

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."



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

At this time of year something happens: we, like many churches, worry about money. How far behind are we? Will we meet the budget? We aren't always so quick to talk about money matters publicly, especially when you are the pastor. Appealing for money to meet the budget which is mostly made up of my salary, is definitely not my first choice of things to address.

This year for the first time ever the Eastern Synod Bishop is hosting many clergy from the synod for a free Generosity Practicum. The generosity practicum runs for three days October 2-5 in Orillia. Stewardship and generosity continuing education events are not the first subjects I would choose to study but when it is a free event with a special invitation from the Bishop I am happy to attend.

The practicum will be interesting. At the event we will be hearing presentations from The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada; Susan Graham-Walker, Manager of Congregational Giving & Stewardship, United Church of Canada and Anglican Church of Canada; The Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Associate Secretary of Planned Giving, Presbyterian Church of Canada; Paul Nazareth, Vice President of Community Engagement with CanadaHelps.org; Keith Myra, Eastern Synod Treasurer; The Very Rev. Peter Wall, Dean of Niagara Diocese Anglican Church of Canada.

With such a broad array of talented presenters I am excited to be attending this event. However, although not spoken to us there most certainly is a catch to attending this event. When clergy return to their respective parishes we will be expected to introduce and create a culture of generosity and new practices. I am excited about this opportunity to look at how we can encourage continued and innovative practices.

Remember Jesus talked about money matters, giving and stewardship all the time. It is our turn now to listen and to follow.

Pastor Scott



Anglican-Lutheran Retreat Report

About 100 parishioners participated in this exercise of determining the feelings of those in the pews about how things were in this evolving relationship. There was much talk of what churches are doing that has effects on both the church and outside communities. Survival and outreach were the two focal points in this. Those who spoke about these were articulate and sincere in sharing their beliefs. This does not mean that there was a consensus in how things were progressing. Two things were also stated, the Interim Bishop said that the decisions would ultimately have to be made by the churches involved with no pressure from higher authorities, and Pastor Scott stated that the decision to close a Lutheran church would only be made by Lutherans. There were 3 young people present, and 2 spoke very clearly, that although they attended church, there was really nothing there for them. We are left with the question... how are we to proceed? Do we keep doing what we are doing now? Do we do more of what we are doing now? Do we actively consider some fundamental changes in our traditional church life?

Please see the letter attached to the newsletter from The Right Reverend Patrick White.



Love. Grow. Serve. Our Refugee Family After One Year

On October 7, the Naseri family (Ahmad, Nasrin, Nadir, Nadia) will have been in Canada for one year.

It has been a busy year for them and the committee that has helped them adjust to a major life change for them. Our responsibility to them as a private sponsor will officially end on October 7. This is probably optimistic, as the CBC radio programme identified the continuing difficulties faced by such newcomers in their second and more years in Canada. At the moment they are in a rented home, which they like and is reasonable, and are on the list for subsidized housing. Ahmad has a job (minimum wage) and has just got his driver's licence. Nasrin has had job interviews with no positive result. The children like school, are doing reasonable well, and have good friends. They are using English more often and more easily than their parents. We will continue to encourage Ahmad, and especially Nasrin, to keep attending ESL classes at Fleming. The family has combined social relationships with other Kurdish families in Peterborough and with members of the committee. They are certainly not being forgotten. I will be submitting an article with pictures to the Lutheran Magazine shortly about what has happened in this outreach project. I will also send in a report to Synod about this as well. Both I hope will confirm that Christ Lutheran's \$1,000. and Synod's \$2,500. contributions were an important part of this project.

Health & Wellness Team

On Sunday October 23rd immediately following our morning Church service at 11:00 A.M. we will be hosting a speaker – Theresa Morris from Hospice Peterborough. She will be discussing the many programs and services offered by our local Hospice and will also highlight the progress of the new Hospice Peterborough Care Centre. Light refreshments will be served. Your Health and Wellness Team Johanna, Vicki, Audrey, Pastor Scott and Iris.



Seniors' Luncheon

Thursday November 3rd, 11 am for a great fellowship at the church.



Thanks to Andy Laitila and all the work he did putting our dishwasher in the kitchen. It is now installed and ready to go to work. Many thanks Andy, us kitchen people love it!



Fellowship Men's Breakfast Club

Join us as the men multitask on Saturday October 8th for a wonderful breakfast with good friends.



BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Morning 10:00 am. Evening 7 pm. CRAFT GROUP MEETS ON TUESDAYS 1:00 PM



THANKSGIVING OCTOBER WORSHIP

1. Sunday October 9th is Thanksgiving Sunday and we can, as usual, look forward to worshipping and giving thanks in a beautifully decorated church. **Thanksgiving Sunday Decorations** – Cal Taillefer and Barry Parsons have graciously accepted the task of decorating our church for Thanksgiving. The theme will be God's Beauty and Blessings. Please loan or donate fresh and dried flowers, fruits, vegetables. In fact, anything that looks Autumnal or harvest-like. If you would want donations returned please put your name or initials on the item. If you need a pick-up, please call Cal (705-742-3317). Could all items be at the Church on Saturday October 8th 9:30 am morning. Thank you!

2. Thanksgiving is also a time to think of those less fortunate among us. Therefore, please bring some extra food items for Luther's Larder. A few of these are given to persons who appeal to our church for help but most are passed on to the Food Bank. Non-perishable food items (both canned goods and fresh; dried beans & lentils & rice) could be used as Thanksgiving Sunday decorations and then be passed on to the Food Bank. Another way to battle hunger at Thanksgiving is to help World Hunger by making a donation. Just indicate your extra gift on the World Hunger line on your envelope.

THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE TIME SO ALL CAN ENJOY THEIR FAMILIES.



FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Food For Kids program meets every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Church basement to cut up snack food for the Kawartha Heights school children. We need muffins made every Tuesday as the demand as grown. Muffin mix is available at the church in the kitchen.



OUR LAST ST. PAUL'S BROWN BAG October 16th and 23rd

Meet at the church at 3:45 pm to get the lunches together. We need about 100 lunches. Please see the sign up list on the vestibule door for all the items we needed, sandwiches/muffins/cookies/juice boxes/water/granola bars/oranges/bananas. We wish to THANK YOU for all you have contributed to this year's St. Paul's luncheons and as volunteers. The gifts are rewarding!



Join us at Christ Lutheran "In the Spirit of Christmas" Bazaar & Tea

Room on Saturday November 19th 9:30 am -1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to donate their craft items or baked goods would be much appreciated. All baked items must be in on Friday November 18th. We appreciate all those who bake but we are busy on Saturday to accept any bake goods at that time so please bring your baked goods in on Friday. If you can't make it call Robin (705) 749-6157 and she will make sure all items are picked up. Also at last year's bazaar, many people requested ingredients posted on bake goods and who they were made by. If you can do that easily great, if not no worries. We will also receive up to \$500 in a matching grant from Faith Life Financial. A monetary donation towards the Christmas bazaar for supplies is welcomed. Thanks for your help.



Upcoming Events -

Saturday Oct. 22nd OKOTBERFEST DINNER FUNDRAISER 4 pm – 6:30 pm
Thursday October 27th One Roof Diner – Funded by the Men's Breakfast club
Saturday November 19th – Christmas Bazaar & Tea – 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday December 11th - Congregational Christmas Dinner after worship.

oktoberfest



OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER

On Saturday October 22 a Fall Oktoberfest Fundraiser 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Chase the Ace, Auction items and of course **Oktoberfest dinner** with sausages, salads, dessert, coffee and cold drinks. Music and dance! Please bring family and friends. If you wish to donate any items please bring them to the church or call Robin if you need assistance.



Food Bank Sunday October 30, please bring along a non-perishable food donation for the food bank.



Congregational Council Meeting – September 28th

Regrets Johanna Coombs, Brenda Bastian, Jeff Butson

Pastor Scott opened the meeting with prayer

Correspondence Faith Life investment for \$5,000 will mature on Sept. 4th.

Correct signatures needed to release money.

Electronic Communications – Website is up and running. Jeff will continue to maintain website.

Reports:

Worship – There were mixed feelings about summer worship with St. Lukes. All in all the experience was good.

Parish Support – Cross is up thanks to Andy, Milan and Barry

Thanks to Andy for getting the dishwasher installed and hooked up is to come.

Parish Outreach – no report

Kid's Club – 6 children participated with guest speakers on topics such as bike safety, nutrition and a supermarket treasure hunt.

PA Days Sept. 30, Nov. 25, Feb. 3, April 25 and June 9 will be shared by Marlys and Johanna.

Health and Wellness workshop in early November about Hospice and nee Palliative care facility

Stewardship/Fundraising – Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 19th Johanna will apply for a Faith Life grant on Sept. 1st. Monies raised will go to basement floor, washroom facility upstairs and accessibility projects.

Social – Fall Fundraiser on Saturday October 22nd 4 – 6:30 pm

Two more Brown Bag lunches on Sunday October 2 and 16.

Mutual Ministry – no report

Treasurer's report – Bank Balance Aug. 15 \$69,383.06 \$7855 has been sent to Benevolence. New quotes have been received for Insurance.

Eleanor Holyome will resign as our Financial Secretary

Action Items

Congregational circle discussions on the latest Commission report will be held before Sept. 24th to get a sense of the feelings of our congregation.

Floor quotes 3 received – under discussion

Membership list 146 baptized; 136 confirmed. Motion by Pauline and seconded by Iris to remove inactive members from the list. All in favour.
 Next meeting Sept. 29; 6:30 pm.
 Adjourned

OUTREACH – Men’s Breakfast Club

On Thursday October 27th the Men’s Breakfast Club is sponsoring a One Roof Diner meal. Thank you Men! Great Outreach project!

PETERBOROUGH SINGERS SEASON - Concert Series 2016 – 2017

Enjoy our full season of concerts! Or join us for a three- or two-concert “mini-season”!

[Yuletide Cheer](#)

Saturday, November 26, 2016, 7:30 pm

[Handel’s Messiah](#)

Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:30 pm

[Canadian Women of Song](#)

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 2 pm

[Mozart: Requiem & Arias](#)

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 7:30 pm



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Communion

	Reader	Ushers	Assistant
October 2	Sonja Schweter	Andy & Hillka Laitila	Sonja Schweter
October 9	Johanna Coombs	Barry & Pauline Parsons	Johanna Coombs
October 16	Cal Taillefer	TBA	Cal Taillefer
October 23	Iris Gravel	TBA	Iris Gravel
October 30(Reformation)	Marlys Kerkman	TBA	Marlys Kerkman
November 6 (All Saints)	Sonja Schweter	TBA	Sonja Schweter

Counters for the month of October – Andy Laitila & Cal Taillefer

Altar Care for the month of October – Hilikka Laitila

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

Altar Care for the month of November – Johanna Coombs

Pastor Scott will be away at a Stewardship Practicum sponsored by the Eastern Synod October 3-5. For emergencies contact Robin



*Join us at
Christ Lutheran*



*“In the Spirit of Christmas”
Bazaar & Tea Room*



*At 463 Highland Road
Peterborough, Ontario
on November 19 2016*

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

No admission charge

Craft & bake items, Gift Basket Draws, Nu-to-U Table

*All funds made are generously matched
Up to \$500 by
Faith Life Financial*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>OCTOBER 2016</h1>						1
2 Pentecost 20 Sunday with Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time after worship	3 Pastor Scott away Community Living 9 am-noon	4 No Bible Study 12:30 Food for Kids 1:00 Craft Group No Bible Study Pastor Scott away	5 Community Living noon - 4 pm Pastor Scott away	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Bring items for Thanksgiving decorations to church 9:30 am
9 Thanksgiving Pentecost 21 Holy Communion Service 10:00 am No coffee time	10 Thanksgiving Holiday	11 Bible Studies 10 am or 7pm 12:30 Food for Kids 1:00 Craft Group	12 Community Living noon - 4 pm	13	14	15
16 Pentecost 22 Holy Communion 10:00 Coffee time after worship Brown Bag lunch 4 pm at church	17 Community Living 9 - noon	18 10:00 Book Study 12:30 Food for Kids 1:00 Craft Group 7 pm Bible Study	19 Community Living noon - 4 pm	20	21	22 Oktoberfest Fundraiser 4pm - 6:30pm
23 Pentecost 23 Holy Communion 10:00 am After worship Health & Wellness event Brown Bag 4pm	24 Community Living 9 am-noon	25 10:00 Book Study 12:30 Food for Kids 1:00 Craft Group 7 pm Bible Study	26 Community Living noon - 4 pm	27 One Roof Diner 4:30 pm All Saints Anglican	28	29
30 Reformation Holy Communion 10 am Coffee time after worship	31 Community Living 9 am-noon	Nov 1 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food for Kids Craft 1 pm 7 pm Bible Study	Nov 2 Community Living noon - 4 pm	Nov 3 Senior's luncheon 11 am	Nov. 4	Nov. 5

The Right Reverend Patrick White

Assisting Bishop for Trent-Durham

A Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and People of All Saints, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, St Barnabas, St John, & St Luke, all of Peterborough, October 2nd, 2016

To My Sisters and Brothers in Christ in Peterborough

Greetings in the name of God, our Creator Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Last Saturday morning, the 24th of September I attended an event, which was part of your shared determination to move *together* towards a common future in your city. When Bishop Linda Nicholls brought you together to consider how you might make better use of your resources, both human and material, in fulfilling God's mission in your community, she challenged you to be bold. And so, now having taken up that challenge you have narrowed down the ways you can best pool your resources and focus your mission for the future. And now a choice lies before you.

Saturday's gathering was an opportunity to reflect on how far you have come, what you truly value and must retain in the future, what you can leave behind, and what the next step or steps must be.

What Saturday revealed is that it is all a bit nerve-wracking at this point. Some people are quite impatient to just get on with it. Others are not so sure you are ready, are not so sure they like any of the options that have been offered. Feelings were running high. At one point in the morning there was a call for prayer, for a time to be silent and wait upon the Spirit's leading. Some of those in attendance thought that should have been the whole purpose of the meeting.

But how are we to discern the Spirit's leading exactly? My answer is that we have to do it *corporately*, by listening together not only in silence but also in conversation with one another. I believe we did that. It was quite untidy, as it must be when there are so many voices to be heard—voices of concern, of perplexity and uncertainty. What else should we have expected? This is a big step. There is a lot at stake.

The word we use to describe what we were seeking on Saturday is *consensus*. In consensus we develop an awareness of a common or shared desire that both respects differences and finds a shared way forward that can encompass those differences. Consensus cannot be forced. It is different than a vote, which ultimately divides us into winners and losers. Consensus is a discernment of the spirit of a gathering. For us as Christians it comes from listening to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

My impression of the meeting is that overall there is a desire to move ahead together to select what appears to be the best option. And we need to think about the best way to determine which option will express that consensus most fully.

Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with the Lay and Clergy leaders who have *worked* hard and *thought* hard and *prayed* hard to bring the process to the point where some clear evidence-based options are on the table. And given what I discern is an overall consensus to select one and move towards implementing it, I will ask what *they* believe is the best choice. They are leaders after all. They are the ones most familiar with the evidence drawn from all the parishes, Anglican and Lutheran. Once they have developed their own consensus I will ask them to bring it to you as individuals and congregations for your support.

In all this I find these words from the Letter to the Ephesians helpful. Call it body building if you want but this is where your hard work is leading:

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would become apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for the building up the body of Christ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4.7,11-13)

In the New Testament 'the saints' are *all* the believers and not just the holy superstars. It is interesting how much of what has been achieved in this project in Peterborough has been through the efforts of the men and the women in the pews. The clergy have their part in continuing to offer their gifts as well: pastoring, teaching, leading in worship. But it is the laity who have gathered and organized the evidence on which you will base your decision. We are given the gifts we need to equip one another and build up the Body of Christ. The goal is the unity of faith, acting together to become a fuller expression of the person of Christ for our day in Peterborough.

I am grateful to the Archbishop and to your leaders who have invited me to participate more fully in your efforts to discern a way forward. You are acting corporately as the Body of Christ, God's expressed presence in your city, embodying the person and spirit of Jesus.

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever Amen.

Yours faithfully,

The Right Reverend Patrick White

Assisting Bishop for Trent Durham Area