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Our Mission:

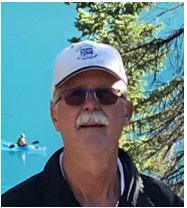
We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ.

Our Vision:

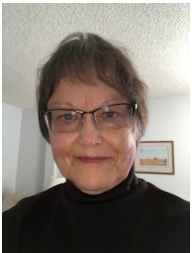
To be a Christ-centered community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples.

Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - noon

Brent



Lois



Alfred



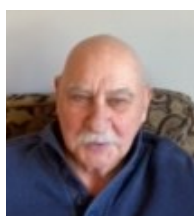
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DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD,
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Trail Blazers

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! -Hebrews 12:1-3 (The Message)

This past month I read a disturbing article from the Daily Mail that said Christianity will be a minority faith by 2060. Here is the article.

(<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11211575/Christianity-set-MINORITY-faith-soon-2060-millions-switch-secularism.html>).

We are on the fast track to being a place where churches are empty and many claim no affiliation with organized religion.

What is happening?

It is the end of the world as we know it.

Pastor's Message (continued)

What do we do as a church in a society that is running away from organized religion?

There are difficult times ahead for the church in North America. What can we do to reach our church-less society with the Good News? I believe the author of Hebrews has some good ideas.

Keep our eyes on Jesus. Trust that He is the leader of the church. With His leadership, the church will continue. The best way to focus on Jesus is to read his word, pray often, and worship regularly.

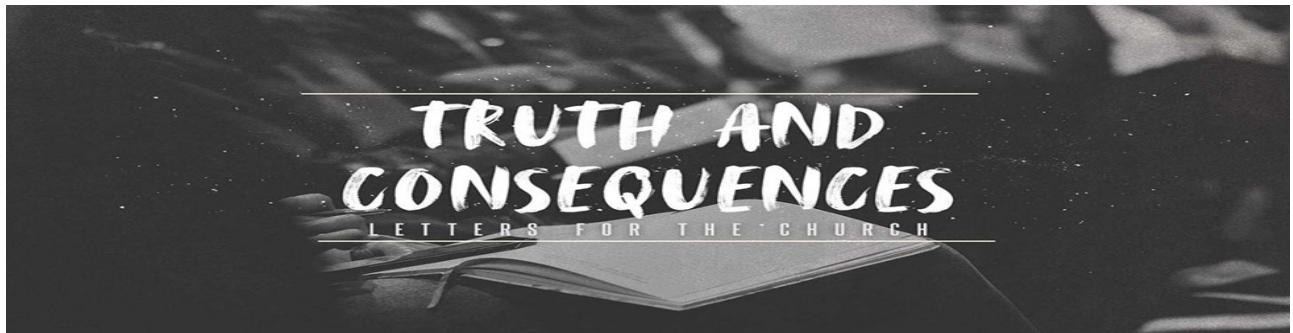
Look to the Past for Guidance. I don't mean the 1950's. I mean the 50's: the era of the Early Church. They went through persecutions. They suffered through conflicts within the church. They were small but had big goals and they loved one another and the individuals outside their faith community. This radical love was their best evangelism tool and they changed the world. They are cheering us on to do the same.

Be the light of the world. The Hebrew author calls his community to get rid of baggage that would hinder the Christian witness. Baggage such as frivolous conflicts and needless traditions. He also calls believers in Jesus to live a life that was radically different from the self-centered culture of the times. We, too, must have clarity in message and morality. In doing so, the church's light shines brighter in dark times.

Be a pioneer. Let others know that we don't proclaim a religion, but a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Blaze the trail God has placed before you and be encouraged: God is, and will always be, in control.

Your fellow trailblazer,

Pr. Greg



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY

Through the month of October, we will be focusing on the book of 2 Timothy. This is a letter of Paul's to young pastor Timothy at Ephesus. It includes themes of truth and faithfulness in the midst of suffering. We will explore these as they are as relevant today as they were to those 1st century followers of Jesus.

October 2	2 Timothy 1:1-14	From Timidity to Triumph
October 9	2 Timothy 2:8-15	A Hill Worth Dying On
October 16	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Breath of Heaven
October 23	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	An Apostle's Swan Song
October 30	Youth-led Worship Service	

Board Report by Alfred Forbrich

What a wonderful September we've had. Other than a couple nights where the temperature dropped to around 0C and one day of rain, which of course we have needed, we have been very blessed and it looks like we will see at least a few more days of nice weather.

It's been a very exciting month with Mariette Jessup hitting the ground running and starting Kids Church going and arranging the very first and HUGELY successful Fall Carnival/Hot Dog Sunday on September 25 after service. As always a huge THANK YOU from the Board to the organizers, volunteers, of course the sponsors and donors, the pie bakers and everyone that prepared Hot Dog Sunday. It was certainly hard not to sneak off with one of the pies before the auction but I was good. I'm sure that there will be lots of photos on the bulletin board outside Judy's and Mariette's offices of the event.

It's so nice to see the young children on Sunday mornings gathering at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's message and then Kids Church after service. We are so fortunate to see the return of the children. I was amazed when I was leaving LCOS today after service that a young person rode up on his bicycle and when I asked if he was there for the Carnival he said, no for Kids Church. Way to go Mariette!!

Bible studies are in place with Pastor Greg doing a study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am and Jens doing a study Sunday morning at 9:00 am. I've seen Pastor Greg's study on Facebook for those who aren't able to attend. Sometimes I've wondered about social media, but then seeing Pastor Greg's study online just shows what Outreach is available to LCOS.

Of course, Fellowship continues after service as well and it's so successful that members aren't wanting to hustle away right away. We are also seeing some new faces at LCOS. Some comments I've heard is that we are such a welcoming congregation. Remember, if you see someone you don't recognize, we do have the Welcome table where, if they feel comfortable they can leave their name and number and someone from LCOS will reach out to them. If you are coming to service, please check your mail slot to see if your name tag is there, or if you took it home at some point, and please start to wear your name tag again.

A group of volunteers led by Ken Farn have been busy freshening up the paint on the wood on the outside of the Church building. There were several days of sanding required to prepare the wood and there has been a couple of Saturdays spent painting. We've been fortunate that the weather has been warm enough to paint/stain. There's been coffee and Tim bits for break time. More volunteers are always welcome as there is lots of painting left to do. Please contact Ken Farn if you have time to help.

The Board met on the third Tuesday of September, September 20. The Board continues to be very active in the three key focal areas of Youth Ministry, Outreach and Technology. Youth and Family Ministry as well as Outreach are well on their way. The Technology team continues to work on preparing a recommendation to the Board, now set for October, on how we should update our system. They have been talking to other churches to get an idea as to what others have been doing. As always, we could use a few more volunteers who are interested in running the system when Mike and Garry are away. This will require some in depth training. Let us know if you are interested.

Board Report (continued)

On the Financial side, we are continuing to run a deficit. The deficit has settled down a little in the last month, running at around \$8500 at the time of the last Board meeting. Now that we are entering the fall and winter, some expenses, utilities and snow removal for example, will grow again. While a deficit was forecast and budgeted for, it remains a concern for the Board. That is why we continue to monitor this very closely every month.

The Board continues to work on behalf of the Congregation to ensure that LCOS is a safe place where we can grow according to our Mission "We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ" and our Vision "To be a Christ-centered community that equips disciples to make disciples". If you have any questions or comments regarding Board activities, please feel free to contact Nick Perchthaler at nperchthaler@shaw.ca or via phone at 587-437-8511.

Alfred Forbrich
Board Vice-Chair



Youth and Family Ministries by Mariette Jessup



Carnival = 250 Smiles!



WOW! Our 1st Annual fall Carnival has supercharged LCOS with energy to last for a long time! Our church is truly a loving family, supporting each other and serving the community in Jesus' Name! A Huge, Heartfelt Thank You to everyone who pitched in to make this day a beautiful one to remember!

17 Pies!!! ... beautiful and delicious, featured in the Silent Auction were a highlight of the Carnival! The highest bid for a homemade pie was \$45! Facepainting (courtesy Jocelyn) had a long lineup all afternoon! We estimate that 250 people enjoyed the Carnival, and seeing wall to wall smiles and excitement all afternoon was thrilling!

Hosting the Carnival gave us a Profit of over \$400 and priceless connections in the community! Elvis was in the building! I hope you enjoy the video and pictures capturing the moments of the day ... Much gratitude to those who volunteered at the event ... making popcorn, grilling and serving hotdogs, running games and stations, cleaning up ... and having Fun and serving as ambassadors of LCOS as we welcomed the community!

Lastly, I can't reflect on our 1st Annual Fall Carnival without tipping my bowler hat to Judy (JUBIE the Clown) McDonald ... who was my enthusiastic, energetic teammate as we crafted our Carnival! I consider it a big blessing from God that I get to work alongside Judy, who as everyone already knows, is super skilled and efficient, ever caring and wise, with energy and enthusiasm at the ready to accomplish whatever needs to be done!

Looking to October, I am eager to continue building relationships with children and youth and their families. Kids Church for Pre-K – grade 7 is every Sunday at 11 am following Service. We are excited about a special Thanksgiving activity on Sunday, October 9th! The Search Youth Group is meeting Saturday, October 1st at 6:30 pm at the church. In addition to our faith formation and getting ideas for our 'Just For Fun' events, we will be planning for our first Youth-led Worship Service on Sunday, October 30th! The last Sunday of each month, our youth will step-up and lead us in Worship, as well as tear-down and clean-up after hot dog Sunday!

During the month of October, Giving Thanks is the focus. I want to say, that our church family has made me feel so loved and supported and encouraged ... your kindness has made me so Joyful ... enabling me to work for our church and Jesus as the best disciple I can be ...Thank You All!

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WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 AM

KIDS CHURCH @ 11:00 AM

(PRE-K - GRADE 7)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!



The Search

Asking the Big Questions

Youth Grade 8 -12

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Submitted by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

If you wish to contribute to the church, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account.

If you sign up by October 01, your monthly donation would begin October 20. Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or blumhagencg@gmail.com) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail, bring to a church service, or drop off a cheque at the church.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card **):

Donations are made via the following secure link: <https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/now>.

Text Giving (via credit or debit card):**

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

NOTE:

Giving via online and text will go to General giving.

General giving and Designated giving can be done via Interac E-transfer and cheque.

In autumn, we remember the Lutheran Theological seminary in Saskatoon. Please consider a monetary gift to the seminary this autumn.

Please contact Cliff if you would like a set of offering envelopes for 2023.



Thank You to Our Amazing Worship Team



Alex



Reiko



Monika



Terrylee



Lauren



Garry



Bill



Doug



Mike



Joan



Yvonne



Dorothea

Special Birthdays We'd Like to Celebrate



Berva Huber

Daisy Eng

Update on the LCOS Library by Pastor Greg



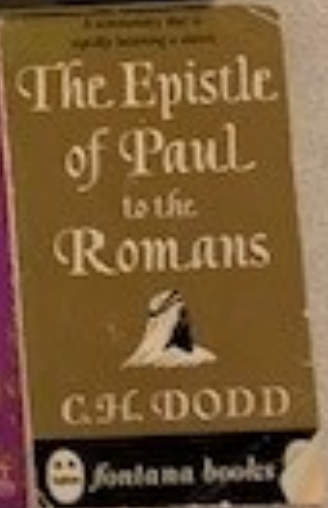
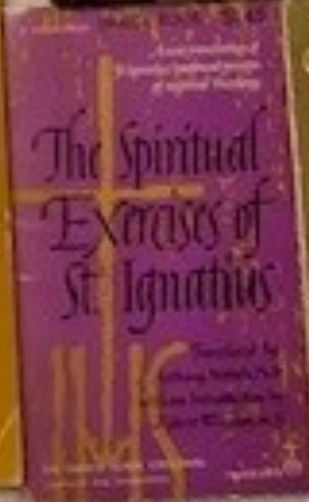
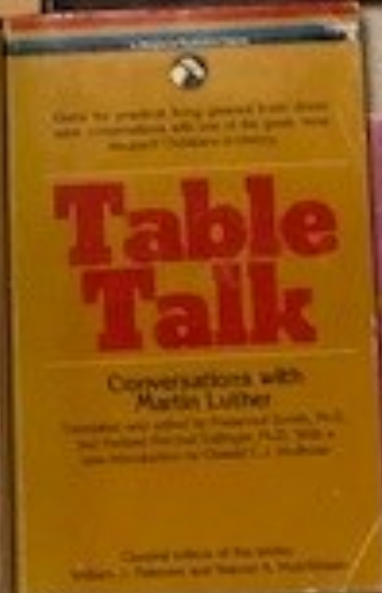
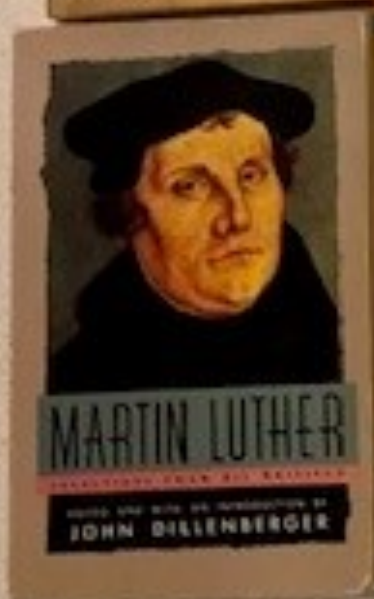
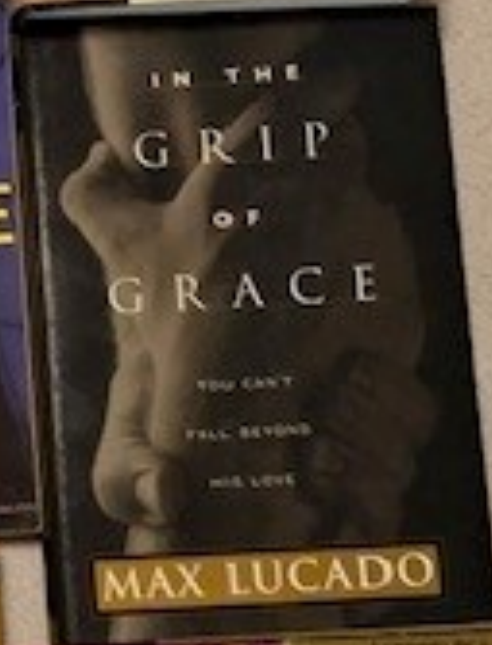
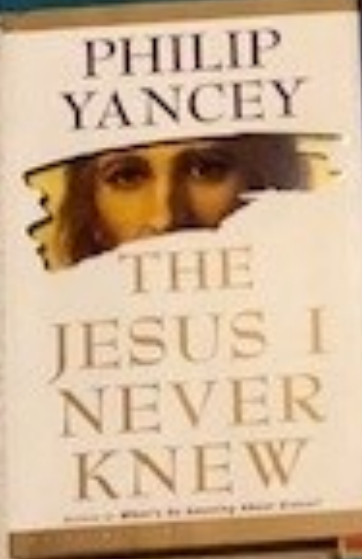
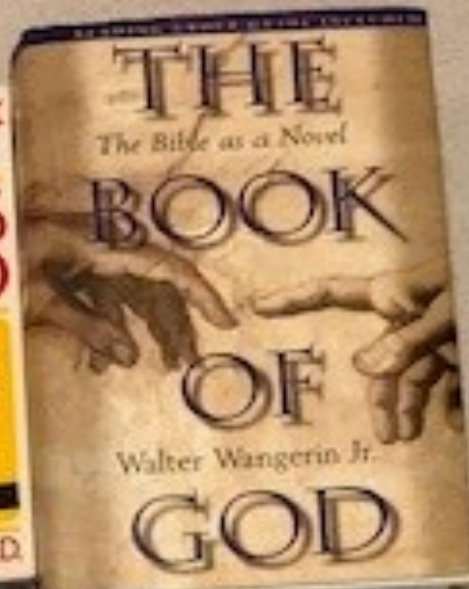
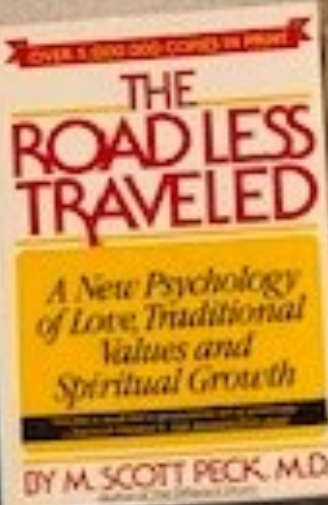
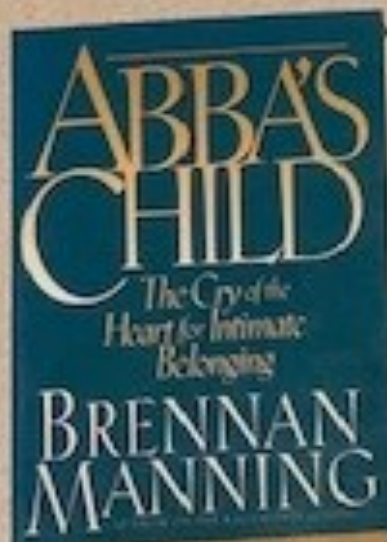
I want to take this opportunity to update the congregation on what is happening with the library. While the library is being downsized, it is not closing. The changes in the space will be the removal of the shelves in the middle of the room. The shelves along the wall will stay and house the updated library. This will allow extra space for the multi-purpose use of the library space.

The books that have been removed have gone to wonderful causes. Some will be housed at a library at a camp championed by Pastor Lee. Others will find their way to our Operation Christmas Child boxes, thanks to the work of Doreen Hogg.

With the library that remains, we will be starting a new initiative to encourage the use of the library. Each month we will have a list of favorite books by selected members. This October will begin with some of Pastor Greg's favorite books. They will be placed in the kiosk by the Fellowship Hall for people to take, read and return.

I hope this clears up any confusion that there may have been regarding the library.

Pastor Greg's Picks for October



LCOS 1st Annual Fall Carnival



Thank you Sponsors!

LCOS 2022

September 25

Fall Carnival



Flying Squirrel
Trampoline Park

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A WORLD OF CHEESE

Jocelyn Smith

INDEPENDENT EPICURE CONSULTANT

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dental group



Carmen Darichuk



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Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Director, Kathy Katrick, will be offering Spiritual Direction in a group setting on the 1st Tuesday of the month beginning October 4th at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room, as well as individual sessions.

Please advise Judy at office2@oursaviourchurch.ca or 825-438-7632 if you are interested in either the group or individual setting.

The Acadia Food Pantry



The Acadia Food Pantry provides free food for anyone in need, and the need continues to increase. It focuses on Acadia and the surrounding communities but does not turn anyone away.

A donation box for non-perishable food items is located in our Fellowship Hall.

Financial support is also always welcome, especially as Christmas hampers are being prepared.

If you have questions, are interested in volunteering or just wish to drop by McDougall United Church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month to see how the Acadia Food Pantry offers this much needed food to the community, please contact Judy at office2@oursaviourchurch.ca.

ELDER FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES ACADIA AND AREA



Elder Friendly Communities believes that our senior years are a time to learn, discover, share and connect with others.

We host FREE weekly programming, monthly events, volunteer opportunities and other FUN activities for older adults in the Acadia and surrounding communities.

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Book Club 1pm - 2pm Acadia Recreation Complex	Craft and Chat 11am - 12pm Acadia Recreation Complex	Walking Club 9am - 11am Acadia Recreation Complex	Kindness Club October 13th 12pm - 2pm McDougall Church	Dates and time can change please call to confirm. Call, Email to Book a One-on-One Visit
	Mens' Meetup 11am - 12pm Acadia Recreation Complex	Fun & Games 1pm- 2pm Acadia Recreation Complex	Monthly Meal October 27th 12:30pm - 2:30pm Acadia Recreation Complex	

To Register: SandraS@caryacalgary.ca or 403-651-5868
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Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



October 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

Frederick Buechner was arguably the foremost spiritual writer of his generation. An American writer, novelist, poet, autobiographer, essayist, preacher, and theologian, his writing career spanned over six decades, during which time he wrote thirty-nine published books, now translated into twenty-seven languages.

He died peacefully at the age of 96 (July 11, 1926-August 15, 2022), having become a master of four distinct genres: novel, sermon, popular theology, and memoir.

I was introduced to Buechner in my early 20s during my college days and his words have been a constant source of reflection and wonder as I prepared for and entered pastoral ministry. Over the years his writings became my journaling partner, mentoring and forming me as a pastor, as I added one Buechner quote after another to my personal journal and reflected on their meaning for my life and calling. I have often returned to these journal writings, some written nearly 40 years ago. Each time I have been filled with gratitude for the clarity of Buechner's writing, his wisdom, and the personal and pastoral formation I experienced.

I believe that some of Buechner's best writing is found in his memoirs. They are unflinchingly honest, particularly in his accounts of the painful aspects of his life, but they are never without hope. Buechner never stopped searching his own life for clues to the presence of God. This quest became one of his overarching themes: "Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments and life itself is grace." (Now and Then, 1983)

Buechner's writing inspired me, time and time again, to listen to my life, and there to see grace. They called me again and again to consider my baptismal vocation and profoundly shaped who I am and who I seek to be.

They became a source in discernment and decision-making throughout my life: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." (Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC, 1973).

They deeply impacted my preaching and writing and guided my pastoral heart: "A Christian is one who points at Christ and says, 'I can't prove a thing, but there's something about his eyes and his voice. There's something about the way he carries his head, his hands, the way he carries his cross – the way he carries me.'" (Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC, 1973).

Bishop's Message (continued)

They spoke to the significance of each moment, of daily living, and of relationships and community: "The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt. Our lives are linked together." (The Hungering Dark, 1968)

They made me laugh hysterically and poignantly affirmed me: "Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don't have any doubts, you are either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving." (Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC, 1973)

"Pay attention to the things that bring a tear to your eye or a lump in your throat because they are signs that the holy is drawing near." (source unknown) His words continually invite me to pay attention, to listen to my life, and there to see grace, and there to see the holy.

I am grateful to God for Frederick Buechner, for his creative, poignant, and inspiring writings which continue to profoundly touch my life and the lives of so many others.

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,
+Larry



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+ AND THE +
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In Mission for Others

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am In-Church Worship Drive-In Worship Live Stream Service 11:00 am Kids Church	3	4 Office Hours 9:00 am - 12 noon 1:00 Games Group 1:00 Spiritual Direction	5 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Al-Anon	6 Office Hours 9:00 am - 12 noon 10:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Joyful Noise Music Practice	7	8
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