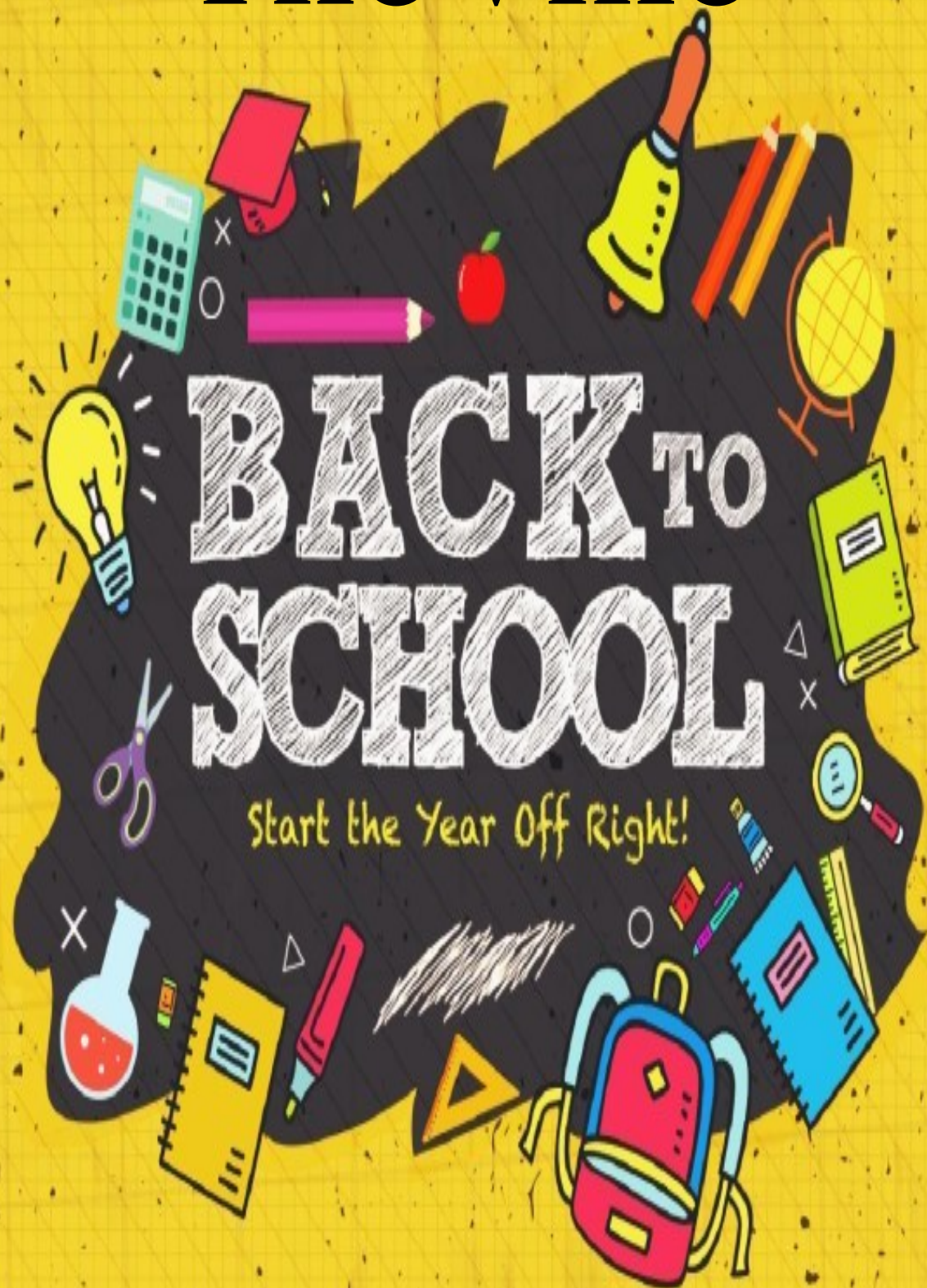


# The Vine



# September 2019

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# Pastor Report by Pastor Julianne Barlow

## On a Journey – Ephesians 4 The Message

*In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.*

Summertime is a great time to travel. No school, good weather and clear roads. We visit family, friends and new places. Like any trip there is lots to do. I remember as a child trying to get the travel trailer up – it didn't always go as my Dad thought it should. Sometimes the journey we are on is smooth as expected and other times more adventurous. Paul sees life with Christ as a journey, a road God calls us to travel with its ups and downs.

*You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.*

One year we travelled to and from Ontario in the station wagon pulling the tent trailer. We were one unit, in one vehicle, one family. Despite our different needs, personalities and temperaments, we were the Stonehill family. At the centre of our lives together was faith in Jesus. LCOS is permeated with faith in the living God and we are one family.

*But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.*

LCOS is travelling together, gifted and created to be uniquely ourselves living fully, alive like Christ. There is so much ahead we have not seen or experienced. There is anticipation for what God has for us. There is hope and joy as we journey together in one faith, one Lord, one Baptism. Amen.

Some people like to research and plan out every stop and every hotel. Others are a bit more willing to take whatever the day brings. The leadership of LCOS is intentionally balancing plans with “letting go and letting God.” As you read through this month's Vine you will see plans and you will see places and times where things just unfold. Most important in all this is that each of us in this body will choose where to grow and where to serve. Watch for a “grow and serve together” brochure next Sunday Sept 8.

# Pastor Report (continued)

## Are you looking for a way to try a new way of being God's people in your neighbourhood?

Creative Initiative grants are still available for congregations and ministries. These grants fund new endeavours which are experimental in spirit and genuinely seek to explore what it means to participate in God's mission in the world today.

### Background:

At the February 2015 meeting of the National Church Extension and Capital Fund (CECF), the following adaptive challenge was articulated: "Despite our desire to use the CECF fund faithfully, creatively and effectively, we are unsure how to participate in God's mission today in our changing local contexts. Hence we do not know how to best steward the use of the CECF resources (formerly used to buy land and mortgage new buildings)."

### Creative Initiatives overview:

Funds are intended to support or create learning opportunities as people join in the work God is already doing in our neighbourhoods and communities, not for solution based fixes to problems or those with a known and measureable end point, such as more people in worship, more youth, or financial success. Instead, these experimental activities are intentionally relational and open, with the expectation of learning along the way (listening, attending, discerning, experimenting and reflecting).

New Creative Initiatives missional formation learning opportunities are guided by a statement of the challenge we face for which we don't know a solution; We want \_\_\_\_\_ but we don't know how to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Characteristics of Creative Initiatives:

- Discernment of the work of the Holy Spirit is central
- Focussed on learning about God's planned future
- Localized, contextual and relational
- Collaborative in nature, joining in with other groups in the neighbourhood

### CECF grant expectations:

Creative Initiatives Experiments will include activities that foster discernment of God's mission and how to faithfully join in God's redemption, restoration and reconciliation of the world. These experiments facilitate a learning opportunity about how to join in in the work of the Holy Spirit in our local context.

Annual reports will be made in January via the Missional Consultant to the annual CECF Advisory Board. These reports must include financial accounting and reflection on what is being learned and discovered about how to participate in God's mission in our changing context. Funds must be used by June 2020 or returned to the CECF.

More information is available through the Synod office and an application form is available on the Synod website.

# Family & Youth Ministries Report by Jesse Ramson

It is hard to believe that summer is already over, and we are moving into another year of Family Ministry! While I will certainly miss all that summer had to offer, my excitement for the Fall knows no end!

We've got some incredible events planned, which you can see below, and some awesome resources that we are going to be using. By far I am most excited about some of the new directions we are going to be taking! For our Family Fun Nights, we are restructuring to allow for more biblical fun, which includes themed free meals each event, cool activities, and even new worship experiences for children and parents alike. Our youth are embarking on a new Grow journey, which includes a discipleship theme every three months, and a new topical study every month. September we are learning about dealing with hurt and pain in a study called Stronger. We also start our first discipleship theme, "Journeying with others". Lots of things to get passionate about, especially the potential for all of these events, activities, themes, conversations, devotions, and even relationships to really make a difference in not only the lives of our families, but the life of this church, as we all strive to grow closer to God.



# Family & Youth Ministries Report (continued)

## **Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm – Youth/Tweens – Family Amazing Race**

Youth and Tweens, invite your families to join you for this Amazing Race event to celebrate the launch of another year of ministry. You'll be travelling to different locations in Calgary completing timed challenges in a race to be the first one back to the church! Sign up your family team by Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>.



## **Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – Young Explorers/Youth – Sunday School Launch**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate another year of Sunday School! There'll be something for all ages to do, from games, to crafts, to snacks, and so much more!

## **Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – Young Adults – BBQ Launch**

What's the best way to kick off another year of small group? A BBQ! Join us here at the church for games, snacks, and of course, some hot dogs and hamburgers (vegetarian options available).



## **Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – Parents – Breakfast**



As a new initiative to better connect with families, every quarter we will be hosting an event for parents. This month, join us for a breakfast conversation, with great treats, where we will discuss some of the plans for the upcoming year, as well as share some fantastic resources. All parents are welcome to join!

# Family & Youth Ministries Report (continued)

## **Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – Family Fun Night – Creation**

Our newly formatted Family Fun Nights return with the theme of Creation! There'll be a free meal, themed experiments, games, crafts, and so much more. Part of the night will also include a separate worship experience for parents, and for the children! Bring your friends!



## **Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am – Youth Band Practice**



It's that time of year again; we're already practicing our Christmas songs. Bring your instrument out, and join our team, as we have fun learning and playing some new and old holiday tunes.

## **Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – Youth – Baking Challenge**

It's the return of an annual favourite! Put on your aprons, and get ready for a crazy baking challenge, with secret ingredients, a surprise recipe, and silly guest judges! And there is a prize for the winning team!



# Family & Youth Ministries Report (continued)

**Youth** – Our Youth Experiment group is for Grades 7 – 12, with a Sunday morning study at 10:00 am, and two fun events each month on Saturday nights (usually the second and fourth of the month) at 7:00 pm. This year we have some amazing events planned, including some amazing mission opportunities. We are also participating in the Grow Curriculum, which provides some incredible structure. Every three months, we will be focusing on a different discipleship principle, which will seep into our events and our devotions. Each month also provides an unique theme, which will dictate the direction of our Sunday morning classes. Check out the planning board in Classroom A/B for all the information!

**Tween** – The jump from Sunday School to youth events can be a big one for children, and somewhat scary as well. In order to ease the transition, we invite all those in Grade 4 – 6 to join us once a month on a Saturday night (usually the first of the month) at 7pm for a fun event with Biblical learning involved as well.

**Young Explorers** – Every Sunday morning at 10am, join us for crafts, science, games, videos, music, snacks and so much more! Split into two aged classrooms, kids are led through Bible lessons by a volunteer teacher from the congregation. This year we will be learning about the Heart of God! Watch for special family events and crafts on select Sundays as well.

**The Young Adults Group** – Did you know that almost 70% of graduating youth fall away from the church? In fact, the ages 18-29 have recently been identified as the most important for the formation of faith, and strengthening of a relationship with Jesus. This redesigned group combines our young adults ministries with those transitioning out of youth. For grades 11 through university, this group is all about continuing to develop relationships with each other and God. In order to keep our core together, we are meeting once a month, usually Saturday nights at 7pm, with a Bible study or fun fellowship event.

**Family Events** –Re-structured from last year, we invite all families of all ages to join us once a month on the third Friday at 6pm for tons of fun! Each event will be themed as we walk through the Bible, with activities like games and crafts tying back to the lesson of the day. Even the free meal will be connected! There will also be worship experiences for both parents and children included. Let Jesse know if you're interested in joining the email list for further communication for this group.

# Board Report

## Board Report

The Board has been extremely busy over the first half of the year. We have been involved with the Call Committee and Transition Team on developing a congregational strategy and direction that will be used in the next version of the call document for the Bishop. We have also been working on the financial position of the congregation and opportunities to increase revenues to assist in our current deficit position. We have also determined that we need to provide more frequent communication to the congregation and are always willing to answer your questions.

One important area of the Board's responsibility is the hiring and support of the pastor. This includes an initial assessment after 6 months and annual assessments. Our process is that we ask several congregational members to provide feedback along with the Board Chair. These comments are all combined and then the Board Chair provides an overview of the assessment for a discussion between the Board Executive (Board Chair – Garry Mihaichuk, Board Vice Chair – Jens Kaack and Board Secretary – Nick Perchthaler) and Pastor Julianne on July 15<sup>th</sup>. One of the observations that the Board Executive made was that some of the comments indicated that there was not a clear understanding of the roles and the duties that Pastor Julianne had been asked to complete. It was suggested that we should provide feedback to the entire congregation on these duties.

The Call Committee and Board, when examining Pastor Julianne's priorities in 2018, determined that the following needed to be key areas of focus: 1) Pastoral; 2) Management; and 3) Intentional.

The Pastoral duties included: preach and teach the Word of God; keep regular office hours and visitations; preside at worship and administer the sacraments; provide pastoral care to all individuals and families according to their needs; pastoral leadership at monthly board meetings; continue confirmation, first communion and new member instructions; be responsible for conducting and recording of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and congregational statistics; and encourage support for the total ministry of the ELCIC.

The Management duties included: hiring and evaluating staff; ensuring that training and cross training were completed by/for staff; mentoring staff and supervising staff; and "policy" discussions, recommendations and management approvals for Board approval.

The Intentional duties included the preparation for a new rostered leader with the congregation's increased awareness of identity, values and God's mission for them and our neighbourhood.

The duties are extensive and our assessment was that they were being well handled.

The Board will continue to provide more details on various topics during the rest of the year. Let us know what areas you would like to hear about.

Garry Mihaichuk  
Board Chair

# Transition Team Report

This diverse group of people are tasked with engaging in and encouraging connections which continue developing community. Terrylee, Jaqui, Andrew, Lloyd and Keith have been meeting monthly to also discuss and plan ways to listen to the congregation's understanding of what is important to the congregation and where God is leading LCOS. This is necessary work during any interim time. Not only does this exploration clarify the skills and interests a new pastor would need for this time in the life of LCOS, but it also open's space for LCOS to hear, discern and follow where God is leading.

- . . . Be bold, use the conversation cards at the coffee tables (new each week) to get to know your neighbour better.
- . . . Mark where you live on the map in the Fellowship Hall.
- . . . Plan to celebrate the after-summer start of fall events. There is a parent breakfast, a Sunday after service Cake Mixer, the return of regular small groups and much more. Watch for the complete list of activities available Sunday Sept 8.
- . . . Pray for the congregation, the task of call committee, the journey to call a new pastor.

The members of the Transition Team are interested in hearing what is important to you and where you believe God is leading the congregation.



# Call Committee Report

## 1. Mandate of the Call Committee

The committee, seeking God's will through prayer, interviews, and possible visits, will recommend a candidate to the congregation for call. Members of the committee may remain as a committee to assist with the transition of the rostered leader's early ministry.

## 2. Membership

The make-up of the Call Committee is 50% male and 50% female and has: 1) six (6) representatives from: i) mature aged/time in congregation members; ii) middle aged/time in congregation members; and iii) younger age/time in congregation members; 2) LCOS Past Board Chair; 3) Long time congregational member; 4) Call Committee Chair; and 5) Call Committee Secretary.

The following are the names of the committee members:

Chair	Garry Mihaichuk
Secretary	Vacant
	Jens Kaack
	Karen Smith
	Keith Rude
	Arianna Tenor
	Leah Thormoset
	Bob Montgomery
	Alex McKay

## 3. Call Committee Process

The Call Committee had an initial meeting with Bishop Larry on May 23, 2018 at which time we were told that the typical timeframe to complete a call was 1-2 years. Further, there was a suggestion that some time (usually 1 year) should be considered between the departure of a long-term pastor and the initiation of the call process. One of the reasons is that when we completed our last call the theory was that the pastor would come and then set the spiritual direction for the congregation. This has changed and now the board and congregation are expected to be involved in the strategy and determining the spiritual direction. The pastor is then called whom will best assist with this direction.

The start of the call process was the completion of a draft document which was submitted to Bishop Larry on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This was reviewed by the Bishop and he requested that the congregational strategy and direction be provided as part of the document. It was therefore determined that a strategy and pastoral needs assessment be completed with the congregation in small group discussions over a 2-week period in September. This will allow the Call committee to finalize the call document (Congregation Mission Document) which will be provided to Bishop Larry to search for candidates.

These can come from three sources: 1) congregational member suggestions; 2) pastors who are looking for a call or discerning whether they should be looking for a call; and 3) discussions with Pastors and Bishops on candidates that match our Congregation Mission Document.

# Call Committee Report (continued)

Prayer and discernment continue when we start to get candidate interest and information and sort through them in various meetings to determine if we can find a group of finalists. At this point we will review their sermons, interaction with the congregation, talents and areas of focus for their ministry. This will be the most intense part and will require all of your prayers to assist us in determining where God is leading us in the candidate selection. The final candidate will be presented to the congregation and will be voted on by the congregation.

Our senior pastor vacancy of 2 years will occur on August 28, 2020. Therefore, we are on schedule with what the Synod believes is the typical timeframe. One question we have been asked is whether Pastor Julianne can be nominated for the final candidate. An interim pastor is not eligible to be a candidate. The role of the interim is to transition the congregation to a new pastor which involves encouraging congregational awareness and assistance on where God is leading the congregation. Pastor Julianne's contract terminates in October 2020 no matter where we stand with attracting a new pastor.

## 4. Status

The Call Committee determined in November 2018 that there would be an advantage to completing a comprehensive survey of the congregation's personality and identity. This resulted in collaboration with Ambrose University and the completion of the Flourishing Congregation Survey. The results of this survey provided the Call Committee with a view of our identity and areas that the Transition Committee should concentrate on to prepare the way for a new pastor.

The Call process requires a submission to the Synod which is called the Congregation Mission Profile that provides potential candidates with information on LCOS. This required further meetings with the Board, Call Committee and the Transition Committee to develop a draft direction that can be shared with the congregation. This was completed on June 25<sup>th</sup> and we are currently completing the draft. Our expectation is that this will result in meetings with the congregation and the Transition Committee in September and an updated profile being submitted by the end of September. We have received a total of 4 candidates from the congregation to date. We will continue to receive further potential candidates from the congregation and to explore their capabilities and our interest in them.

## 5. Plans and possible timing

Submit Congregation Mission Profile to Bishop Larry  
Review congregational pastor candidates  
Receive candidates from Bishop  
Review and short list candidates  
Interview candidates and view in home congregation  
Determine final candidate  
Put forth call  
If candidate declines the second candidate is called  
Present candidate to congregation for approval  
New Senior Pastor installation

September 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 31<sup>st</sup>  
January

Candidate has 1 month

# Risk Management Committee Report

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## COMING SOON! New Keys & locks for our doors...

Some of you may recall that sometime in the 1990's our property committee under the able direction of Roger Eng oversaw the last change to our building lock structure. They decided on a **structured key hierarchy** that would ensure those that needed access to a specific area of the building had the ability to access it as they needed it but protected it from general access. Master keys were cut to allow access to all locations and were few, held only by the Pastor and Chair of the Property committee.

Since that time, the number of keys and key holders have expanded greatly. Today it is fair to say that no one has an accurate record of who has what. Over that same period, we have had a break-in, attempted break-ins, a theft from an administrative office and doors unintentionally left open after hours.

For all of these reasons, the Risk Management Committee has recommended the Board authorize a change to a new lock and key structure. The Board has agreed and this process has been started. The administration offices have been re-keyed and the occupants issued new keys.

The next step is to re-key the exterior doors. The Risk Management and Property committees have collaborated and determined the following system:

1. The west door (parking lot entry) will be keyed with a commercial grade lock and key that is not duplicatable. The number of key holders is currently being determined.
2. All other exterior doors will be fitted with panic-bar style openers with 'allen-key' opening & locking capability.

**Before a change to the exterior doors begins**, we want to ensure all members of the congregation and all user groups are aware of the planned upcoming change and have had an opportunity to offer their opinion or make suggestions. **If you would like to offer a suggestion, please contact a member of the Risk Management group listed above.**

Respectfully  
For the Risk Management Committee  
Chair - Bob Montgomery

# Alberta Synod Area Gatherings 2019



Each fall, congregations across the ABT Synod are invited to gather together to worship, read the Word, pray, and have conversations, as well as enjoy good food and fellowship. Bring a car load from your congregation to share your stories and celebrations, to connect with others in your Area, and share your Mission in Ministry. All are welcome!

## **Speaker: Dr. Joel Thiessen**

Professor, Sociology  
Director, Flourishing Congregations Institute  
Ambrose University

Dr. Joel Thiessen has organized the congregational Survey LCOS completed in February. Join this event to hear the latest.



## **Dates**

September 21 – Southwest Area, Hope Lutheran, Calgary

## **Agenda for Area Gatherings 2019**

8:15	Registration and Refreshments
9:00	Gathering in Song and Opening Worship including Dwelling in the Word
9:45	Bishop's Time
10:15	Body Break
10:30	National Convention Report
10:45	Dr. Joel Thiessen
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Gathering in Song
1:15	Area Conversation
2:15	Body Break
2:30	Closing Eucharist and Sending

To register for Southwest Area Gathering September 21 in Calgary (Hope Lutheran, Calgary):

[www.albertasynod.ca/convention/area-gatherings](http://www.albertasynod.ca/convention/area-gatherings) or call Marg at 780-439-2636

# Community Clothing Giveaway

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

## **COMMUNITY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

at Lutheran Church of the Cross

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

10620 Elbow Drive SW

Donations of clean, gently used clothing will  
be gratefully accepted at church **Sept. 11 to 13**  
For an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the  
community follow this link to volunteer:  
[volunteersignup.org/KBWY7](http://volunteersignup.org/KBWY7)



## Calgary Alliance for the Common Good



*You're Invited:*

### ***Founding Assembly & Campaign Launch***

***October 17***

***Musical Program @ 6:40 pm***

***Formal Program @ 7:00 pm***

***Knox United Church - 506 4th Street SW***

***All are Welcome***

***Please Register at: [www.calgarycommongood.org/founding\\_assembly](http://www.calgarycommongood.org/founding_assembly)***

# Unger Update

Slang is a fascinating aspect of language. What is it, for example, that turns **sick** into a word that adequately communicates 'great amazing' among today's youth (e.g., "That 720 was *sick*, dude")? Or **smash** a word that a Kiwi friend uses to mean 'fix, get done accomplish' (e.g., "Let's *smash* that head gasket, bro")? Whatever it is, it definitely adds some spice to our speech! **Doku speakers do slang, as well.** For example, the phrase *e tari botu* 'he's pulling a boat' means a man is married (akin to a ship pulling its tender). Or someone who goes *SolAir* is a person who goes from village to village until he wears out his welcome (*SolAir* is the national airline of Solomon Islands). Fun stuff!

At the end of Paul's last trip in 2018, the translators were able to get through most of the gospel of Mark during a consultant check. That was great (or *sick*, if you will), but there were three chapters to go to get it completed... When **Paul returned to the Solomons at the end of May**, he still hadn't heard from the consultant (who was facing numerous issues back home), and the hopes of completing the check this trip were fading. But a week after Paul arrived in the Solomons, the consultant wrote and said he was available, Paul was able to gather the people needed for the check in the Solomons, and **they were able to smash the check of Mark's gospel in a week!**

A book that has been consultant checked is fit for wide distribution. With that hurdle cleared, **Paul printed 60 copies of Mark to give to church and community leaders throughout the Doku language area.** We want them to be able to read it and also hope that they will give us feedback on dialect and denominational differences.

With his backpack full of books and a tank full of gas, **Paul set out on his motorbike to distribute as many copies as he could.** Stopping at village after village and talking with a number of excited church leaders, Paul was getting close to taking a break for lunch. He had just delivered three copies to a village pretty far up in the hills, and was on his way back out to the main road when **he was hit head-on by a 2 tonne truck...** And then *smash* and *sick* took on their usual meanings. Things could have been much worse, but Paul walked away with a broken collarbone and a gash in his leg that required six stitches to close. With help from a US military unit looking for WWII remains (that just *happened* to be coming down the same road about 10 minutes after the accident), Paul was able to get down to the main road where our director and a friend picked him and his bike up and took him to the hospital in town where they stitched up his leg. His return flight was just a few days away, so he slung his arm up until he could consult a doctor back home. Surgery was ordered and completed June 26, and he is now on the mend. We're very thankful for how this has turned out!

We mentioned the US military unit that "just happened" to find Paul in the literal middle of nowhere. There have been **a couple of other random meetings over the past few weeks** as well:

a) **the professor:** One day at the beginning of May we received the following message:

Dear Paul, Was very excited to come across your thesis 'Aspects of Lengo Grammar' online and have just downloaded it. I will read it with a lot of interest as I am a native Lengo Speaker. *Doku mamate*, G.

G. happens to be a professor at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji! We wrote back and forth and ended up sending him a copy of the dictionary as well as some translation drafts. His only question was, "Are these just for me, or can I share copies with Doku speaking students who are studying here in Fiji?" You can probably guess our answer—yes please!

b) **the pharmacist:** Paul was looking for something in the pharmacy in Honiara on behalf of a friend in Canada. After asking and finding they didn't have it, Paul let slip, *Doku po* 'That's alright.' "You speak Doku language?!" the pharmacist asked. As a result of our conversation, he got a copy of Mark to review.

## Unger Update (continued)

c) **the nurse:** there were two others getting stitched up in the 'minor theatre' with Paul in Honiara. Nurses were buzzing about, and again Paul let slip, *Doku po* 'That's alright' when his nurse apologised for something that made him flinch. A nurse holding a flashlight for one of the other patients slowly turned to him wide eyed and said, "Where did you learn 'language'?!" When Paul told him the village he said, "That's where I'm from!" And then the penny dropped and he asked, "Do you have two kids, Hannah and Isaac?" Yes, and three more besides. "You're Paul!" And we chatted away in her language, much to the chagrin of the nurse who was depending on him holding the flashlight steady!

Who knows what comes of these encounters with various 'professionals', but we think it's pretty *sick* how God *smashes* things that we wouldn't come up with on our own. Thank you for continuing to bring us before the God who does immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine (Ep. 3:20).

Gratefully,  
Paul and Cathy

Note: Paul & Cathy are Ken and Pat Farn's daughter and son-in-law. Please continue to include them in your daily prayers.

## Aging In Place Seminar

### Aging In Place Seminar Exploring Challenges and Opportunities

Free Seminar providing information and resources. Presented by Christ Moravian Church.

Keynote Speakers (Kerby Centre, Age Friendly Calgary, Alberta Health Services)

**Christ Moravian Church**

600 Acadia Drive SE

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Register by September 10: Call 403-271-2700 or Email [CMEvents271@gmail.com](mailto:CMEvents271@gmail.com)**

# Mural Report by The Guiding Mission Team



## The Guiding Mission

team would like to thank the congregation for their support over the past year to make the mural possible. On August 10th we braved the threat of

rain and hosted a celebration and painting party in the LCOS parking lot. We had roughly 100 participants with about 25% coming from the congregation and the rest from the larger community. Many participants came from groups that had provided ideas for the mural and so they were excited to see their ideas come to life on such a grand scale. The final step of applying the anti-graffiti paint must wait until September. If you would like to help with this step please let Darren Tenor know.



By Darren Tenor



The mural has been our most ambitious experiment to date, and represented a long lasting and fun way to extend the reach of LCOS into the community in a manner that was inclusive, positive and open-minded. We have already received hundreds of views on the Acadia Mural Project's Facebook page which can be viewed at [www.acadiamural.ca](http://www.acadiamural.ca). More pictures and the meaning behind different sections of the mural will be added in the coming days. The mural represents a wide array of people from the congregation and community who are excited by this splash of colour and missional spirit on our old retaining wall.



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## Mural Report (continued)



The process we followed included explaining and gathering image ideas from the congregation and community. Then the Guiding Mission team and our lead artist, Sylvia Prochown, worked to bring a cohesive whole so she could create a mock-up of the final mural. Once approved by the Board and the congregation, a rough outline of the mural was added to the wall with paint, and then the volunteers took it upon themselves to paint and create the mural. The final product isn't exactly what we expected or proposed, but it is a series of true images from the people who painted it.

Challenges faced members of the Guiding Mission group, above and beyond the development and creation of the mural itself. Joe Schulz (and his wife Shaaron) moved this Summer, meaning that he would only be involved in the logistics. Calling himself an old dinosaur, a portion of the mural represents Joe and his experiences in the military and supporting children. Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor has been on disability/leave in 2019 and Darren Tenor lost his father Bill suddenly in March. By relying on one another and placing our faith in Jesus, we found the strength necessary to complete the project.



None of this would have been possible without the generous grant from the Calgary Foundation, which paid for the paint and brushes, the food, the door prizes, the gifts for the children, the entertainers, and the anti-graffiti coating, and the honorarium for our lead artist.

God Bless,

Guiding Mission team (Joe, Katharine and Darren)



# Donation Information

## DID YOU KNOW???

The following are ways to donate to LCOS:

- Use sanctuary donation envelopes  
These are pink envelopes found in the pew holders
- Request a set of personal donation envelopes to use throughout the year  
Contact the church office for a set of envelopes ([office@oursaviourchurch.ca](mailto:office@oursaviourchurch.ca) or 403-253-1453)
- Sign up for automatic monthly bank/credit union account withdrawals Pre-Authorized Remittance-PAR  
Contact Cliff Blumhagen to sign up ([blumhagencg@gmail.com](mailto:blumhagencg@gmail.com) or 403-936-0419)
- Interac e-transfer  
Send to [donate@oursaviourchurch.ca](mailto:donate@oursaviourchurch.ca)

For all methods of giving please include your envelope set # (if you have one) or your name and address so we can give you a proper receipt at year end.

Note: Amounts of \$10.00 and over during the calendar year are receipted.

## COMING!!

Online giving and text giving will be available in the coming weeks. Watch for information about this.

# Miscellaneous

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Interested in painting, repairs and other property maintenance needs? Ken Farn is looking for volunteers to assist with the on-going maintenance of this building. Please contact him at [kenfarn22@gmail.com](mailto:kenfarn22@gmail.com).

**Drop in Dwelling:** Come when you can, come once, come occasionally or every week to listen to God's voice through scripture, discerning where the Holy Spirit, is leading. Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**New Member Sunday:** Sunday, September 29, 9:00 and 11:00 am Services  
Anyone interested in becoming a member of LCOS is asked to contact Pastor Julianne at 403-464-8254 or [pastorjulianne@lcos@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjulianne@lcos@gmail.com).

**Standard First Aid Training:** Tuesday, September 24  
If you are interested in registering for this event kindly contact the church office.

The northern most male/female **washroom** in the office hallway has been equipped with a raised toilet seat. One of our members, who can now more easily attend worship and other activities in the building, is very grateful.

# Bishop's Message

Dear Beloved of God,

I have been in a reflective mood as of late. Perhaps it is because I am preparing this article at the beginning of August with some holiday time behind me and fall just over the horizon of my computer screen. Perhaps it is because on July 9 I celebrated thirty years of ordained ministry.

Time has flown by. I was ordained in my home congregation. Valhalla Lutheran Church, Valhalla Centre, Alberta. Yes, a Norwegian settlement with a handful of Germans sprinkled in this farming community.

Following ordination I have been blessed to serve, together with my wife, Cathy, with and among the people of Bethany Lutheran Church, Dickson (1989-1993), Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Lethbridge (1993-2002), Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton (2002-2010), as Assistant to the Bishop (beginning August 2010), and as Bishop (since January 26, 2013).

Within my time as Bishop, and certainly over the thirty years, there has been significant change, however, I continue to live by three core values which I first named while at College: servant-leadership, affirmation and involvement while seeking to engage, empower and equip the people of God.

Each year I seek to take time to reflect on this calling. Over these summer months I have been pondering, reflecting and writing about these thirty years, both the joys and the challenges.

Since 2013 I continue to return to a writing Cathy and I commissioned from Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken for my ordination as Bishop. In shaping the poem, which Faith read during the Ordination, she considered the texts for the worship, the hymns selected for congregational song and ensemble singing, as well as a handful of images, metaphors and pastoral themes which are deeply meaningful to me.

The poem is titled: **Ordination**

Nobody asks for drowning, certainly not the infant  
gently tilted head towards the font,  
arms and legs splayed suddenly with fear,  
maybe a whimper or a shrill cry  
as the robed one sifts through the sparkling water  
and touches the tiny brow, barely downy with hair,  
the rhythm of "The Father. . . and of the Son . . . and of the Holy Spirit"  
incanted before a finely woven linen cloth dabs away the drops.  
Everyone so easily forgets that dying can begin like this,  
the cross fingered again on the forehead at the dawn of each new day.

## Bishop's Message (continued)

Nobody asks to have her feet washed either,  
not on Maundy Thursday even, unless her shoes  
are polished, her stockings free of runs and easily removed,  
her toenails trimmed and filed that very morning.  
Maybe then she offers but can't quite face the eyes  
of the one who silently lifts her foot from the basin,  
wraps it awkwardly in a freshly laundered towel,  
drying the creases between each toe.  
Most would rather forget how almost embarrassing it is  
to be served this way by a neighbor or a friend  
much less the One incarnated in this sacred, tender act.

Nobody asks to be called into paradox either  
when the people proclaim, "You lead!"  
and in the same voice add, "You serve!"  
our meanings translated into as many tongues  
as join in song and blessing on this day.  
Wash my feet, but don't embarrass me.  
Splash my head with the font's damp cross  
but don't let me stay in the drowning.  
As you shepherd, walk beside us;  
notice how cracked our feet really are,  
how chapped our hands,  
and whenever we meet eye-to-eye,  
(especially try to meet us there)  
call us brother, sister, as we are yours,  
and remind us, so we don't forget,  
of the wondrous ache and splendor  
of love made whole first by being broken,  
made new first by dying,  
made perfect by the One whose body  
here and now we are,  
heads, hands, feet, eyes, tongues and all.

Blessings as you enter the fall season...see you at Area Gatherings.

In Christ Jesus –  
Shalom,  
+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

*"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)*

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 10:00 Worship Service	2	3 1:00 Games Group	4 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Drop In Dwelling 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 11 am Praise Team	5	6	7 6:30 Breakfast at the Seed 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 6:00 Youth/Tweens Family Amazing Race
8 Sandwich Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers/ Youth Sunday School Launch 11:00 Worship Service	9 7:00 Al-anon	10 7:00 Today's Pilgrims 7:00 Transition Team	11 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Drop In Dwelling 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 11 am Praise Team	12	13 7:00 Young Adults BBQ Launch	14 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 9:00 Parents Breakfast
15 Communion 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service	16 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside	17 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Board Meeting	18 9:00 Staff Meeting 9:30 Experiencing God 10:30 Southwood Service 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Drop In Dwelling 7:30 11am Praise Team	19 7:15 Flock Care	20 6:30 Family Fun Night Creation	21 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 10:00 Youth Band Practice
22 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service	23 1:00 Memory Plus	24 9:00 First Aid 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	25 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Drop In Dwelling 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 11 am Praise Team	26	27	28 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 7:00 Youth Baking Challenge
29 Hot Dog Lunch New Member Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service	30 1:00 Memory Plus					