



November

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement: "As Christians living in God's grace we seek to demonstrate our faith in Christ by caring, listening, and responding to the needs of the whole person, serving each other and those beyond our Lutheran community."



From the Pastor's Desk

There are many times in a church's life that can cause great sorrow and great happiness. Anytime there are church anniversaries, baptisms, weddings and even the arrival of a new pastor we rejoice in the life of the church.

The life of the church can also experience sadness and sorrow. Anytime there is great tragedy in a congregation: a fire of the church, the tragic loss of a congregational member to death, a division or conflict in the church, the resignation of a pastor, and even the uncertainty of what the future holds for the faithful members as family.

The month of October has been a roller coaster for faithful Lutherans and Anglicans in Peterborough. Beginning on the first two days, the long-awaited announcement about what church buildings would be kept open for ministry caught absolutely everyone off guard. Knowing that only St. Johns would be kept open and a new mission possibly built in the future, people were struck with disappointment and even tears.

On October 23 Bishop Pryse joined us and reassured us that we did have the ability to determine our own steps to joining such a parish arrangement. Both he and I agree it would be a mistake to completely exit the dialog about merger. We both believe that a different option is possible.

That is why council wants to hear from you. At a congregational meeting on November 5 following worship you will have an opportunity to discuss what options may be possible.

In the meantime, I encourage you to think about the following: When Christ Lutheran Church began to worship at the YMCA over 60 years ago, the people dreamed of a Lutheran church in Peterborough that would grow, change and flourish for decades to come. They built our current building not knowing if the church family as a congregation would survive or have an impact on society. While the church has morphed, and changed it certainly has impacted the people of Peterborough. Like our forefathers and foremothers, we too should always be looking to the future. Ask yourselves, "how do

you want to see your church in 30-60 years?" Yes you may not be around to see future ministry happen but neither were the worshippers at the Y so many years ago. Be excited for ministry as they were many years ago.

I am extremely optimistic about what the future holds. Pray for one another and the community of Peterborough. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us during this time. Pray that we would be inspired and renewed with excitement and vigour for ministry.

With all God's blessings,

Pastor Scott



MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The men will meet at 8:30 am at the **Saturday November 11th**. Great discussions and food will be consumed by all! The next one is at the church Saturday December 9th at 8:30 am.



BUCKHORN SINGERS BENEFIT CONCERT

On **Sunday, December 10 at 2 pm the Buckhorn Singers** will be singing another benefit concert at Christ Lutheran. Free will donations from the concert will support the Warming Room.



We will be hosting a **Health and Wellness Promotion/Educational Workshop on Sunday November 26th** immediately following our worship service. Our very own Vicki Miller-Schenk will be speaking about Kidney Disease, Diabetes and Hypertension. Please join us for another very interesting and informative session. Light refreshments will be served.



MANY THANK YOU'S!

Our Senior's luncheon was enjoyed by 30 people with great food and fellowship. Thank you Connie and the Health & Wellness team for a wonderful get-together. **Our Fall fundraiser** was a great hit and a great big thank you to all. To Sylvia & Robin who provided a time of games, laughter and good food and to everyone who helped in every/anyway. We raised \$1002. Thank you so much for your support and we did have a lot of fun! \$200 will go to support the Warming Room.



PARISH OUTREACH

Men's Breakfast Club donation of their monies and time to the One Roof Diner on Tuesday December 5th. A sign-up list will be on vestibule door for volunteers. We need 8-10 people to come out to help serve.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

REGARDING PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WITH ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Sunday November 5th, following the 10 am worship

At this meeting we will be discussing both presentations by Bishop Shaw and Bishop Pryse. Bishop Pryse has given us some trusted direction. I strongly encourage you to join us for this meeting.

Church council wants to hear directly from you! *No vote will be taken at this meeting.*



Minutes from Bishop Pryse meeting on Monday October 23, 2017

Pastor Scott thanked Robin, Marg, Audrey and Iris for a wonderful dinner that was served.

Bishop Pryse thanked everyone for coming out and was grateful for the invitation.

Pastor Scott refreshed everyone of the plan that was announced at on October 1 & 2, 2017 by the Anglican Bishop Shaw that all will worship under one church, St. John's Anglican Church on Brock St. with two teams of clergy, one Anglican and one Anglican/Lutheran. Future of building a new church on the property owned by the Anglican diocese on the corner of Brealey Dr. and Sherbrooke (the baseball open field by James Strath Public School).

Bishop Pryse continued to say we will determine our own future, "you need to determine your own future for yourselves".

Opened floor for questions and dialogue and asked for different voices to be heard one by one. Second questions would come later.

Barry opened with that in the past 3-5 years of consultations and dialogue between the Covenant Commission Committees who had been completely transparent with all congregations Lutheran and Anglican.

It was felt by many Lutherans and Anglicans that the transparency was lacking coming from the Eastern Synod and Anglican Diocese when the announcement was made on Oct. 1st. The congregations were told that all would be informed about the results from the Commission report. It was not published to anyone.

Bishop Pryse responded by saying the Covenant working on the building communication, partnership with each other that there was confusion on part of everyone on what was the status of the report about the buildings. Diocese of Toronto decided to come to another decision based on property. Bishop Pryse apologized if it had seemed there was a lack of transparency.

Bishop thinks the new church will be a very good start. Christ Lutheran is not on a good trajectory path for the future. The new church building will bring new accessible and a good start for the Lutheran identity. Bishop Pryse believes that it will attract people who want to attend a joint church of different faiths.

Ralph voiced that most of us thought we would go to an Anglican church or they would join us. The new one church on Brock St. would lose Anglicans out of protest and these people may choose to come to Christ Lutheran.

Bishop Pryse suggests we must think of the end game. How do you best get there? We must look to the future and not short-term goals. Where do you see yourselves in 30 years?

Iris – We may not be here.

Bishop Pryse - Indigenous 7 generations ahead, those that built Christ Lutheran are not here now.

Connie – Our children are not here. How does that maintain Lutheran identity?

Bishop Pryse – In the scenario you spelled out, it doesn't achieve a future goal and you aren't obliged to do anything but what do you want to do?

Cal – Future lies in future demographics of Peterborough. Peterborough is not growing in that direction where the new church will be built.

Bishop Pryse – In the past the old way was we found a chunk of property. Looked for Lutherans, go get them together and opened a church. It is a different game now.

Mickey – I am the Anglican from St. Barnabus. We are in pain right now trying to cope with the decision and coming together with the property on Brock St. (St. John's church right now) is where we will end up. The Anglican congregations of all 4 churches have asked Bishop Shaw to take the property off the agenda. We are looking for a fresh expression of Christianity. We vote Sunday Oct. 29th about amalgamation for financial reasons we must make this choice.

Adli – Christians are declining in their membership at traditional churches. Maybe we are not doing what we are supposed to do. Right away we are jumping into the Anglican ship which evidently has more holes than ours. We did not look for a healthy church, a church which is growing in membership. Non-denominational churches who worship God and Jesus are growing. We seemed to be concerned about the label. All churches are in the same boat – all aging, no children attending, and no new members (young families). I don't expect you to tear down the hierarchy of the Lutheran church.

Bishop Pryse – Much that you said I would agree but this is not a debate.

Robin – Who is going to finance this new church.

Bishop Pryse – Anglican Diocese would come in with property. Assets would come from new parishioners. We will sell the four churches and use their income from the sale.

Robin – What about the Brock St. property which is not accessible?

Bishop Pryse – You guys need to focus to decide what you want.

Johanna – Circle discussion which envisioned where we thought we were going to go which was a two-church system.

Bishop Pryse – What are we committed to doing?

Pastor Scott - Committed to how?

Bishop Pryse – It is all about the future.

Sylvia – We were all shocked when it was announced that we all would be going to one church. We and the Commission thought it would be a lot easier with two churches. We get the impression that the new mission church will only work if it looks like the Brock St church will work.

Pastor Mike – Church is not a building. If we are considering the future we must look at just the people, not the buildings.

Pastor Jim – Two congregations in Carmen, Manitoba which now works that he was involved in the transition. It is a vital church. The name of the church is in large print on their sign but the denomination of the church is in very small print because it has become meaningless as it is a blended congregation.

There is so much emotion and you all must decide what do you want to do? You must look at it with no winners or losers. Coming together does not guarantee success.

Connie – What about a satellite church – Christ Lutheran

Bishop Pryse – In favour of establishing Lutheran/Anglican community, we will continue to worship here and wait and see what happens with the Brock St. property.

Milan – Looking forward to growth.

Bishop Pryse – If you are serious about Lutheran Ministry, you need to decide how that will work.

Gord – Brock St. property not accessible for him. New subdivisions ` 1700 new homes.

Elizabeth – Lutheran Churches in Toronto are made up 3 different congregations worshipping under one roof.

Bishop Pryse – Sure! You need to state your intention. It needs to be under the right conditions. We need to show that we are supportive of the shared ministry, but we will continue at Christ Lutheran until such time if a shared ministry happens. State your position.

Connie – Reverse mortgage

Bishop Pryse – Not the way you grow a church.

Janice – We need to attract more families with children to attend our church.

Barry – Talking about the effect this will have on us. What about our community? Won't serve them as in the past.

Bishop Pryse – What difference do you want to make?

Pastor Scott thanks Bishop Pryse for visiting us and listening to our questions. It is now up to us to decide what we will do.



P.A. Day

Friday, November 24 - 9:00 to 3:30 Children bring their own lunch and snacks. The theme will be winter birds! Drew Monkman will come and do activity(s) with those gathered in the morning and crafts/movie will follow. Family and friends welcomed!



Hymn "Sing & Study"

Four weeks of singing & studying old & new Advent hymns... who wrote them what inspired them when they were written why they have become favourites Please join us on Wednesday mornings from November 29 – December 20th 10 am worship and study 11 am-noon St. Luke's Anglican Church.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday November 18th

The Craft group is busy preparing for the Christmas Bazaar set to take place on Saturday November 18 9 am – 1 pm No admission charge. Hand-made craft items are gratefully accepted. The bake table, the ladies are asking for donations of Christmas baking, squares and fancy Christmas cookies to make up mixed dessert plates to sell. \$200 of the proceeds will go Youth Mental Health, \$200 will go to Warming room and \$200 will go Kawartha Food Share and the remaining proceeds will go towards our current account. We will also receive up to \$300 in a matching grant from Faith Life Financial. **Christmas Bazaar handmade goods** can be delivered to the church today until Friday Nov. 17th. We welcome **baked goods to be delivered on Friday Nov. 17 only**. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

On **Sunday December 10th** after worship come out and enjoy a traditional turkey dinner. Please bring family and friends. Free will offering.



Upcoming Events –

Saturday November 18th – Christmas Bazaar & Tea – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday November 26th – Health & Wellness Coffee time speaker Vicki Miller-Schenk will be speaking about Kidney Disease, Diabetes and Hypertension
Tuesday December 5th 3 pm One Roof Diner – Funded by the Men's Breakfast club
Sunday December 10th – Congregational Christmas Dinner following worship – 2 pm
Buckhorn Singers Concert – raising money for the Warming Room.



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! Reader

Ushers

Assistant

All Saints

November 5	Cal Taillefer	TBA	Cal Taillefer
November 12	Iris Gravel	TBA	Iris Gravel
November 19	Pauline Parsons	Al & Robin	Pauline Parsons
Christ the King Sunday			
November 26	Johanna Coombs	TBA	Johanna Coombs
1st Sunday in Advent			
December 3	Marlys Kerkman	TBA	Marlys Kerkman

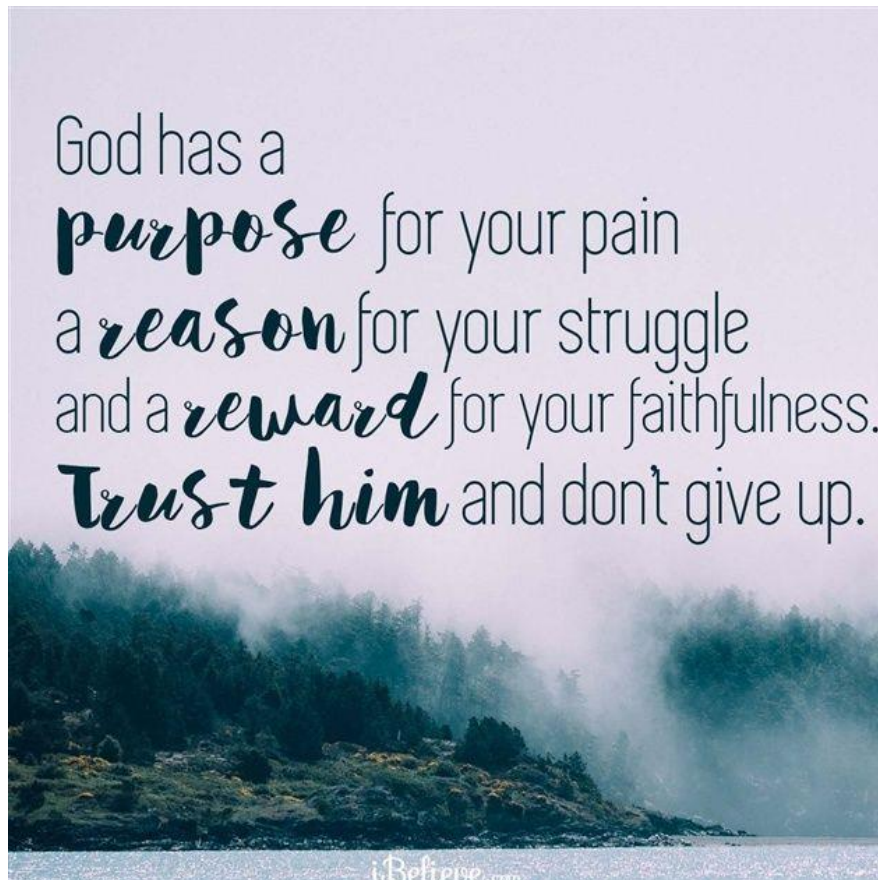
Counters for the month of November – George Maschke & Sylvia Shea

Counters for the month of December – Al Butson & Ilse Donnelly

Altar Care for the month of November – Johanna Coombs

Altar Care for the month December – Robin Butson

“If you can’t fly, then run, If you can’t run, then walk, If you can’t walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” –**Martin Luther King Jr.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 All Saints Holy Communion 10:00 am Congregational mtg after worship with Coffee time	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 am 12 noon Slice & Dice 1:30 Craft 7 pm Bible study	8	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am at church basement
12 Pentecost 23 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time	13	14 11 am Slice & Dice Bazaar setup	15	16	17 Bring your Bake Goods for Bazaar Till 7 pm	18 Christmas Bazaar 9 am -1 pm
19 Pentecost 24 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time sponsored by the Craft group	20	21 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	22	23	24 PA Kid's Club 9 am - 3:30 pm	25
26 Christ the King Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 am Health & Wellness speaker at Coffee Time	27	28 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	29 St. Lukes Advent Sing & Study 10 am	30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Dec 3 Advent 1 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time after worship	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	6 St. Lukes Advent Sing & Study 10 am	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am at church

