



The Vine

August 2018



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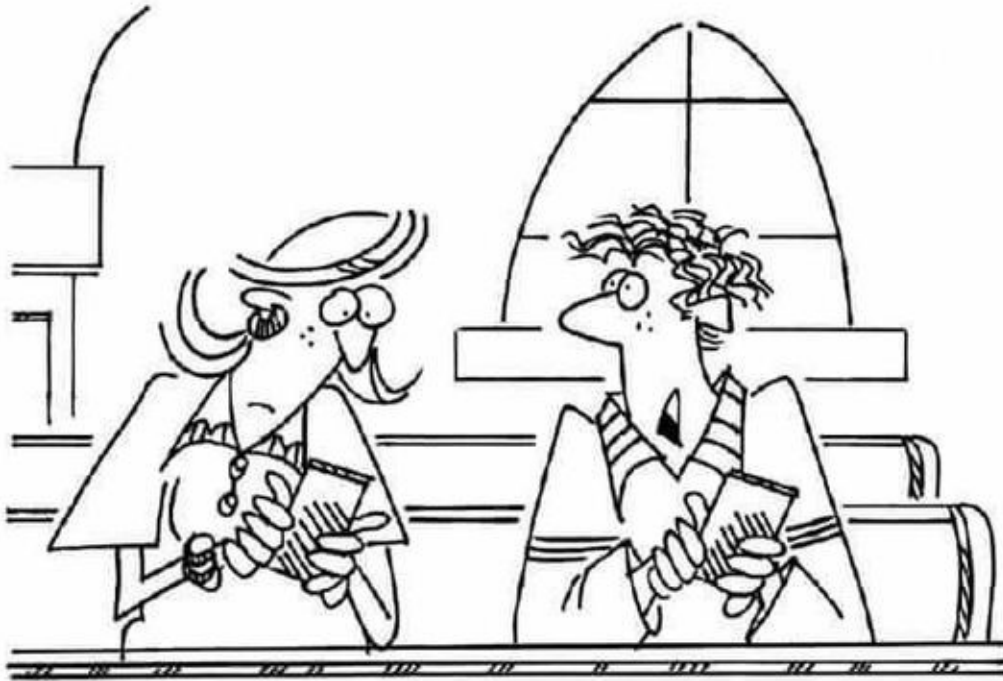
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FLETCHER

“The Pastor keeps referring to
‘this morning’s text’ ... but which one?”

Footprints in My Heart

*“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave **footprints in our hearts** and we are never ever the same.”*

About two months ago, I was attending a conference in Edmonton. Before each one of the sessions, there was a draw for a door prize. I was asked to draw one of the names. Closing my eyes, I reached in...and to everyone’s surprise (especially mine) took out the slip that had my name on it! I offered to put it back, but I was given the gift. It was a plaque with the quote that appears above. I was immediately drawn to the second sentence:

“Some stay for awhile and leave footprints in our hearts.”

As I reflect about our 14 years together in ministry, I become acutely aware of so many footprints in our hearts, thanks to all of you! In so many ways you have opened avenues of love, grace, forgiveness, hope and healing as Gretch and I and our family have journeyed together with you.

You have modeled a Christ-centred friendship and a welcoming spirit that has made us feel at home. We have been blessed over and over again. Your willingness to forgive my faults and failures has been a gracious gift.

Shortly after we arrived at LCOS, the congregational chair, Roberta Roesler, expressed the hope that I would find this call to be the best one. And in so many ways, by God’s grace, it has been. After our daughters endured quite a few moves, ironically when were pretty much empty-nesters, we finally “settled into” a call.

I recall at Preston Pouteaux’s farewell gathering that he was asked how he would spell LCOS (such an odd, but good question) and he replied, “LOVE.” And that pretty well sums it up for me as well!

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace...” (Philippians 1:3-7a)

In Christ alone

Pastor Lee



Vacation Bible School - August 20th to 24th

Guac



For Pre-School to Grade 5
9:00 AM until Noon
Sign-up to help online or in the lobby
Registration at: www.vbsfun.ca

Hope



Beacon



Set-up & Take-down crews wanted!

We are looking for helpers on Saturday, August 18th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm (drop in at anytime) and Sunday, August 19th after the Service for set-up of VBS. Following the end of VBS we need a take down crew on Friday August 24th for an hour or two. Come to one or all of these days to help out. It is lots of fun!

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VBS Volunteer

Orientation

August 15th at 6:30



Call Committee - August 2018



The Call Committee has continued the search for an interim pastor during June and July. We have interviewed one candidate and will be interviewing a second candidate in August. It is still our expectation that an interim pastor will be in place by September 1st.

There are a number of considerations when we consider an interim pastor candidate:

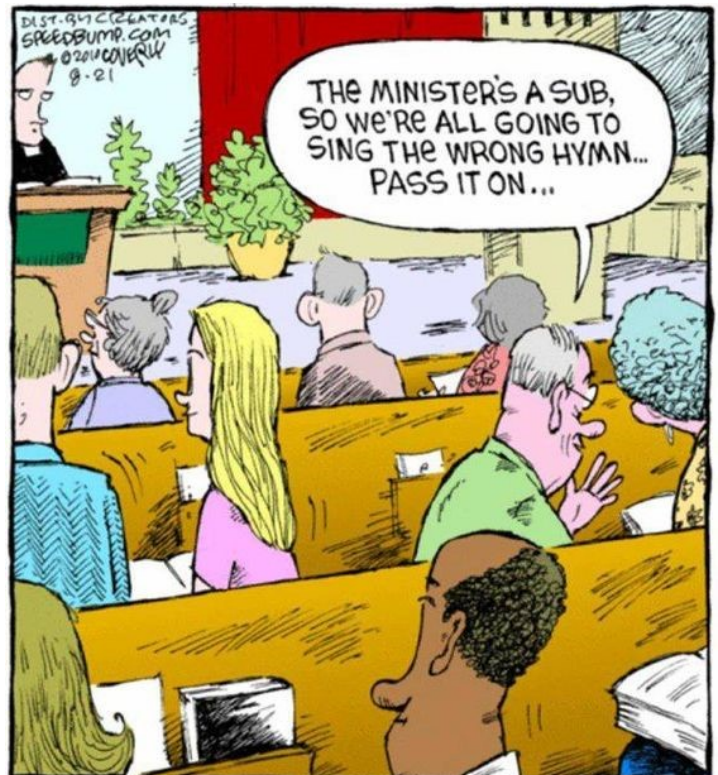
- 1) the prime objective during this interim period is to continue all activities and focus on the same basis as in the past;
- 2) that the candidate has a good “fit” with the congregation as concerns service style and formality
- 3) that the focus and interest of the pastor is consistent with that of the congregation i.e. Missional focus and congregational support and care.

During August the Call Committee will finalize the congregational questions that we will be using for our discussions with the congregation in September. This will assist with our completion of the Congregation Mission Profile. This document is used by the Bishop and potential pastors looking for a call to identify the congregation’s “personality” and focus to determine the appropriate candidates.

As always, if you have questions please contact me.

Garry Mihaichuk

Chair, Call Committee



Stampede Breakfast



**Thank you to congregation member and owner of Memory Box Photography
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Stampede Breakfast



Children & Youth Ministry



There's so much I want to put into this vine article! The past few months have been absolutely full of amazing memories, and stories, and August brings a chance to create even more of those moments. Of course, the highlight of July was our week with the Mustard Seed DEMO Crew in downtown Calgary. We met some amazing people, heard some heartbreaking stories, served a BBQ dinner to close to 150 people, sorted clothing at the sorting centre (and stumbled upon some of the Calgary Flames' players training shoes!), lived a day as a person experiencing homelessness on the streets (30,000 steps!), spent some time together in worship, and grew

closer together as a group (so many new inside jokes!). I know for myself personally, and I expect for many of the youth as well, this will be a memory that will last a lifetime. God is clearly at work in people experiencing homelessness, at the Mustard Seed, in downtown, and in our youth group. I encourage everyone to talk with one of our youth who attended! I'm sure they would love to share a funny story, and a life impacting moment too.

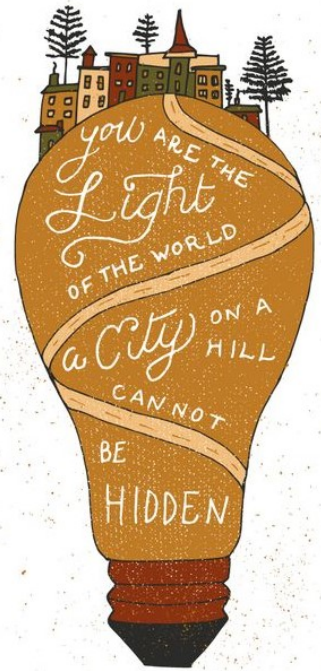
Our key passage from the week was Matthew 5. The theme of the DEMO Crew was Inversion, or changing our perspective. While there is a lot in that, especially in consideration of the purpose of the week being to see people experiencing homelessness in a new light, I learned one lesson more than any other. Each of us has a God-color, or a distinct flavor, that God uniquely created us with. But what's the point of having that distinct color if we don't shine it? And even more so than that, what's the point of other people have a God-color, if we don't see it? Because most of the time, if we just open our eyes to the people walking by us on the streets, or those sitting down on the curb as we walk on by, we can see who those people actually are in the eyes of God, and we can see God through them as well! How amazing and beautiful would it be if we could see all the God-colors in the world shining brightly?!

Matthew 5:14-16 MSG ~ "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on the hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

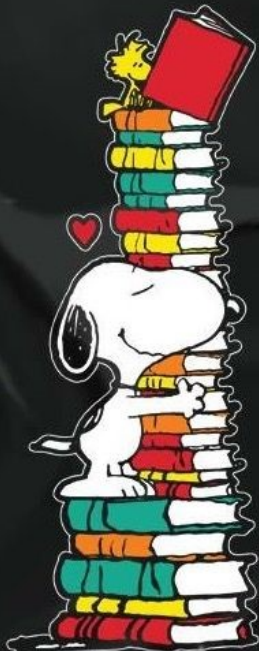
Children & Youth Ministry

August brings the chance to experience the power of God as well. We have our VBS camp coming up August 20th to 24th! This year our theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus, and it is setting up to be a fantastic week of snacks, games, science, songs, and much more! If you haven't registered your children yet, head over to vbsfun.ca to do so! We are still looking for a few volunteers, so please stop by our VBS hub space near the entrance doors to put your name down on the list if you feel called to do so! Finally, we do have a set up time that we need help with, on Saturday, August 18th at 2 pm and a clean-up time Friday, August 24th at 1 pm. And for all of our volunteers, don't forget our training night (note: not on Sunday this year) on Wednesday August 15th at 6:30pm.

And of course, August is a time of reflection, and enjoying the impact that Pastor Lee has had on this church family. Speaking from personal experience and on behalf of the youth and families in this congregation, there is no way to fully describe what Pastor Lee has meant to this ministry, and what he will continue to mean. August is a chance to congratulate and thank Pastor Lee, and wish him all the best in the future!



**SORRY
I'M BOOKED**



Summer Reading



Join our Book Club this fall

Sept. 11 - "Ayesha at Last" by Uzma Jalaluddin. A romance novel set in a Toronto Muslim community.

Oct. 9 - "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan. A young woman working at a Brooklyn naval yard during WWII deals with the mystery of her father's disappearance.

Nov. 13 "Full Disclosure" by Beverley McLachlin. A page-turning legal thriller by the recently retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The club meets on the Second Tuesday of every month (except Summer). More information at mratuski@shaw.ca

Financial Secretary Report - July

	YTD - 2018	YTD - 2017
Budgeted Giving	\$199,790.46	\$200,800.80
Designated Giving	\$36,975.60	\$66,049.15
Non-Receiptable / Credit	\$1,273.38	\$2,054.90
Other Income	\$7,875.39	\$19,187.42
TOTAL	\$245,914.83	\$288,092.27
Average Weekly Budget Offering	\$6,659.68	\$6,477.45
Average Weekly Budget Required	\$6,731.00	\$6,539.00
PAR Giving (included in above total)	\$31,923.00	\$33,258.00
Number of envelopes issued	179	181
Number of envelopes unused	23	20
Number of pledges (budget)	77	73
Number on or over pledge (budget)	47	42
Number under pledge (budget)	30	31
Average Weekly Attendance	174	172

Comments:

Year to date budgeted giving for 2018 is 0.5% lower than 2017.

General for 2018 includes:	AED defibrillator unit (\$3,135.00)
Designated >= \$1000 for 2018 includes:	CLWR (\$2,395.00)
	Coldest Night of the Year (\$1,803.05)
	AW Peterson Memorial (\$26,400.00)
	Pastor Retirement Gift (\$1,620.00)
Designated >= \$1000 for 2017 includes:	CLWR (\$2,745.00)
	Urgent Care (\$1,900.00)
	AW Peterson Memorial (\$37,300.00)
	Coldest Night of the Year (\$1,300.00)
	Grant:Alberta Synod:Business Fair (\$4,440.00)
	Refugee Mission (\$4,278.05)
Other Income >=\$1000 for 2017 includes:	St. John Lutheran Closing Donation (\$13,333.00)

Cliff Blumhagen
Financial Secretary

Financials

Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

Did you know that you may give to LCOS via pre-authorized remittance one time per month from your bank or credit union chequing account? This program is like any other pre-authorized debit program and is called the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. Debits will be drawn from accounts on the 20th of each month. Whenever the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the debits will be drawn on the first business day following the 20th. Donations via the PAR program will be recorded on quarterly statements and year-end tax receipts along with all other giving.

Amounts from PAR can be directed to:

- 1) The LCOS general budget
- 2) Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
- 3) Capital Maintenance

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes. The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

You can sign up, make banking or donation amount changes, or withdraw from the program at any time. These changes will be effective the month following the submission of the change. Forms are available to process these changes. The program is administered by the Financial Secretary. Authorization forms are available in the Place of Welcome.

Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to donate@oursaviourchurch.ca. Please include either your envelope number or your name and address in the email so that we can give you a proper receipt at the year's end.



Missional communities are not a new program or methodology for the church, but an ancient way of being God's people set apart for God's mission in the world.

JEFF VANDERSTELT

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Coming Up Sept 1—Kinzel/ Piercy Wedding Sept 3—Labour Day—Office Closed Sept 4—Regular office hours Mon to Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Sept 9—Two Services resume, fall programming begins Rev. Dr. Preston Pouteaux speaks on his book “The Bees of Rainbow Falls”.			1 7:00 Al-anon	2 7:00 Running Group	3	4 8:30 50+ Exercise
5 Communion Sunday 10:00 Worship Service	6 Heritage Day	7 1:00 Games Group	8 7:00 Al-anon	9 7:00 Running Group	10	11 8:30 50+ Exercise
12 Communion Sunday 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Service of Healing	13 7:00 Al-anon	14 7:00 Research Action Team—Seniors 7:00 Board Meeting	15 6:30 VBS Orientation 7:00 Al-anon	16 7:00 Running Group	17	18 8:30 50+ Exercise 2:00 VBS Set-up
			Organ Repair and Maintenance			
19 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 VBS Set-up	20	21	22 7:00 Al-anon	23 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Running Group	24	25 8:30 50+ Exercise 4:00 Retirement Program 6:00 Retirement Dinner
			Vacation Bible School			
26 Pastor Lee Retires Communion Sunday 10:00 Worship Service 11:30 Pie Social & Ice Cream Sundae Sunday	27	28	29 7:00 Al-anon	30 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Running Group	31	