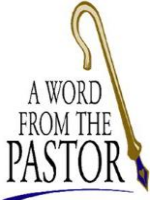




**Good Shepherd**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# September 2020

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## START ME UP!

Maybe you've seen the commercial that's been running on TV lately for some car company or another. The ad that starts with the voiceover saying, "It's a different summer, but it's still summer." That's how I feel about September. It may be a different September, but it's still September.

And that means it's still time for church fall programming start-up. Maybe that sounds strange in a time when many of our programs never really took a summer break. And no, there won't be any Rally Sunday this year. No joint worship, or hot dogs, or games, or dunk tank (well, at least that's a relief!

But there is much to look forward to, as there always is this time of year. For one, as we all know by now, Elina Singh will be beginning her internship with us come October. That's one venture I'm truly looking forward to, and I hope you are too. As well, Jason Wood, our youth leader, has taken on an expanded role with St. Laurence. And so we have hired Rachel Genge as our new assistant youth leader. And you can meet her in her introduction later in this edition.

Of course, as mentioned, many of our favourite programs are continuing to run on Zoom. And it's been wonderful to see new faces connecting in some of those meetings. Maybe this is a time for you to consider starting up with an online opportunity you haven't had the chance to join before. All our programs are open to everyone with no experience or expertise required. And some opportunities are indeed starting up again like Happy Hour on Thursday afternoons.

Of course, starting up takes on a whole different significance when it comes to the question of re-opening our building to services again. We're beginning to experiment with some outdoor gatherings. And as you hopefully know by now we are looking for at least one more person to serve on our Reopening Team to map out a plan for how indoor worship might resume (could that be you?).

I'm reminded of the story of the disciples gathered in that room on the evening of that first Easter day. In the wake of Good Friday and the confusing reports of resurrection, what must the prospect of starting up their ministry again have felt like to them? Daunting, confusing, hopeful? It's into the midst of this mix of emotions that Jesus comes among them with a blessing of peace and the enlivening breath of the Holy Spirit. So may we experience both the peace and the inspiration to face the challenges and the opportunities of starting up this fall, whatever that may look like.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Congregational Zoom Meeting

**Sunday, September 30th at 7 pm**

Church council has called a congregational meeting for Wednesday, September 30 at 7pm. The meeting will be held through ZOOM. The purpose of the meeting is to initiate conversation around a proposal which has come forward from a team commissioned by the council regarding the sale of a portion of the church property.

An email with some background information has gone out to everyone on our email list and has also been mailed to those we are aware of who don't use email. That background information includes the names and numbers of folks you may want to contact for further information or clarification prior to the meeting. The conversation will be moderated by Peter Schuler.

To emphasize, this is simply an initial conversation around this proposal. No decision will be made and no vote will be taken. The intent is simply to start conversation around this proposal and to hear from as many members as possible. Details to connect to the meeting will be sent out prior to September 30.

## Rally Day Sunday / Parking Lot Gathering

Unfortunately, our usual Rally Day Sunday celebrations will be set aside for 2020.

But in its stead, we are offering an opportunity to gather in the parking lot for a short time of socially distanced fellowship, song, devotion and prayer on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Our usual YouTube Service online will still be uploaded and ready to view. This gathering will not replace our usual online worship service. Instead, this will be a shorter time of fellowship, reunion and reflection, as we begin to experiment with gathering again as people of God.

Numbers are limited to 50 people, and parking stalls are limited to the outside stalls only (15) or street parking along Spruce Avenue.

Once registered (by email/telephone to the church) please remember to bring your chairs, wear your mask, and plan if possible to *not* use the church washrooms

## Assistant Youth Leader

We're so pleased to advise that we have a new Assistant Youth Leader! Her name is Rachel Genge, and we look forward to getting to know her in the days and months ahead. Here's a bit about her:

"I grew up in Coquitlam, was actively involved in the youth group at my church (King of Life), and always enjoyed being part of a community.

After graduating from the University of Victoria, I moved back to Coquitlam and had the great pleasure of leading the youth group at King of Life and working at the BC Synod Office. A few years ago, my husband and I moved out to the Fraser Valley to raise our children. These days, when I am not chauffeuring kids to ballet, karate and piano lessons, I enjoy going on hikes, exploring my community and watching my four young children grow."

## For Our Prayer

For specific requests for prayer, please contact Kate Wright at [kfwright@hotmail.com](mailto:kfwright@hotmail.com) or Claire Thompson at 604-939-3086. Your prayer request will quickly be passed to our congregational prayer chain.

**Al Startin** as he continues his cancer treatments.

**Elaine Sinton** as she continues her cancer treatments.

**Susan Wills** and her family, that Susan stays safe and that the family cope well during her time of isolation.

**Alicia Grayson** (Dorothy Durand's niece) still struggling to recover from her leg injury suffered in a traffic accident in December and seeking strength to continue with her physio treatments.

**Don Forss** (Lois's brother) as he continues his cancer treatment.

**Carole Lentz**, who's recovering from a leg injury suffered this summer, and her mother **Jean**, who continues to convalesce from her fall in the hopes of returning home.

**Sandi Carter**, a friend of Laurie Sinclair, who is suffering with Central Nervous System Lymphoma.

**Robert Trent**, Alma Trent's son who is recovering from serious neck injuries due to a bike accident.

**All those suffering** with or affected by the Covid19 virus.

**Thanksgiving!** Please join us as we thank God for his kindness, mercy and grace shown to:



- **Rick Enarson**, who is settling in well to his new apartment.
- **Gail Tremain**, whose last cancer scan was clean.
- **Jim Matthews**, as he continues a robust recovery from his bypass surgery.

## Birth

**Henry Finn Schuler**, born April 24, 2020

(While we informed the congregation at the time, we never followed it up in the newsletter. The new editor's sincerest apologies for the oversight/late notice.)

*Congratulations to Jill and Erick  
& the extended Schuler family!*

## Baptisms

**Asta Marie Marquess** was baptised August 28, 2020.



## Milestone Birthdays

While no milestone birthdays occurred in September this year, we still would like to extend our birthday greetings to the following people whose birthdays will be celebrated in September:

Justine Hansen  
Joanna Whitter  
Louis Giguere  
Olivia McLellan  
Peter Schuler



*With Blessings to all from  
your Good Shepherd Family*

## Good Shepherd Women

*This group continues to be a mainstay for our women in our church. While our afternoon and evening circles are currently NOT meeting yet, this group of ladies have taken on the responsibility to continue to provide meals for those in need, and to telephone members of our congregation who may be missing social interaction due to the mandated social restrictions in place.*

*Thank you ladies for that! What a life-giving service you do in Christ's name.*

*Because of uncertainties surrounding social distancing, opening of the church and our hesitancy to meet at this time, no definite date has been set for our General meeting which is usually held in October. When it is deemed safe to do so, we will select a date for the meeting for the purpose of allocating the distribution of funds, selection of officers and other business that may arise. Notice of the meeting will be announced either by email or a telephone call.*

*All ladies are invited to attend.*

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Thanks to Joe Kaufmann

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NOT ONLY IS THAT JESUS FRIENDLY,  
EVERY TIME I BORROW A CUP OF SUGAR  
FROM HIM HE ALWAYS GIVES ME TWO

## PRAYER GROUP

This group meets weekly every Wednesday at 1 pm over Zoom, alternating between exploring the prayers in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, and Praying Lectio Divina style (where bible passages are read aloud 3 times followed with reflection, questions and discussion.) Each week we close out our meeting with "Prayers of the People" – those prayers brought forward by the participants in the group as they feel so led.

Usually, every second Wednesday of every month we invite all to join us by focusing prayer on a specific topic. September's prayer focus on September 16<sup>th</sup> is **Creation**, and October's Prayer focus on October 14<sup>th</sup> will be **Trust**.

Please let the office know if you are curious or have an interest in checking this group out, and the appropriate Zoom link will be provided to you.

## Our Refugee Sponsors

*As you know, the lengthy resettlement process is underway for Solomon [currently living in Sudan] and Tesfay [currently living in Ethiopia], to reunite with their Aunt Ruta here in Coquitlam.*

*Please keep these two young men in your prayers - for their continued safety and to guard their emotional health -while they wait to come to Canada in search of a better life here.*

**Editors Correction:** In the June, July, August Newsletter, our list of 2020 Graduates was incomplete, as it should have also included Justine Hansen, Katia Tarry and Joanna Whitter. The new editor's sincerest apologies for the oversight.

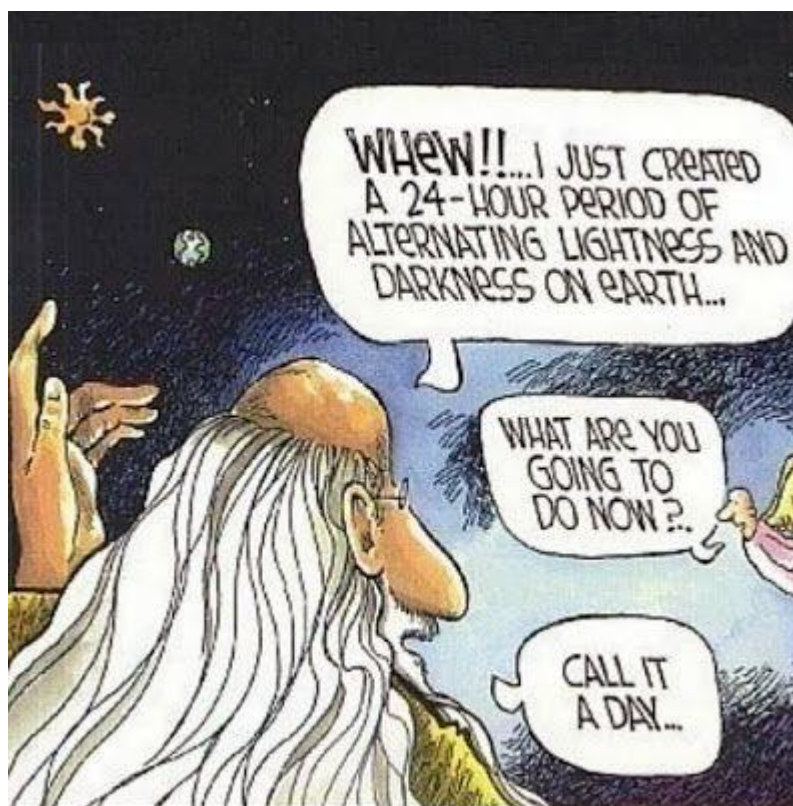
**Justine Hansen:** Justine graduated from McGill University in May with a major in Neuroscience, minor in mathematics, and minor in religion. This month she begins graduate studies in Neuroscience at McGill. Since at least the first semester is online, Justine is at home socially distancing in Coquitlam.

**Katia Tarry:** Katia plans to work and volunteer for the next year. She hopes to travel throughout BC next summer for a few months before entering the Vet Technician Program in September of 2021.

**Joanna Whitter:** Joanna begins studying Mathematical Physics (online) at SFU this fall.

**Evan Darts:** Evan is working full time at Wesco Glass, is taking a couple of courses at Douglas College, and she's playing beach volleyball in September.

*~ May God continue to bless you in your chosen path ~*



## Volunteer Opportunity

As you are aware, **Elina Singh** is starting her position with us later this month. She will be splitting her time equally between our church, and *Trinity Lutheran Church* in Delta.

We are looking to form an Internship Team of 4 lay leaders from each church, to work closely with Elina in the months ahead. Speaking from experience, being involved on an Internship Team is one of the most consistently joyful ways to serve the congregation. It gives you an opportunity to build a deeper relationship with our intern and take an active hand in forming a new pastor for our church.

The Team meets monthly with Elina to provide feedback on her effectiveness, provide support and encouragement to her and her family, and to pray with her and for her as she settles into her role as Intern Pastor at both churches.

Call the office if you feel led to serve on this team.

## GSLC's 60th Anniversary

We will be commemorating GSLC's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Sunday, October 25th, 2020** with a special YouTube video that we invite you to watch after the service that Sunday.

We also have a gift we wish to give you (well, we're hoping you can pick it up) to help us celebrate this occasion together non-potluck-style...but more on this to come.

Keep an eye out for a letter from the church to be sent out shortly that will provide further details on our celebration plans.



Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.

- Ephesians 6:7 NRSV

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## *Volunteers Needed for COVID Compliance Team*

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Our Church Council continues its behind the scenes work to determine the best course of action for the safe reopening of our church. To that end, Council is looking for two members to join them in this dedicated effort to determine safety protocol specifics for how and when we will be able to again congregate within our church building. Until we can all safely return to some semblance of a service in our church, ensuring that all the proper safety measures and protocols are in place, we will continue to offer our virtual services online. Please call the office or let Pastor know if you have an interest in to be a part of this short term volunteer commitment.



# PERSPECTIVES – *By Jason Wood*



With a school semester starting unlike any other, and so many "norms" have been unsettled around our communities and around the world, and our youth ministry is no different! We're grieving the incredibly hard decision to move next year's CLAY online and reflecting on what this means for our programming this year. We're discerning how to lead youth activities that are safe, fun, and impacting in the midst of so much uncertainty. At the same time, we're excited to welcome our new Assistant Youth Leader Rachel (see below) to work with me over the next year, as well as fantastic new youth and adult leaders from other Anglican and Lutheran churches in our region.

It was so refreshing to gather in person at Mundy Park at the end of August, playing charades, hearing from each other, and listening for God's peace in creation. Moving forward, we're still exploring what youth ministry will look like. But we will gather together for our first event of the fall this Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Watch your emails for connection details. Stay tuned, and keep us in your prayers!

*Congratulations to Jason on your expanded role in Ministry, and to Rachel in her new role as Assistant Youth Leader.*

*We wish you blessing & success for the year ahead.*



"Hello everyone! My name is Rachel Genge and I am so excited to be the new assistant youth leader for Saint Laurence and Good Shepherd. I look forward to getting to know all of you (either in-person or on-line) and creating fun and enriching experiences during this time of uncertainty.



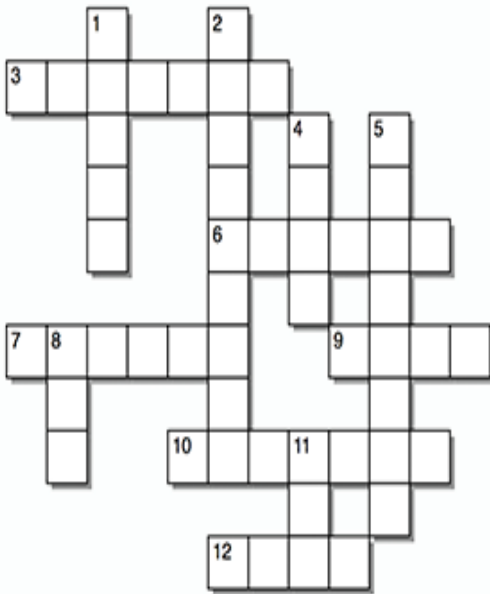
*With gratitude and hope,  
Rachel"*

# KIDS CORNER

## God's Creation



### Adam and Eve



#### Across

- 3) The \_\_\_\_ said to the woman, "Has God really said 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" (Gen 3:1)
- 6) "They sewed fig \_\_\_\_ together and made coverings..." (Gen 3:7)
- 7) "God formed out of the \_\_\_\_ all the wild animals and birds in the sky" (Gen 2:19)
- 9) God made Adam from the \_\_\_\_ of the earth (Gen 2:7)
- 10) Which book of the Bible tells the story of creation?
- 12) God planted a garden in this place. (Gen 2:8)

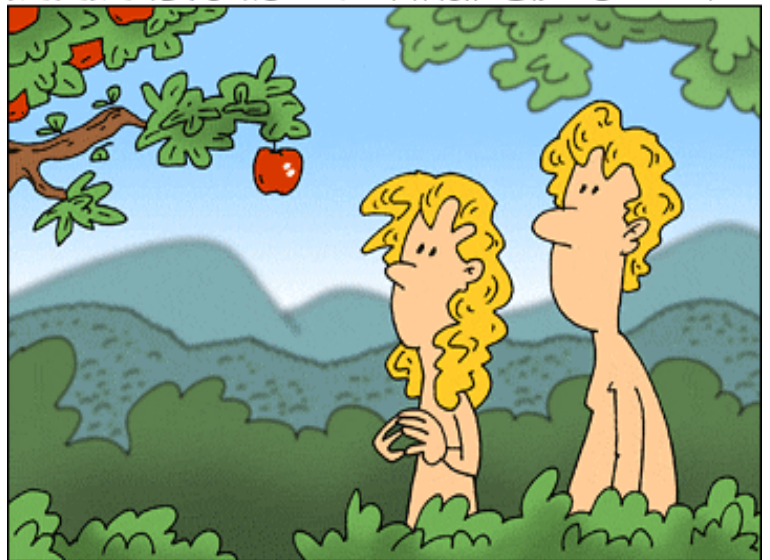
#### Down

- 1) "...she took some of its \_\_\_\_, and ate..." (Gen 3:6)
- 2) "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but you shall not eat of the \_\_\_\_ of good and evil..." (Gen 2:16-17)
- 4) Name of the first man created by God.
- 5) God placed what at the east of the garden? (Gen 3:24)
- 8) God made a woman from the \_\_\_\_ He took out of Adam. (Gen 2:22)
- 11) Name of the first woman created by God. (Gen 3:20)

God saw all that  
he had made,  
and it was very  
good.

~Genesis 1:31 (a)

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(See Genesis 3)

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...AND ON THE EIGHTH DAY, MAN CREATED  
SIN



## From Our Treasurer

The following is an update on our financial Status as of July 31, 2020:

Total Income	\$140,999.63
Total Expenses	\$124,144.99
Surplus	\$ 16,854.64

Project Contingency Fund  
Balance as of July 31, 2020 = \$47,159.45

*Thank you for responding so faithfully with your gifting in these uncertain times. We are so blessed to currently be enjoying such a healthy bottom line.*

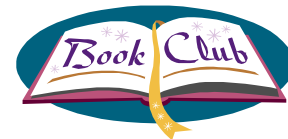
*Please keep up your stewardship as we navigate the remainder of this year.*



## From Our Librarian

The church library is still closed and dusty, but I would challenge people to read, read, read, whether it's their Bible, material online--with a grain of salt--or books that inform and inspire them.

There's no shortage of ways to keep the wheels turning!



You are invited to join the book club at their next meeting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm on the deck of the Hansen-Yen home (604) 320-0809 where they will be discussing:

**St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox**  
by G.K. Chesterton.

Looking ahead, October's reading selection is:

**Wrongs to Rights: How Churches Can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."**

and in November, the reading selection will be:

**Indian Horse**  
by Richard Wagamese

Details for the latter meetings to be determined.

## **“Greening of the Church” under the cover of COVID-19**

This year, under Gail Tremain’s leadership, the Outreach Team obtained a grant for \$1,914 from the Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada to upgrade our fluorescent fixtures to energy efficient LED tubes. ELFEC has a three-fold mission: to help congregations take care of and grow investments, to help individuals leave gifts to the Church, and to grant money to Lutheran charities and other church-related projects.

The upgrade, completed in July 2020, significantly reduces our church’s carbon footprint associated with its lighting needs. Besides reducing our overall energy consumption by 56%, the new LED tubes operate without a ballast and last 35,000+ hours, compared to the average 7,500 hours of the ‘old’ fluorescent tubes. Since these new tubes are directly connected to the power source, there is no more flickering due to the ballast discharge, and the use of a “natural white” LED tube provides a bright, pleasant atmosphere.

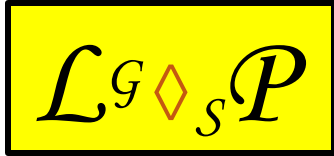
Annual electricity savings are expected to be of the order of \$800 to \$1,000, and considerable savings in human resources are expected due to the longevity of the tubes and the elimination of the need for ballast replacement. Our electricians David Wills and Bob Derksen worked hard at it, over the spring and summer months, with a helping hand from the usual suspects - Jerry, Al, and Louis. Thanks to you all. We are so grateful for all their efforts.

What’s interesting is this lighting upgrade also provides a host of future environmental benefits that we normally wouldn’t really think of: reduced glass, ballast, and plastic waste, and the elimination of mercury pollution. More remarkably is that a 56% reduction in energy demand impacts the long term need for dam construction and the associated flooding of forested areas.

Although we tend to think of hydroelectric power as clean energy, three components of hydroelectric power create a significant carbon footprint: dam construction, dam maintenance, and methane emissions due to the decomposition of flooded organic matter in the reservoir catchment area.

So, let us celebrate taking this first step toward reaching the collective goal proposed by the National church of zero Lutheran carbon emission by 2050!

Gail Tremain and Louis Giguère  
Council Member and Caretaker, retired



*Penned from the desk of Louis Giguère and Sue Power...*

Dear friends,

We are writing this note to tell you all that we are moving to the Sunshine Coast. We are sorry we have not been able to connect with everyone individually directly. Things got way too busy as we prepared to move. We have been a part of the Good Shepherd congregation since approximately 1995. We will still be attending services virtually and whenever possible when we come to town, so we hope to see you all.

We have appreciated and enjoyed worshipping with Good Shepherd and consider all of you very precious as our church family. The things that we have loved while worshipping with you all, is that we have always felt that the center of the worship is Jesus. We have appreciated your faithfulness to the gospel and the love and support we have felt in your company, as your friends.

We have a forwarding address 5781 Trail Avenue, V0N 3A6, and our cell phone number is 236-984-9340. We sincerely hope that you will feel free to look us up when you can, as we have lots of space for people to come and visit.

Our two girls still live in the Lower Mainland and that will bring us back often. We hope to see you either on line or face to face when Covid restrictions are finally lifted and we are all able to worship, in person, at church again.

In the meantime we keep you in our prayers and we think of you and look forward to our next visit.

God Bless you all.