but it appears to make an excellent shade tree. It is amazing the amount of life that goes on all around us over a span of 50 years."

With God's help sending water and good weather, the Knudson's seedlings that were lovingly planted, thrived over the past 50 years. And so it was with Bob & Elinor's marriage. It was watered with love, mutual respect, and letting each other be whom God planted them to be, and together, with God's help, and the care of their friends, they too flourished together. Pastor Eric summed up their secret to a long, happy marriage well when he said

"So there you have it: friends, community and God!"

Bob & Elinor! ~

Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!
May God continue to bless you with both with wonderful memories
and more years together!

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

Pastor Kristen Steele, who is waiting for one final surgery but recovering well along her long journey with cancer treatment.

Donna Harris and her family, as they mourn the death of Donna's brother **Renee Mauthe**, who passed away after a short stay in palliative care in Calgary.

Olli Karhukangas, Rob's father, who has been dealing with health challenges and has been in and out of hospital in Chilliwack.

Garth Harris, who has been recovering from a broken ankle that he suffer a couple of months ago and is completing his rehab and getting ready to return home.

Nils Blishen, who is recovering after a recent hospital stay in Denmark, and dealing with a newly diagnosed intestinal issue.

Jeanette Sawasy, Donna Harris's sister who was displaced from her apartment at Chartwell Carrington House in Mission as a result of the fire there a few weeks ago. Her apartment was unharmed and she has now returned. Please pray for other 100 residents whose apartments were destroyed.

For the people of Iran, and for those like Omid, Malahat and Melody, who have immigrated to Canada but remain concerned for friends and family back home - that they may remain safe amid the current conflict in the Middle East.

For all those living in violent situations - due to war or abuse, that God may have mercy and bring peace.



Thanksgiving!

Please join us as we thank God for:

THANK
YOU
GOD!

- Kate Wright foot healing so far.
- For our new members, Amy Adam and Irene, that they will enjoy their life with us here at Good Shepherd.
- For our new council, and for Aryan Saed who is returning to service on our council.

The world changes from year
to year, our lives from day to day,
but the love and memory of you,
shall never pass away.

Rest in Peace Brother.



We bid farewell to our friend and brother
in Christ,

Walter Schadek

who passed away on February 26th, 2026.

His memorial service was held at the
church on March 28th, 2026.

He was a loving husband, father and
friend to many of us here. We hold his
family in our prayers and ask for
God's comfort and
peace for them.

Walter will be missed.

A prayer for the Middle East

*God of peace, we pray for an end to the
hostilities in the Middle East. We pray for
a change to how people view their
neighbours – and 'others' – so that your
reign of peace can abide in that region.*

Amen

SPECIAL SERVICES TO NOTE

Please take note of the following worship opportunities and special services happening during Holy Week, which began on Palm Sunday - March 29th.

HOLY WEEK

Passion / Palm Sunday

March 29

We begin Holy Week with a service marking Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, including our tradition of a procession with palms. Like last year, we will plan to parade around the church and back into the Sanctuary weather permitting.

Maundy Thursday

April 2

We mark this first of the 3 most holiest days of our year with a special service at 7 pm, beginning with a dinner of soup and bread at 6 pm. During the dinner you will have an opportunity to participate in foot washing. The service ends in silence with the stripping of the altar and chancel. You are invited to attend one or both as you are able.

Good Friday

April 3

Tennebrae Service in which the service centres around the gradual extinguishing of candles with dramatic reading of the Passion at 10:30 am.

Easter Day Celebration

April 20

We will begin our morning of celebration of our Lord's resurrection with an Easter Continental potluck breakfast from 9 to 10 am. All are invited to bring finger-food style items to contribute (like croissants, muffins, cheese, kolbassa, cut up ham, fruits, mini quiche, hot cross buns, veggies... etc.) There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. This will be followed at 10:30 am with a Family Celebration Service. Don't forget to bring flowers from your garden to decorate the cross.

Joy Sunday



It's been our tradition early in the Easter Season to celebrate the resurrection with a Sunday of joy and frivolity. We are refreshing this tradition this year and renaming it "Joy Sunday". Instead of lots of jokes we'll be including other elements to "up the joy factor" for the day. Keep watch for details for when this Sunday will be scheduled, and ways to participate. All neighbours and friends welcome!!

Pentecost Sunday

May 24

We will celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the birth of the church. Please plan to wear red.



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 AND BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 pm

Bible Study – We continue to use the Voices from Scripture in the Canada Lutheran as the basis for our Bible Study. In April we will look at **“The Quiet But Indispensable Disciple”**

Study Leader – Elaine Sinton

Refreshments – Flora Pregler and Donata Startin

MAY MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study – **Loyal Companionship** (from the April/May 2025 issue of the Canada Lutheran)

Study Leader – Flora Pregler

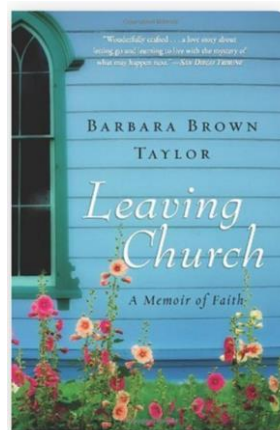
Refreshments – Brenda Chenosky and Linda Berry

All are Welcome



All are invited to join us at our next book club on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:15 pm at the home of Mogens and Lily Hansen. We will be reading and discussing the book

“Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith” by Barbara Brown Taylor



May's date and book are yet to be decided.

All Are Welcome

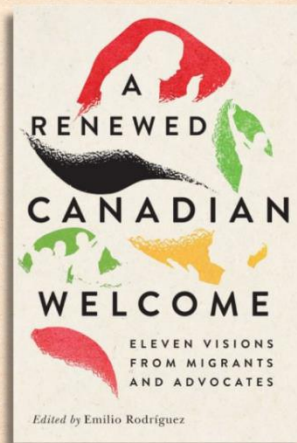
Citizens for Public Justice: Eleven Visions from Migrants and Advocates

NEW FROM CPJ: A RENEWED CANADIAN WELCOME

Reimagining Canada's policies through the lens of lived experience

Available March 17th

Pre-order and enjoy free shipping!



Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) has a new book that offers a different conversation about refugees and migrants in Canada titled *A Renewed Canadian Welcome - Eleven Visions from Migrants and Advocates*. Born of the work of CPJ, *A Renewed Canadian Welcome* is a must-read for those advocating for human rights in immigration policy. It is a compelling call to reimagine Canada's approach to immigration as one that affirms dignity, equity, and justice for all. For more details on this, please [click here](#).



Good Shepherd Movie Nights *Attention movie lovers!*

Our April Movie Night will be on Sunday, April 19. We will be watching “**Jesus Revolution**”, a 2023 drama about the start of the Jesus movement in Southern California in the late ‘60s. We will meet at 4 pm at Peter Schuler’s home to watch the movie, followed by a potluck dinner and discussion.

For our following Movie Night, in May or June, we hope to watch “**The Choral**”, a new historical drama starring Ralph Fiennes, about a British choral society which recruits a disparate group of townspeople for a performance during World War I.

All are welcome!

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. Or maybe it’s something you’ve read about in the newspaper, magazine or online. Perhaps it’s something that occurred to you while in conversation with a friend or with 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.



Please note that Marilyn James has a new email address: hildasmom87@gmail.com

Please update your church directory accordingly!

And speaking of the directory, a new one is being prepared. Draft pages are out for your review and correction. Alternately, you can just call the office if you think any of your information needs to be updated, and we can confirm your details together. That way, when the directory is published – it will be accurate! Thank you for taking the time and helping out in this way.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain exists in the church so people with a challenge can ask others to raise this issue in prayer to our Lord, who always listens. The prayer chain is quite a large group of church members at the moment. There are two ways to receive prayer requests: one is by email or shared by a telephone call. Those who join the prayer chain can choose which way they’d prefer to be contacted.

If anyone wants their name added to the prayer chain or taken off, they can contact the office, Pastor Eric, Claire Thompson or Kate Wright with their concern.

Prayers are kept confidential and will only be passed on to others in the prayer chain when requested.

In support of the prayer chain, I can only thank the people who devoutly pray – for those they know and those they don’t - joining together, lifting the concerns of others heavenward - knowing that their prayers are heard by a God who is merciful and full of kindness and grace.

~ Kate Wright, Claire Thompson

KARREN STINSON BURSARY

The **purpose** of this Bursary Fund is to give **financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada** who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. The first Bursary was awarded in 1991.

We now invite applications for a bursary of \$1500. The deadline is 30 April 2026.

For more information and to download the application please click [here](#).



From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial YTD Status as of the end of **March 31, 2026**:

YTD Total Income	\$ 77,401.43
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 69,981.50
Surplus	\$ 7,419.93
Property Fund	\$ (148.20)
Special Initiatives Fund	\$ 16,863.13

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Charitus Announces Calls for Partner Impact Grant Applications

Charitus has launched its 2026 Partner Impact Grant Program, offering matching grants to ELCIC congregations and institutions for projects addressing social and environmental needs in both church and broader community contexts. Grants of up to \$3,000, covering up to 75 percent of project costs, are available to support impactful initiatives under three key objectives:

- 1. Elimination of Poverty:** Projects like low-income meal programs, food distribution, and essential items assistance.
- 2. Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples:** Initiatives to promote awareness, education, and community engagement, such as healthy meals, cultural camps, and work programs.
- 3. Sustainable Environmental Practices:** Ideas such as energy-efficient lighting upgrades, water conservation measures, or rain barrel installations.

This is an opportunity for your congregation or Synod to receive financial support for projects that make a tangible difference. Applications are open to all *Charitus* partners and congregations supported by their Synod. The deadline for submission is May 31, 2026. If you have any ideas that you think we, as a congregation might pursue, please speak to Pastor Eric or any of your Church Council members.

FOOD BANK DRIVE – SOUP-ER THANKS!!

Thank you to all who donated packages or cans of prepared soup during the Season of Lent through our **Simply Soup Appeal – “Under the Cross”**, to help restock the SHARE Foodbank Shelves. Your generous donations of canned and packaged soups were delivered to the Food Bank in Port Moody and weighed in at 102 pounds.

Your Outreach Team thanks you, for helping to combat food insecurity.

PALM SUNDAY’S “PICK UP YOUR BRANCHES & LAY DOWN YOUR GARMENTS” – (SOCKS ROCK!)

Thank you to all who donated socks for our Palm Sunday appeal, benefitting those in need of clean, dry socks during this typically rainy season. Thankyou to Val Newton for delivering the socks to Progressive Housing. They were very thankful to receive them, as new socks are always in high demand. Progressive Housing Society will distribute our generous donation of socks to those at the Emergency Shelter at Riverview, and to other folks in their sphere of care.

SPRING CLEANING DAY @ THE CHURCH

Thank you to all those who came out for our sunny Spring clean-up day on **Saturday, March 21st**. We were blessed with good weather and lots of help, thanks to the many volunteers who came out to lend a hand. Although, there are still a few tasks remaining that we could use your help with. Please speak with David Stroud if you have some time to take on a task or two at your leisure.

OTHER 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.

- ❖ Readers
- ❖ Ushers
- ❖ Communion Assistants
- ❖ Communion Set-up
- ❖ Communion Clean-up
- ❖ Fellowship Coffee Set-up
- ❖ Fellowship Coffee Clean-up
- ❖ Sunday School Helper



As well, a volunteer is required once a week to keep our indoor plants watered and healthy. *[If someone is doing this already, please let the office know so we don't kill them with kindness and overwater!]* Finally, if you have any 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 help you make use of what you have to offer, in service to others.

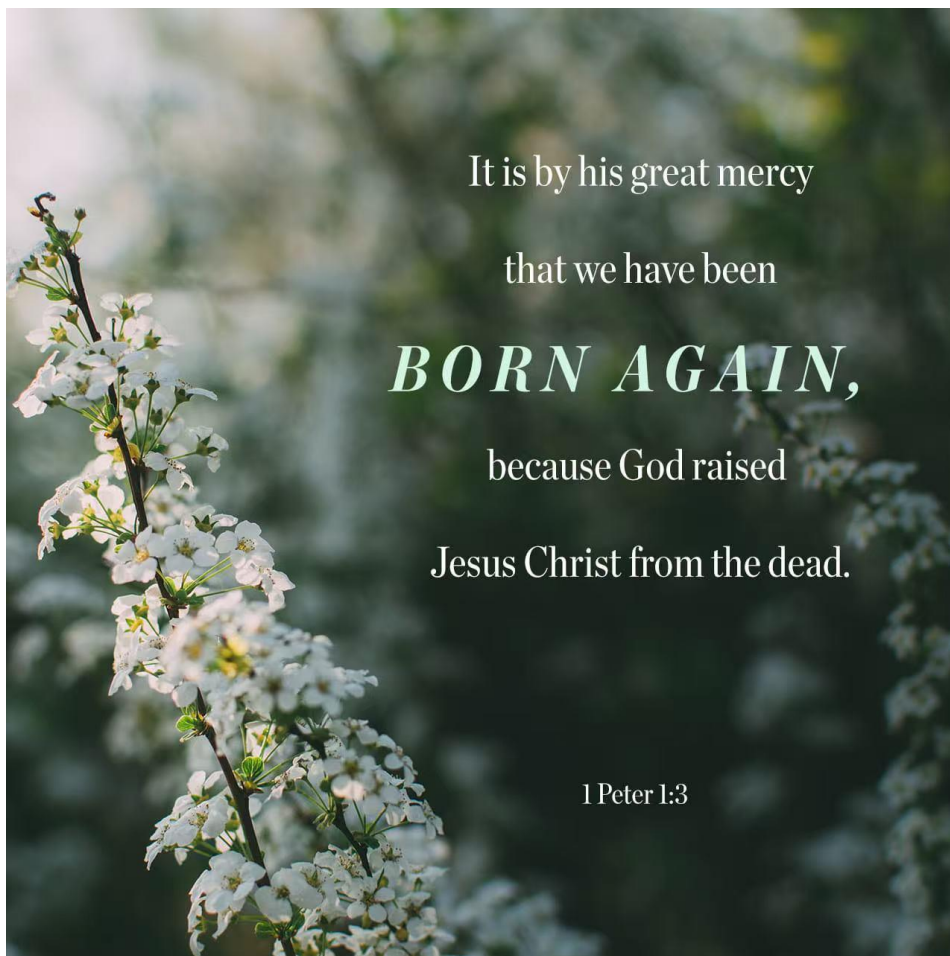
Garage Sale

We will once again be holding our annual Church Garage/Yard Sale, on the weekend following the Victoria Day long weekend – so, save the date for **Saturday, May 23rd** from **9 am – 1 pm**. Unfortunately, the City of Coquitlam’s City-wide Garage Sale is happening on the long weekend so we won’t benefit from their advertising, but nonetheless we hope it will be well attended and a good fund-raiser for our three Charities (Aunt Leah’s Place, On Eagle’s Wings and The Good Samaritan Society).

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**. Please **DO NOT BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH BEFORE THEN**, as we do not have the space to store items. We will be setting up tables after the service on May 18th, 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, May 22nd if you are able, or early in the morning of May 23rd.

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 make their way out to the Usher’s Table soon.

Thank you for your support and consideration for this event!



April-May Youth Update



It has been two months since Jason's departure, and we have settled into a new groove at ignYte. We miss him, but have enjoyed our time together, building friendships, exploring our creative sides, enjoying snacks and having fun. A few highlights have been our movie night, the skating outing which turned into a Starbucks trip when the rink was unexpectedly closed for a tournament, and a field trip to the local grocery store to procure snacks.

While we have been gathering on Friday nights, we may switch things up a bit this spring as the weather gets nicer and we have more opportunities to be outdoors. The walk from Old Orchard Park to Rocky Point for ice cream has been an ignYte tradition over the years. Stay tuned!

ignYte Youth Activities Coming Up...

Friday April 3, 11:45am @St. L

Friday April 10, 7pm @ GSL

Friday April 17, no ignYte

Friday April 24, 7pm @ St. L (or 604 event)

Sunday April 26, Regional youth event

Week of August 10th – Youth Camp at Loon Lake (Don't forget to register! See details below 😊)



LOOKING AHEAD...Youth Camp at Loon Lake

The **BC Synod** is hosting a youth camp in 2026, "**Growing in Faith, Friendship and Justice**". The camp will be August 10-14 at Loon Lake in Maple Ridge. It is open to all youth aged 11 to 18. The Registration form and the financial aid application form can be found [here](#).

Also, feel free to contact Rachel at the synod office (bcynod@elcic.ca) if you have any questions.

With great thanks and joy,

Rachel, Darya, and Abbey

*BC Synod Youth Camp
Aug. 10th-14th 2026
Loon Lake Lodge, Maple Ridge*



GROWING

† in faith

♥ in friendship

★ in justice

Hey Good Shepherd! Hope you're well. I've been thinking of you this Easter weekend, as I journeyed through this holy season far away from the communities that have shaped my life these last years. Just want to give you all a little update and pass on my love. You continue to be in my heart and prayers!

Life here is a whole mix of ups and downs. Anna and I have plugged into a couple churches in our area, one the local Anglican parish church, St. Mary's, and another a nondenominational community church, with a lively kids' program and people our age. There's actually a St. Laurence Anglican here in Worthing too, which is kind of fun 😊. From those churches, I've been able to connect with a local community choir, a weekly small group, and a couple of prayer partners, and those wider connections are helping keep me sane.

We're living with my in-laws, who are dealing with all sorts of stresses - Anna's dad is relearning to walk with a prosthetic after his leg was amputated last fall, her mom is still expecting heart surgery, and together they're hoping to move in the next month or so. It's been a pretty intense environment, and we've ended up sharing a house a couple months longer than I'd anticipated going into this. So while I hope I am slowly recovering from burnout, my living situation here's been exhausting in its own right. I am so ready to have our own space as a family, whenever that day comes!

Apart from connecting in the community and helping my in-laws when a need arises, I've been taking lots of time and space to walk, pray, and make music. I visited Durham Cathedral a month ago up in England's north, and several other old churches since. I've also started recording another album, which I hadn't anticipated being ready to do quite so soon! But it's been a joy, and helpful to have something to work on.

Anna is well overall, I think. She works remotely a couple days a week, and is trying to make herself useful to her family however she can, while still taking care of herself. Acting as the link between our family and hers can be challenging at times. Deirdre just finished her first half-term in school and appears to be loving it, making new friends and learning how to read, and she definitely loves playing with her cousins when they come over every Friday!

Well, that's us! Do keep us in your prayers, and know that you're in mine. Lots of love until I see you all again, whenever that may be,

Jason and family



A few photos from our travels - Deirdre in her school uniform; me on the bridge to Durham Cathedral; and Escomb Church, the oldest, most intact Saxon church in England, dating to the 6-700s AD.

News from the Greater Church Body

ELCIC News...

Middle East Emergency

The ELCIC joins with partner Canadian Lutheran World Relief in an appeal to provide emergency relief to the Middle East.

“No place feels safe. Families are fleeing with little notice. Schools are sheltering displaced families. Children are sleeping in classrooms. Others remain in their homes, hearing bombs fall nearby.” - CLWR, on news from its partners on the ground.

In Lebanon air strikes have forced families from their homes, taking shelter in schools and community centres. In Syria tens of thousands of people are returning from Lebanon, adding pressure to already fragile communities. And in Palestine, the current conflict is making the severe humanitarian needs even worse.

But your support today can provide urgent relief to families in crisis. Your gift today will help provide emergency relief to children and families that have had to flee their homes.

There are several ways you can donate to this appeal:

- Make a designated offering for Middle East Appeal through the church, marking it as such, or
- [Donate online](#)

ELCIC Day of Action – Save the Date!

This year marks 40 years in the life of our church! This milestone not only invites us to remember our story, but also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church *Living out God’s grace and unconditional love*.

One of the key moments as we celebrate this milestone will be the ELCIC Day of Action on **Sunday, May 31**. On that day, you and your congregation are invited to join with congregations across the ELCIC in stepping beyond your church walls and engaging in acts of service in your community. Take a moment to hear from our National and Synod Bishops as they invite us into the ELCIC Day of Action! Watch the video [here](#).

Interested in how you can support help organize your congregation’s participation for the ELCIC Day of Action? Please talk to any member of your church council.

BC Synod News...

Across the Border Friendship Gathering – BC Synod & NW Washington Synod

Borders are meant to divide us; the lines that have been drawn are meant to keep us apart. But we are one in Christ. To celebrate our shared mission and our oneness across the border, we will gather for a picnic to share food, stories, and joy. Come and meet Lutheran friends from across the border.

The picnic shelter is of limited capacity – so please register here so we can reserve additional space if needed. **The deadline for registration is May 20th.** The event itself takes place on **Sunday, June 14th**

Installation of Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker

On **Saturday, May 23rd** Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker will be installed at **Mount Zion Lutheran Church** in New Westminster . More details, and an invitation, will be sent out a closer date.

“We Are One Body – Part 2” Conference – June 5-7 at King of Life Lutheran, Coquitlam



You Are Invited

We invite you to continue a journey that began last year - a journey of connecting, reflecting, and growing together as we explore the yearnings we share for the future of our church here in BC.

This gathering is an opportunity to:

- **Connect** deeply with friends in Christ from across BC.
- **Reflect** on the initiatives we began last year—celebrating what has flourished and learning from our experiences.
- **Grow** new possibilities rooted in the yearnings that call us forward.

We will gather June 5-7, 2026, at King of Life Lutheran Church, Coquitlam.

Who Should Attend: Each congregation is invited to send up to **four representatives**, their called or interim pastor included. This gathering is for anyone who cares deeply about the future of our church in BC. We especially welcome those who attended last year and those who wanted to come but could not. We encourage you to have conversations in your congregation on who should attend.

Important Notes: This gathering builds on the foundation laid in 2025, but it is not simply a status report. It is an invitation to continue co-creating the future of our church through Spirit-led collaboration rooted in genuine passion and shared responsibility. BC Synod will cover the costs of the event (gathering program and on-site costs).

Registration: The deadline is **April 24, 2026**. If you have an interest in going to this weekend event, speak with Pastor Eric or any member of your church council.

Greater Church News – WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

WCC Webinar: A New Liturgical Feast, a Gift for the Third Millennium

Churches across Christian traditions are adding a new date to their liturgical calendars. A recent webinar presented by the World Council of Churches (WCC) in collaboration with partner world communions, invites church leaders, liturgists, ecumenical officers, and all who are interested to explore this development together. The session offers insight into the significance of this emerging observance and its place in the life of the Church. Please watch the recording when you [click here](#).

Young Ecumenical Leaders Share Prayers for Peace “We are here and we care”



Young people across the global ecumenical movement are sharing prayers of solidarity in response to escalating violence and suffering in the Middle East and other regions affected by the conflict. Through these shared prayers, young people in the ecumenical movement are giving voice to their hope for justice, healing, and reconciliation, believing that the future of our world should be built not on weapons and destruction, but on dignity, solidarity, and care for all humanity. To read the shared prayers from the different regions, please [click here](#).

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Rights! Dignity! Action! Faith in Focus for Women’s Matters

A webinar on March 9 combined a commemoration of International Women’s Day with the theme of access and human rights from a faith-based perspective. See the recording here. Co-hosted by the World Council of Churches (WCC) Gender Justice Reference Group.

Fact Sheet on Jerusalem’s Old City: A Future in Balance

A new [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) fact sheet entitled “Jerusalem’s Old City: A Future in the Balance” details the pressing challenges facing the Old City’s Palestinian residents, advocates for a sustainable and just future where its unique cultural and religious identity can thrive, and provides options that can be pursued from a developmental perspective. To view this fact sheet, please [click here](#).

WCC Endorses Call for Access to Justice for Women and Girls at the Commission on the Status of Women



The 70th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) is currently underway at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The theme, “Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls,” underscores the reality that access to justice remains unattainable for many, as the world’s women and girls have only 64 percent of the legal rights of men.

To read the full article, please [click here](#).

Bishop Susan Johnson (retired), from Canada, serves on the WCC central and executive committees. Photo: Albin Hillert/WCC

Greater Church News – CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

JUSTICE UPDATE: “We’re Better Together Campaign”

It’s time to turn the tide and tell a positive story about immigrants and refugees, to build back support for an inclusive Canada, and tackle the problems we face in this country, together. The Canadian Council for Refugees, along with over 180 supporting organizations across the country, launched the *We’re Better Together* campaign to counter the rising tide of hate and blame towards immigrants and refugees. We are proud to be a country that welcomes newcomers, and we expect our leaders to carry on that legacy and make this a place where all families can thrive. For more information including how to join and to download resources, please [click here](#).

Seminaries and Schools

Vancouver School of Theology – Summer School July 13 to July 24

Vancouver School of Theology invites you to explore its July Summer School offerings. Courses are available in a hybrid format, with students able to participate either in person or live on Zoom. All classes are taught synchronously so the classroom experience is shared in real time.

Browse the course offerings to find a topic that fits your interests and schedule. Students planning to join online should register using course codes ending with “D”.

Registration Opens April 1, 2026. View Course offerings [here](#). Register [here](#).

Luther College Marks 100 Years on Royal Street

[Luther College](#) held a special chapel service launching 100 Years on Royal Street, a year-long anniversary celebration leading up to and including the 2026-2027 academic year. This milestone celebrates a century of Luther College’s presence and contribution to education on Royal Street in Regina. To read the full news release, please [click here](#). The chapel service is now available [online](#).

Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS): Queer Theologies begin April 24

Queer theologies become some of the most important and transformative conversations in the church today. They bring forward the lived wisdom, scholarship, and proclamation of 2SLGBTQIA+ Christians and invite the whole church to see the gospel through lenses of liberation, embodiment, and justice. This course offers space to engage voices that have reshaped theology over the last forty years and continue to call the church toward deeper compassion and truth.

Email colleen.walker@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca if you would like to enroll. Join us as we learn, reflect, and grow in community shaped by justice and radical welcome.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting - February 26, 2026

Good Shepherd congregants gathered together, on this our traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, to meet for the business of this congregation, to celebrate our community of faith, and to reflect on the mission and ministry of this place.

After our Church Service we met and enjoyed a quick potluck lunch before beginning the meeting. This meeting progressed very smoothly. The 2025 Reports were highlighted and approved, and our Treasurer, Jerry Nieman, carefully went through the 2026 Proposed Budget. Thankyou Jerry for your dedication.

We said goodbye to our Council Secretary, Rob Karhukangas & Marjun Blishen, and welcomed Michelle Chan and Aryan Saed as new Council Members. We had a few ‘testimonies’ from some Council Members as to their experiences being on Church Council...all positive... with a few laughs.

As we journeyed through 2025 via the Agenda Package, and heard some stories, it was rewarding to see the brave caring, the missional stewardship and the wonderful fellowship to name a few. We saw much faithfulness in even the small things. As Pastor Eric noted in his Pastor’s Report: “This year marks 25 years of our ministry together at Good Shepherd. A milestone by any standard.” “God is a God of life. Still raising up hope and vision and renewal in a ministry together of 25 years. May that be the good news that truly sustains us through the year ahead.”

It IS the GRACE of God that has seen us through the ups and downs. God has journeyed with us. May we, as a congregation, continue to be mindful of our mission and ministry, to be inclusive, and to share love and grace with everyone we encounter. May we continue to be inspired.

Thanks be to God.

Submitted by ~ Gail Tremain

As we begin a new Church Council Year, we’d like to introduce you to our congregation’s leadership team and their areas of particular service.

2026 Executive		2026 Teams	
Council Chair	Dennis Friesen	EDUCATION	Jane Whitter/Katie Eloranta
Council Vice-Chair	Mogens Hansen	FELLOWSHIP	Marilyn James/Dennis Friesen
Secretary	Michelle Chan		Gail Tremain (helper)
<p>Welcome! And THANK YOU lay leaders for stepping out in confidence where God is leading you ~ and for your willingness to volunteer your time and efforts in these roles that benefit our entire church. May God’s presence guide you in your roles.</p> <p>The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.</p> <p>~Numbers 6:24-26 (RSV)</p>		OUTREACH	Gail Tremain/Michelle Chan Anita McDonnell (helper)
		PROPERTY	David Stroud/Anita McDonnell Aryan Saed
		WORSHIP	Peter Schuler Mogens Hansen (helper)
		STEWARDSHIP	Mogens Hansen Jane Whitter (helper)
		RENTAL LIAISON	Dennis Friesen
		GOOGLE DRIVE MANAGER	Mogens Hansen

If you have questions about any aspect of our ministry, or if you have an interest in helping out or participating in one of our ministry teams - or any project or activities of our congregation - please let any team member know. (God just might be calling you in service, too.)



LOOKING AHEAD... Future Updates to our Online Presence

There are some changes and updates in the works regarding the GSLC Website and Social Media. And to that end... if you have any photos of events that have taken place at our Church recently: for example our 65th Anniversary Party, or our recent Easter Breakfast, or Spring Clean-Up etc... please submit them to the Church Office. We may be able to use them.

Other Items of Interest

Two April Concerts featuring composition(s) by Elizabeth Knudson

Friday, April 3 at 7:30 PM

At The Annex, 823 Seymour Street, Vancouver

Strum, Bow, Roar – 88 Strings, Vancouver Erhu Quartet, Multicultural Wind Ensemble



AMBLESIDE ORCHESTRA
with Maestro Bujar Llapaj
presents

From Bach to Blue

Morawetz — *Passacaglia on a Bach Chorale*
Knudson — *Earthly Delights + A Vagabond's Song*
&
presenting four young pianists

Kelly Zhang Serena Yuan Jinghan Chu Joseph Goulding

performing:
Frédéric Chopin
Camille Saint-Saëns
George Gershwin

8 pm, Saturday, April 18
Highlands United Church
3255 Edgemont Boulevard
North Vancouver

Admission \$25
(includes refreshments)
Tickets at the door
or via Eventbrite

Whitehorse Worship Arts Festival and Contemplative Retreat

Taking place in Whitehorse, Yukon from **July 2-5, 2026** is the **Worship Arts Festival & Contemplative Retreat**. You are invited to join us in the Yukon for a four-day immersive gathering designed to heal and inspire. A partnership of the Anglican, Lutheran, and United Church traditions, this practice-forward retreat offers a restorative balance of deep contemplation and vibrant, embodied worship.

Register at www.worshipartsfest.ca.

Travel Discount: Fly with our official festival sponsor **Air North** and save 15% using code **MERTON**.

Partners & Support: Presented in partnership with Christ Church Cathedral Vancouver, alongside local hosts Christ Church Cathedral Whitehorse, Whitehorse United Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church. *Made possible with support from the Synod of Alberta Mission Initiative Fund.*

Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of AGM and Call for Nominations

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls the Annual General Meeting for Thursday, May 12th, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom.

Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

The Board welcomes you to nominate people for election to the Board. **Three positions are open to the broader constituency**, as specified by the Society's Bylaws. The Board currently comprises the following:

a. Members of **Spirit of Life Lutheran Church**:

- By virtue of office:
Pastor Aneeta Saroop, Chairperson
Jared Braund, and
Treasurer Mark Johnson.
- By election from Spirit of Life's membership roster:
Sarah Johnson (eligible and nominated for re-election),
Rev. Clifford Reinhardt (not eligible for re-election).

b. Members from the **broader constituency**:

- Stephanie Oldford – Mount Olive, Surrey (eligible and nominated for re-election).

For more information and to submit nominations, please contact Rev. Clifford Reinhardt by email, reinhardtcf@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, April 21st. The list of nominees will be published by April 28th. In the coming weeks please watch for more details about the Lutheran Manor AGM.

On behalf of the Board,
Rev. Clifford Reinhardt, Chair

Cecelia Reekie is a proud member of the Haisla First Nation. She believes deeply in the power of personal storytelling to raise awareness and foster understanding of Indigenous cultures and the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Speaking from the heart, Cecelia thoughtfully weaves together her diverse life experiences to create meaningful and engaging cultural workshops. She currently serves as a Cultural Presenter with the Langley School District, where she shares her knowledge and perspectives with students, educators, and the wider community.

Join us for this special Blanket Exercise Workshop with facilitator, Cecelia Reekie.

Como Lake United Church
535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam

May 3, 2026 at 1 pm
\$10 Registration Fee to
finance@comolakeunited.ca
(For fee assist please contact us)

Seating is limited so please
RSVP as soon as possible.
office@comolakeunited.ca
604-931-8555

When seats are full, you will be
added to a waitlist for
future dates.



Troupe de Poetry – Free Mother’s Day event at the church!!

Presenting: *The Mother's Day Show 2026*

Featuring:



When: May 7, 2026
Time: Doors open at 5:45pm. Show from 6pm-7pm
Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1504 Spruce Ave, Coquitlam, BC V3J 2P6

Free Show! All ages welcome!
Come enjoy some Fresh, New, Original Mom Poetry!



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We also have Registered Clinical Counsellors and Canadian Certified Counsellors available and they are experienced Bowen family systems therapists. They also charge on a sliding scale starting at \$75 (can vary depending on the specific counsellor). For details, please inquire at

<https://livingsystems.ca/about/contact/>


Space may be limited but we endeavour to keep our waitlist to a minimum.



Contact info@livingsystems.ca

On **March 31**, Two Spirit, trans, nonbinary and gender diverse (2STNBDG) communities and their allies mark International Transgender Day of Visibility - a moment to celebrate and recognize trans lives. But visibility cannot be limited to a single day.

Learn how to foster a more inclusive future for Two Spirit, trans, nonbinary and gender diverse communities – which our church endorses. For resources, please [click here](#).



International Transgender Day of Visibility March 31, 2026



Take These Words

Jay Hulme

Having come to God in the closing phase of my secondary adolescence, I find myself wondering:
At what point did my prayers become real?
At what point did my wordless pleas to unnamed deities become something more than back-alley begging to a bargain basement belief system, built on bad behaviour, bad attitudes, and brokenness?

If I were to ask a priest, I think they'd say they were always prayers, even when I didn't pray them; that God was always waiting, in the silence.

Perhaps this is a prayer too - even this;
perhaps poems are just prayers, in their way.
We offer up the edge of things, and say:

*Take this, take all of this.
Take these words that I have found
in the wilds of Creation.*

www.jayhulme.com



Prayer for Transgender Day of Visibility

God of joy, creativity, and abundant life,

*We give you thanks for our transgender siblings—
for the love they embody, the courage they carry,
and the truth they reveal about the vastness of your creation.*

*In the life of Reconciling Works,
and within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
we celebrate transgender people as a profound gift—
not at the margins, but at the heart of who we are striving to become.*

*For the ways they lead with wisdom,
speak truth with clarity,
create beauty with their lives,
and call the church deeper into justice and love—
we give you thanks.*

*Their joy is a witness.
Their lives are a testimony.
Their presence expands our understanding of your grace.*

*God, where the world has tried to diminish them,
we name their sacred worth.
Where systems have tried to silence them,
we celebrate their voice.
Where fear has tried to take root,
we proclaim love that cannot be shaken.*

*May the Lutheran church put in the work to be a place
where transgender people are not only welcomed,
but uplifted, centered, celebrated, and belong.*

*May the ELCA continue to grow—
to listen more deeply,
to act more boldly,
and to reflect more fully the inclusive, liberating love of Christ.*

*Let us be a church that rejoices—
not just in words, but in action—
for the gift that transgender people are to our communities,
our ministries, and our shared future.*

*With gratitude, with celebration, and with deep love,
we pray.*

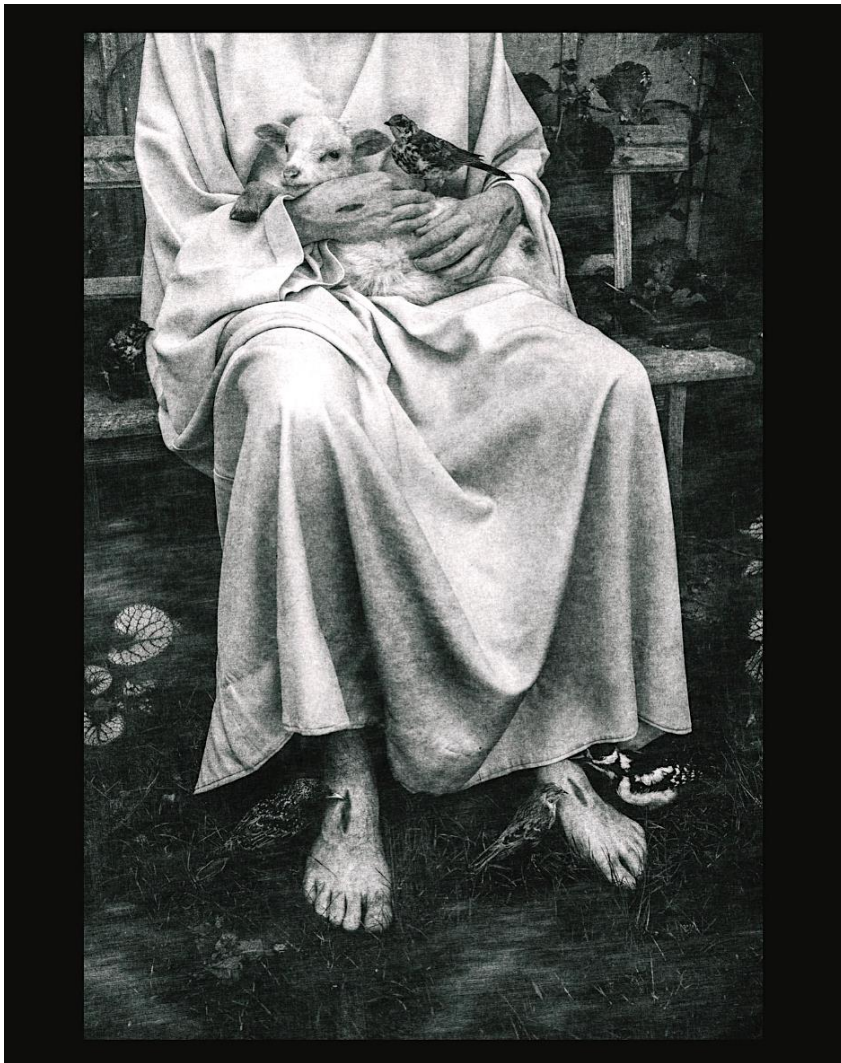
Amen.



What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14

God gave each of us gifts and abilities. When we use them, they give us joy and life. He wired each of us uniquely, providing each of us with individual creative gifts. And not to critique them- but simply to recognize in others their God-given gifts and then thank God for the gifts he has given to them! All are welcome to submit pictures of their uniquely created endeavours. Please include with it the inspiration that sparked your creativity - if you were even aware of it!

We hope you enjoy the following poetic offering from Pam Murray who is a member of the Troupe de Poetry which performs some of their free shows at our church.



IN SPITE OF THE STIGMATA

The birds and the beasts feel sheltered
In spite of the wounds He bears.
They feel the peace of eternal love
That freely our Saviour shares.

They lean into His body
Content to remain that way.
His lambs are the broken people
Who find Him and choose to stay.

He quietly sits in a garden
Waiting for us to arrive,
Those of us living in darkness.
He helps us to feel alive,

All for the wounds He carries,
All from His outstretched hands,
Just like each bird he nurtures,
Loving with no demands.

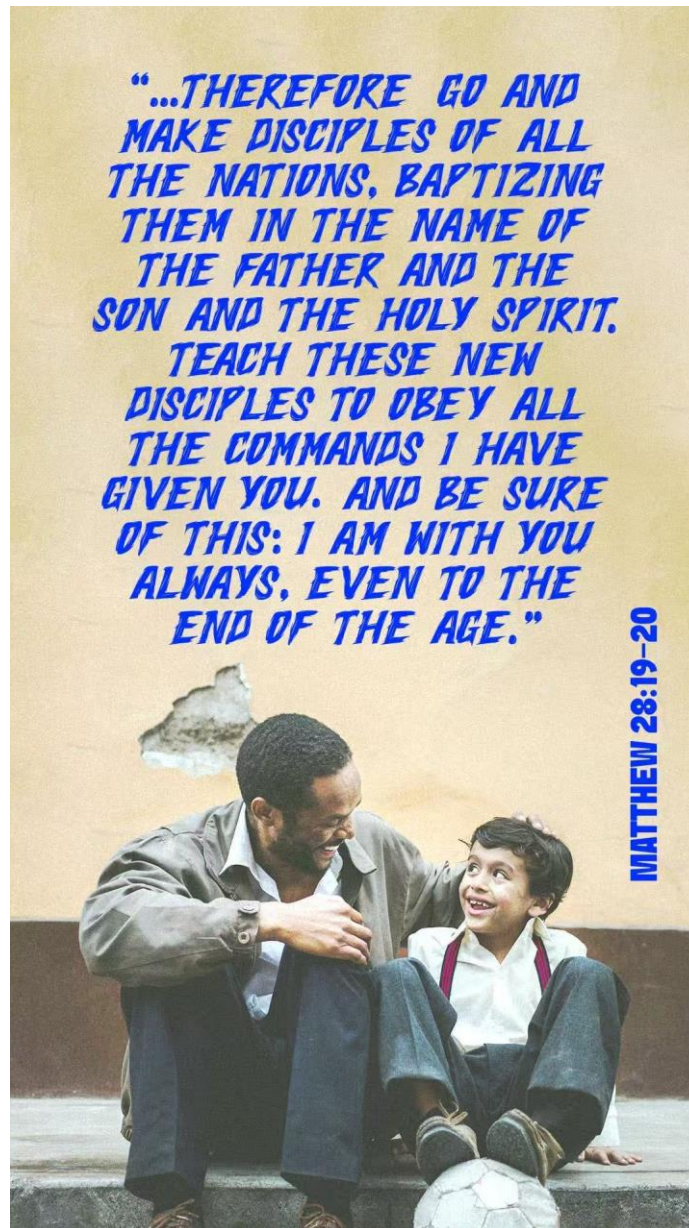
Pam H. Murray
March 3, 2026

The Inspiration: "Shelter," by Laura Makabresku (above) : Makabresku is a Polish Catholic artist whose work engages biblical story alongside the material realities of her own life. This combination she calls a "mystical realism." Though all of her painting is spiritual, she sometimes paints Jesus with wild creatures. These creatures seem to be drawn to him not just for respite, but as if to dwell with him. The marks of stigmata on the hands and feet are present and also subtle, not pulling focus. Quite often Makabresku features the body of Jesus without the face - making the shelter of Jesus as much about his human body as his divine nature

Creation Care & Compassionate Justice...

For the Love of Creation Members at COP30 Share Their Reflections

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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.

Unpaving Paradise Part 3

The last major part of the remediation of the old industrial sawmill site in Courtney has finally been completed. The removal of the 400-meter steel panel retaining wall began on January 14, 2026 and was completed on February 12th. This was done using a barge mounted crane with a vibrating clamp, along with supporting marine and land-based equipment. First the steel caps connecting the panels were removed, then each panel, which is about 2ft wide and 40-60 ft long, was secured to the vibrating clamp and loosened from the riverbed. When enough panels were loaded onto the barge, they were then unloaded onto the shore to be sorted for either reuse elsewhere or for recycle. In areas where the panels were compromised, divers assisted with the removal of submerged sections. The last section of the wall, closest to the bridge has been left in place to protect the bridge footing. Then all the pilings were removed.



Near the start of the project in 2020

The very last steps are to complete planting the remaining tidal marsh species at the southern end of the site, which was delayed because of wet weather conditions. There will also be ongoing monitoring of both plant and animal life.

This project, which started in 2020 has cost \$8.5 million. As of December 2025, with as grant from the federal government this project has secured 97% of the funds. It has involved many people. Purchased by Project Watershed with support from the Pacific Salmon Foundation and Government grants as well as fundraising in Courtenay, the partnership of K'momoks First Nation, Project Watershed, and the City of Courtenay along with hundreds of volunteers have created plant life and wildlife habitat where there was concrete and contaminated soil, reintroduced tidal islands and channels and marsh lands, recontoured the site elevation to a natural level and allowed a river to flow freely into the estuary.



Just a few panels left to pull 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Thompson

Hey Kids, did you know...

At Easter, God shows us that His plan is always better. What looked like a bad thing (Jesus was crucified and died) turned out to be a good thing (He rose again so we could have life with Him!) God is always surprising us with good things. We are not always good, but God loves us anyway. Easter gave us a way to be with God forever. And just as Jesus was resurrected and is now with God in heaven, we too will join him there, with all those others he calls beloved. And isn't that joyful news to celebrate! **Happy Easter!**

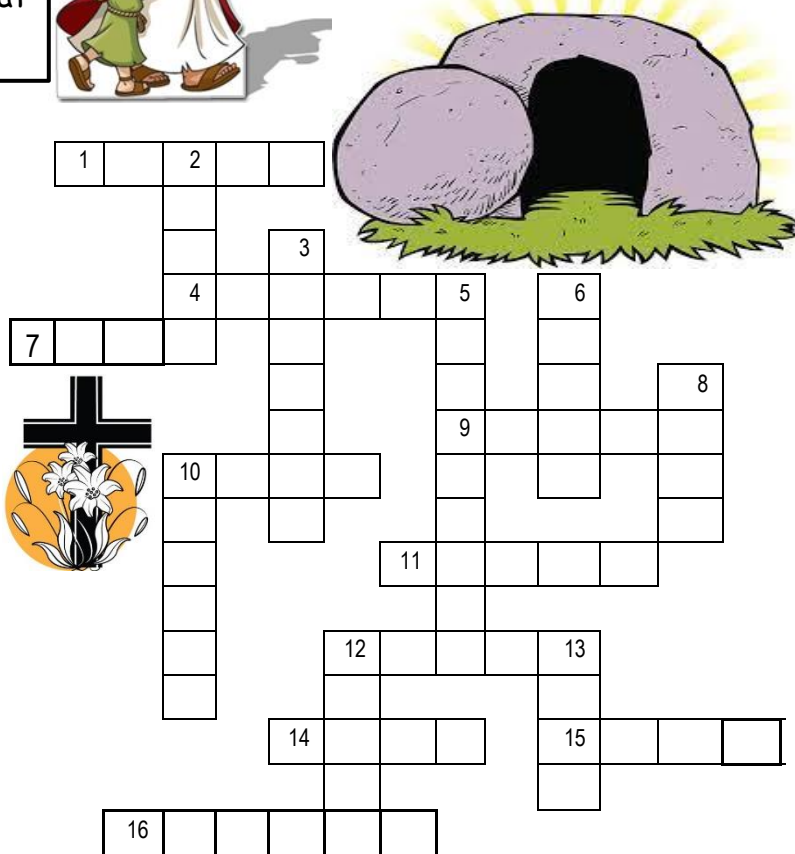


Answer Key

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- ☺ Easter ☺ Empty ☺ Hosanna ☺
- ☺ Linen ☺ Love ☺ Mary ☺
- ☺ Risen ☺ Sacrifice ☺ Sins ☺
- ☺ Slept ☺ Snow ☺ Spices ☺
- ☺ Stone ☺ Thorns ☺ Tomb ☺

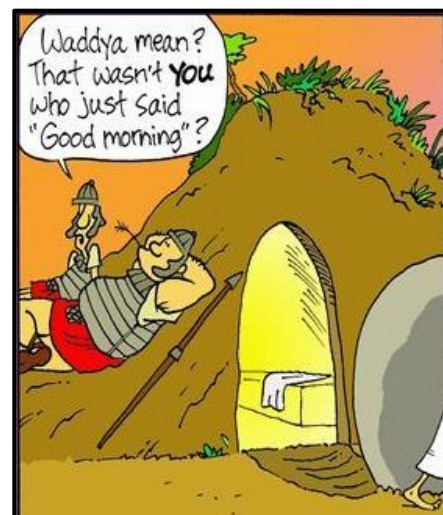
Across

- 1 At the Passover meal, Jesus gave thanks for the ___ and said it symbolized his body. (Matt 26:26)
- 4 The soldiers forced Jesus to wear a crown made of ___. (Matt 27:29)
- 7 Jesus told Peter that he would ___ him three times before dawn. (Matt.26:35)
- 9 The angel said to the women "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here, He has ___!" (Matt 28:5-6)
- 10 Jesus became the atoning sacrifice for our ___, so we could be forgiven through faith. (John 3:17)
- 11 Joseph of Arimathea took the body and wrapped it in a clean ___ cloth (Matt. 27: 58)
- 12 In Gethsemane, while Jesus prayed the disciples ___. (Matt. 26:40, 43, 45)
- 14 The main reason that God gave His only Son Jesus to die for each of us. (John 3:16)
- 15 ___ stood weeping outside the tomb. (John 20:11)
- 16 The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection is called ___ Sunday.



Down

- 2 On Sunday morning, the women didn't find a body - only an ___ tomb. (Luke 24:3)
- 3 During Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the crowd shouted ___! (Matt 21:9)
- 5 Jesus became the atoning ___ for our sins, so we could be forgiven through faith. (John 3:17)
- 6 Pilate had an inscription written and put on Jesus's ___ that read "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." (John 19:19)
- 8 The angel's clothes were as white as ___. (Matt 28:3)
- 10 When the Sabbath was over some women bought ___ to anoint Jesus's body. (Mark 16:1)
- 12 Joseph of Arimathea rolled a great ___ in front of the tomb entrance after Jesus' body was inside. (Matt: 27:60)
- 12 Joseph of Arimathea laid his body in his new ___. (Matt 27:60)



Weekly & Monthly Church Events

We offer several opportunities to gather for fellowship, worship and learning regularly. 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 at gslcc.ca. All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We gather most **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am** for a 45-minute Bible study and conversation on the gospel text for the day.

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 (On Hold)

Due to Pastor Eric's extra responsibilities with the BC Synod through to May, this Bible study is not meeting currently but will reconvene in the fall.

Wednesday afternoon Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, we gather in the style of 'Prayers of the People', praying for those concerns and thanksgivings that are on our hearts and in our minds on that day. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, we pray in the style of *Lectio Divina*, where we delve into the word of God followed by communal prayer. In months where a 5th Wednesday occurs, we have a special prayer gathering that involves our other senses or other media, all to inspire a meaningful prayer response. At any of our prayer gatherings, praying aloud is not mandatory nor required.

Good Shepherd Women

All women are invited to gather for a monthly meeting from the Canada Lutheran Magazine, followed by refreshments and fellowship. Once in a while we gather for lunch at a local restaurant. See page 8 for all the details about what's happening now.

Book Club

Book lovers are invited to gather on a Thursday evening once a month to discuss a book suggested by a member of the group. We meet at the home of Lily Yen and Mogens Hansen. See page 6 for all the details.

Sip with the Spirit

On the last Wednesday of each month, we gather in a member's home to enjoy an evening of spirited conversation on various topics, over a favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

Movie Night

Peter Schuler hosts this enjoyable event at his home, where we watch a movie, he has curated and enjoy a potluck meal with discussion afterwards. The dates vary, so keep an eye on the church calendar.

Zoom Happy Hour

All are welcome to join in for an hour of fellowship on the **last 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.