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2025



From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Members and Friends of All Saints:

We all know that the month of June kicks off the season of Pride each year in Canada commemorating the historic challenges that the Queer community has faced historically, and celebrating the resilience, achievements, and life-giving diversity of Queer individuals and the 2S-LGBTQIA+ community as a whole. It's an important time in the life of our congregation which we mark through participation in Pride in the Park on June 14 at Exhibition Park and our own Pride Sunday on June 22.

Of course, praying for the Queer community and working towards full inclusion and acceptance isn't just a "June" focus. But by making that extra effort each June, we give our people permission and inspiration to make every month "Pride Month," and every Sunday "Pride Sunday."

Did you know that there are other special days observed in June in Canada? For example, June 21 is National Music Day celebrating music and musicians in Canada. I never knew

that. So, hug a musician on June 21, and remember that the celebration of the art of music brings a wonderful richness to life that should be observed every day!

I bet you didn't know that June 3 was National Fitness Day, but hopefully fitness is on our mind on more than just that one day each year.

The same is true for those specifically Christian observances and Holy Days. We mark Christmas on December 25, but the mystery and wonder of the incarnation of the divine coming to us in human flesh as a baby born in Bethlehem and living among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth is worthy of our praise and adoration every day of the year.

Sainte-Jean-Baptiste (St. John the Baptist) Day is coming up this month on June 24. What can the commemoration of this strange man offering a baptism of repentance in the wilderness and proclaiming the coming of the Messiah teach us about being better followers of Jesus every day of our lives?

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Pastor's Study Continued



It feels like a lot is being crammed into the month of June – I haven’t even mentioned Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27), the summer solstice (June 21/22), or even Father’s Day (June 15). But all of this, I think, fits so well with the spirit of Pride Month. God has made us an incredibly vibrant and diverse people, and all of creation is full of wonder and energy and life. As soon as we think we’ve got it all figured out then, from somewhere out of the blue, an obscure national day of “something” is observed, someone strange yet fascinating comes into our

life, or we have an experience, or a conversation, that changes everything. Suddenly our world is bigger, more amazing, and more colourful than anything we could have imagined!

So, happy Pride, happy Father’s Day, and happy National Music Day. I wish you a wonderful month full of life-giving Queer and Weird!

Peace,
Pastor Brian

Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Worthen as at April 30, 2025

	April 2025	Year to Date
Offerings.....	\$16,769.84	\$66,122.84
Other Income	\$1,245.00	\$8,533.95
Transfers -Housing Fund	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
-Dowry Fund.....	\$625.00	\$2,500.00
 Total Income	 \$19,639.84	 \$81,156.79
Total Expenses.....	<u>\$24,501.47</u>	<u>\$91,123.00</u>
 Surplus/(Deficit).....	 <u>(\$4,861.63)</u>	 <u>(\$9,966.21)</u>



Thank You

John Dennis from the Guelph Tool Library thanks us for participating in their book drive again this year. They reached their goal of 75,000 books. The proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to purchase textbooks and training manuals for literacy program in prisons.

Thank you for supporting our community partners.

Council Perspective

With the end of May and the completion of our Annual Congregational / Vestry meeting (May 5th) we at All Saints have experienced another cycle. After reviewing of our Annual Report for 2024 and the celebration of our ministry for another year, it's time to move forward again.



As a result of decisions at the Annual Congregational / Vestry meeting, rotation in the membership of Council has occurred again. Four of our members have formally left Council and we have elected two new ones. **As Chairperson, and on behalf of the entire Congregation of All Saints, a sincere and heartfelt thanks must go to Dennis Kunze, Matzi King, Ryan Nerbas, and Janet Weigel who are retiring from Council. I hope that all of us will find and take a moment to personally thank them.** Their faithful dedication to the business of ministry at All Saints has been invaluable. Thank you! At the same time, we welcome two newly elected members: **Carole Mozuraitis and Kate Stuttaford.** I welcome your prayers for this new makeup of Council to represent your views, carry on the business at All Saints, and the ministry mandate of Christ. This new Council will meet on May 27th for our first session. Elections for a new executive will take place at this time.

At our last council meeting, April 22nd, little information from different areas was received with no outstanding action required. Some follow-up work was completed in the downstairs washrooms. The property team also mentioned the progress made with the additional LED light installs downstairs ie the kitchen and meeting rooms. Aside from improving and bringing the electrical up to present code, these LED lights boast a 54% energy use improvement. Our annual roofing inspection previously took place, and work was now completed to a number of issues to the flat roof portion. Issues with the heating/cooling of the church continue to “frustrate” the property team and users of different spaces. John Szymanski had the specialists on site a number of times now to correct issues and make adjustments to programming. This is yet another sign of our aging building. The computer thermostat system is very dated and difficult to manage particularly around the change in seasons.

Council is very cognizant of our deficit financial position which has grown again. It was hoped that the financial awareness and appeal in the fall would produce some solid results and those would continue as we went into the new year. The finance team is aware of this deficit situation will make recommendations to council very shortly. This will be a point of discussion at our May 27th meeting.

Last meeting we also recognized the number of members who have recently passed away or have faced serious health issues. Their contributions to All Saints were noted and now being missed. One such member was Pearl Robinson. In honour of her, council decided to officially name the kitchen downstairs as “Pearl’s Kitchen.”

As council proceeds through this 2025 year, I look forward to possibilities. As always, I invite you to consider and reflect on Peter’s words: *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10”*

Peace to all,
Brian Janzen
Chair, Congregational Council

Reflections by Rev. Nigel Bunce

Often, I can't get into the heads of the people who compile the lectionary. Here we are on June 1st in Year C, when we read from Luke's Gospel, and the Sunday before Pentecost, we shall probably read John 17: 20-26. That is a rather obscure piece that ends John's 'Farewell Discourse'. It makes more sense to read Luke's story of the Ascension on this occasion.

I write this because Luke's "orderly account" [Luke 1: 3] gives us the most complete version of Jesus' life and ministry in the four gospels. Luke alone tells the Christmas story of shepherds and angels that brings Jesus into this world, and the Ascension by which he finally leaves. Personally, I see the Ascension more as a literary device rather than a literal account. Maybe you have had the experience of feeling the intimate presence of someone who has died. At first, the sense of their presence seems very strong, but gradually it fades, until it disappears completely. I wonder whether Luke was trying to use the image of Jesus ascending into heaven to explain how the disciples must have felt. Their strong bond to Jesus was suddenly severed by his death and they gradually came to the realization that he was not coming back (at least in the immediate future).

The next Sunday (June 8) is Pentecost, when we read the account in Acts 2 of part of Peter's speech to the crowd.

Unfortunately, we never read past verse 21, and so we miss the point of Peter's address, which is found in verses 22-24 and 36-38:

²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ... ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent,



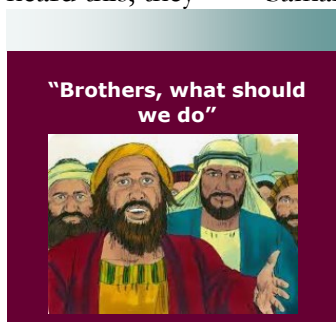
and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your

sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

That is why those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, not because they accepted that Peter wasn't drunk at 9 am!!

After Trinity Sunday (June 15th), we resume our lectionary reading through Luke's gospel. We jump back into Luke with the story of the man with a demon and Jesus transferring the demons into a herd of swine (June 22nd). Then we round off the month of June with Jesus' rejection by a village in Samaria. We have missed the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the Transfiguration, which took place in Galilee. On June 29th, we learn that Jesus has now set his face towards Jerusalem. He must travel from Galilee to Judea by way of Samaria, where the people have their own version of the faith, and their own temple.

Samaritans are hostile to Judeans, who worship at the temple in Jerusalem.



One Year of Being Welcomed at All Saints

On Sunday April 27 a new parishioner, Kathryn Ssedoga, brought a special cake to coffee-hour. During the announcements at the end of the service, Kathryn read us this explanation:

Lucy Reid

To be welcomed is a special thing. More special and possibly rare for anyone that differs from some mold of 'normal' in some way.

After Covid many were displaced from communities we had made home. Connections and communities strained and broke as bubbles were sought out and new alliances grasped. A year ago I was one of those shipwrecked souls that had been bubbleless. My church of over thirty years had disintegrated and I was adrift when I first glimpsed red in the trees on Silvercreek. The next day I investigated further. I wrote down the name of the church [where red dresses were hanging up outside] and I googled you when I got home.

The idea of acknowledging Red Dress Sunday really appealed to me, but I was still cautious and decided to go the Sunday before which was in a few days, to 'check it out.' Surprise surprise, when I walked in and was greeted by the familiar face of Lucy Reid, who I had known as my university chaplain, and I had regularly attended her women's spirituality programming. It was like coming home seeing that familiar face. Then I was welcomed to lunch and an afternoon of programming for Red Dress Sunday that included an art walk. That afternoon I made my first friend at All Saints (Ann Sanders), though I didn't get brave enough to call her for some weeks.

Though I have been a follower of Christ since 1985 I had never attended a liturgical style worship service. I was intrigued and curious. It was all very odd and new from what I was used to. I still sometimes sit in awe at the robes and the processions of choir and communion etc.

I have gotten to know more faces and you have welcomed my questions and been helpful with my journey of rich discovery in the liturgical year. Having Autism, missing social cues, and having a quirky demeanour, I don't always connect easily, so it is really something to see the progress and connections I am making at All Saints. You are all AWESOME!!!!

I realized that it is exactly a year since I wandered through your doors and as I prayed about it I was moved to do something to celebrate you all. There is a cake for coffee time that celebrates you. It says: ONE YEAR OF BEING WELCOMED AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

Kathryn Ssedoga



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Lower Photo Credit: David Howells



All Saints Affirming People



Submitted by Michele Altermann



May 24th is Pansexual and Panromantic Visibility Day, an opportunity for us to lift up Pan voices, celebrate the Pan community, and reaffirm the unshakeable place Pan people have in the Gender, Sexuality, Relationship, Diverse (GSRD) community.

Pansexual and Panromantic—often shortened to ‘Pan’—fall under the multisexual umbrella, a category that also includes, but is not limited to, Bisexual, Omnisexual, and Polysexual. It’s important to clarify that, while there is a commonality between these identities, Pan people claim a distinct identity apart from these other labels. Pansexual and Panromantic can be defined as a person who experiences attraction without any regard to gender, sometimes described as being ‘gender-blind.’ This does not mean that Pan people are attracted to *everyone*, but rather that they have the capacity to feel attraction for anyone, without gender being a factor at all.

**Pansexual
and
Panromantic
Visibility Day
May 24**

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the origins of “pansexual” can be traced back to a 1914 reference to ‘pan-sexualism’ in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. It was used in a critique of Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytical method by J. Victor Haberman, a fellow doctor. He used the term as he dissected one particular part of Freud’s theory; Freud’s insistence on “the pan-sexualism of mental life which makes every trend revert finally to the sexual.” While the term was exclusively clinical in its usage, we have records from Harlem and Chicago’s south side about people who loved beyond “labels and boundaries” from as far back as the 1920s. The first emergence of Pan as an identity label came relatively later, in the 1970s. In 1974, a *New York Times* article about ‘the sexual revolution’ used the term as a distinct label, although the tone was rather derisive. “I see that a lot of people are going bisexual this year,” it said. “This seems to be different from going homosexual, which was last year[...] I know what comes next season. It’s pansexuality.” By the 80s, Pansexual had truly developed into a distinct identity and had also grown roots in San Francisco’s kink community as a way to say you were comfortable with many sorts of experiences. The community continued to grow through the nineties, aughts, and into the 2010s as characters and celebrities alike opened up about their experiences.



The Pan Flag began to see widespread use in 2010, after the design was posted on an anonymous Tumblr account by its creator Jasper V. Since then, it has been adopted as a beloved symbol of the community and has seen use across the globe as

All Saints Affirming People Continued...

a way to spread awareness and increase recognition of Pan folks—and the vibrancy and unique struggles of their community.

Pan Folks You Might Know

While the struggle for genuine and widespread representation is still a present issue among all identities of the GSRD community, it's been truly wonderful to watch Pan representation flourish both on and off the screen in the last few years. In the real world, numerous celebrities publicly wear the label with pride, a group that includes Cara Delevingne, Wayne Brady, Gigi Gourgeous, Janelle Monáe, Seanan McGuire, Rina Sawayama, Miley Cyrus, Yungblud, and Mae Whitman. (voice actor of groundbreaking character Amity Blight)

Singer/actor Miley Cyrus opened about her pansexuality:

"I always hated the word 'bisexual,' because that's putting me in a box. I never think about someone being a boy or a girl. I saw one human in particular who didn't identify as male or female; they were beautiful, sexy and tough but vulnerable, feminine but masculine. I related to that person more than anyone in my life."

Pan characters have likewise flourished on our screens, thanks in no small part to actors, writers, and creators who have fought tirelessly for the representation we now enjoy. Pan characters—like Klaus Hargreeves, (*The Umbrella Academy*) Rick Sanchez, (*Rick and Morty*) Lando Calrissian, (*Star Wars*) Jaskier, (*The Witcher*) and, according to EP and co-showrunner Paul Simms, every vampire in *What We Do In The Shadows*—make us laugh, cry, and smile across channels and streaming services, and hopefully this number will only continue to grow.

Lastly, considering this is the Canadian Pride Historical Society, it would be impossible not to mention *Schitt's Creek*. David Rose (played by Dan Levy) came out as pan early in the series run with a truly wonderful analogy; saying that he 'likes the wine, not the label.' Later on, his co-star Emily Hampshire would also proudly declare her identity, citing that scene as a key moment in her journey. *Schitt's Creek* has always been an incredible series for all sorts of GSRD representation, and a shining example of the Canadian film and television industry, and thus it's no surprise that it handled David Rose's story and identity with the kind, earnest touch it uses for all its stories.

This Pansexual and Panromantic Visibility Day, let's take the time to recognize and celebrate the impact Pan people have always had in the GSRD community and ensure we continue to strive for the rights and protections Pan people, and all those in the GSRD community, deserve to enjoy.

Written by: Holly Mitchel

Source – Canadian Pride Historical Society

<https://cphs.ca/pansexual-and-panromantic-visibility-day-2/>



Canadian Pride
Historical Society

Société Historique
de la Fierté Canadienne

Patient Expectation



henri nouwen
SOCIETY

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

- 1 John 4: 4

We are living in this "little while." We can live in it creatively when we live it out of solitude, that is, detached from the results of our work. And when we live it with care, that is, crying with those who weep and wail. But it is the expectation of his return which molds our solitude and care into a preparation for the day of great joy. This is what we express when we take bread and wine in thanksgiving. We do not eat bread to still our hunger or drink wine to quench our thirst. We just eat a little bit of bread and drink a little bit of wine, in the realization that God's

presence is the presence of the One who came, but is still to come; who touched our hearts, but has not yet taken all our sadness away. And so when we share some bread and wine together, we do this not as people who have arrived, but as men and women who can support each other in patient expectation until we see him again. And then our hearts will be full of joy, a joy that no one can take away from us.

Submitted by Connie Shaw

Daily Meditation—Henri Nouwen Society

Kairos Korner

Thanks to interested people at All Saints and at the Guelph Market, I now have 100 signatures on the petition for Kairos Jubilee 2025 **Turn Debt into Hope**. If you did not get a chance to sign the petition, you can still sign an online petition at the link below. I will be forwarding the petitions on to Kairos Canada in early June in time for the G 7

meeting in Alberta.

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada/petition-turn-debt-into-hope>

Jubilee People's Forum, Calgary. **June 12–15**

Jubilee 2025
Turn Debt into Hope



Kairos Korner Continued



Just days before world leaders meet for the G7 Summit, a gathering to reflect, pray, learn, and demand real solutions for economic and ecological justice. This is more than a conference—it's a movement. You'll hear from Indigenous leaders, faith voices, students, policy experts, and grassroots activists. You'll connect with others who share your passion for justice. And you'll help shape a message the world can't ignore.

Explore the schedule, workshops, and new student funding opportunity.

Register at [G7 Jubilee People's Forum](#) | [KAIROS Canada](#)

If you know of someone that would be interested in attending, please contact Jan.

In March KAIROS Canada signed an ecumenical statement <https://kairoscanada.org/ecumenical-statement-of-solidarity-with-palestinian-and-israeli-partners> that urges all Canadians to act in support of the human rights and dignity of Palestinians, and in opposition to continuing violations of their legal, civil and human rights by the Israeli government and its allies. Project Ploughshares monitors Gaza: an article on Canadian military equipment going to Israel via USA despite Canada's arms embargo <https://www.ploughshares.ca/publications/canada-under-contract-to-supply-the-idf-with-artillery-propellant>

Bill 5: Premier Ford is using the excuse of Trump tariffs to undermine the environment, labour rights

and the requirement to consult with First Nations. For more information, see Mike Schreiner at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TzTGTiGAqg>.

The David Suzuki Foundation's suggested letter:

I strongly oppose Bill 5, the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act. This legislation poses a serious threat to Ontario's natural heritage, democratic processes and Indigenous rights.

Bill 5 proposes to repeal the Endangered Species Act — one of the few tools we have to protect at-risk wildlife and the ecosystems they depend on. Replacing it with vague "goals" and unenforceable measures will lead to the further decline of species already on the brink. This is not modernization. It's deregulation that puts short-term industrial gain ahead of long-term ecological and community health.

Equally alarming is the creation of "special economic zones" that would allow cabinet to approve major development projects without proper environmental assessment, public input or Indigenous consultation. This short cut for Ford's friends undermines transparency, accountability and Ontario's duty to uphold Indigenous rights and treaties.

Ontarians have not asked for weaker protections or less say in decisions that affect the province's land, water and future. Bill 5 would silence community voices, marginalize science and erase decades of hard-won environmental progress.

I urge the Ontario government to withdraw Bill 5 in its entirety and instead work with environmental experts, Indigenous leaders and the public to strengthen — not dismantle — our systems of environmental protection.

Protecting nature is not a barrier to economic growth. It's the foundation of a healthy, resilient and just society.

As you can see there are lots of things that we can take action on, for even more ideas see Kairos Canada's website. <https://kairoscanada.org>

Kairos Rep,
Jan Nielsen

Toronto Pride Parade and The Eastern Synod

Dear Members and Friends of the All Saints' community,

The Eastern Synod has registered to participate in The Toronto Pride Parade, June 29, beginning at 2 pm!

THIS IS AN HISTORIC MOMENT FOR ALL OF US IN THE EASTERN SYNOD AND FOR OUR CHURCH, ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN ANGLICAN CHURCH!

Bishop Carla has invited us to be in the parade and join together with others in Full Support of Human Rights and Human Dignity for ALL!

This is an historic invitation for our congregation and all congregations of the Eastern Synod.

In previous marches for civil rights and justice issues - we learned by our participation - "we were praying with our legs!"

We are sure, for those who are able to participate in this event - that will be their experience too!

Jon and Dianne Fogleman



More.....Toronto Pride Parade

The Eastern Synod Queer Committee is pleased to announce that the Eastern Synod has registered and will be marching in the 2025 Toronto Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29 at 2pm! Join Bishop Carla, Pastor Adam and members of the Eastern Synod Queer Committee for this wonderful event!

Congregations from the GTA...or beyond...are asked to register in advance. If we have people interested in attending, please let the All Saints office know and we will register you for this event!

Congregations who register **before June 6, 2025** have the option of purchasing Eastern Synod Pride T-Shirts. T-Shirts can be picked up from the Synod Office, or will be available at the Pride Parade. T-Shirts will be subsidized by the Eastern Synod Queer Committee and are available to participants at a cost of \$10 per shirt.

Planning to arrive in Toronto early? Parade participants are invited to gather with the people of First Lutheran Church, Toronto (116 Bond Street) for their annual Pride Sunday at 10:30 am.

If you have any questions, please email easternqueercommittee@elcic.ca.

Submitted by Michele Altermann



**FIERCELY LOVED:
PROUDLY DEFIANT**

A worship experience
celebrating pride in the
2SLGBTQIA+
community

4PM, SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025

Christ's Church Cathedral
252 James St N
Hamilton

**JOIN US
AFTERWARDS
FOR REFRESHMENTS
AND CONVERSATION**



ALL ARE WELCOME

Puzzle Library



Are you maybe planning to spend long summer days by the pool puzzle?
Our puzzle library may have something for you!

Maybe you are spring cleaning and found some puzzles you fondly
remember doing but are ready for a new home? Then our Puzzle Library
is ready for you! Please consider adding new items or borrowing from
what is there. There is plenty of space for new items on the shelves!

Submitted by Michele Altermann



Market Update at May 18, 2025

We need:

June - pasta sauce

July - cooking oil and cereal

August - school snacks and peanut butter

Things are humming along at the Market. Thanks to everyone who helped with the pickup and sorting of the St. Joe's Lenten Food Drive. We are always very grateful for the support that the congregation of St. Joseph's RC Church gives us with food drives and cash donations.

We recently cleared the waiting list, but this was another busy month and so we started adding families again. Right now, it's a 2 to 3 month wait to move from waiting list to registered member. These families are invited to stay until all the registered families have shopped and they can shop then. This is to ensure that the registered families will find we have

enough food when they do come, that is why we have a limited number – it matches the amount of produce purchased each Market. To open spaces, we remove families that have not attended for several months in a row. We are also getting families who have been away for a while (more than 6 months) coming back as economic impacts are being felt. Waiting list families are welcome to shop once a month until a space opens up. To date, we have served just over 3,200 people which is similar to last year at this time.

Thanks to everyone for your non-perishable food item support. We had enough cooking oil for our April Markets! Well

done!! There are a few items that are key to stock up on – over the next three months we need **pasta sauce** (June), **cooking oil and cereal** (July) and **school snacks and peanut butter** (August). Since we are serving about 150 families a month and it takes a while to stock up 150 items of any kind, please keep that in mind as you shop. **Rice and red lentils** are needed continuously as they are given out at every Market.

Thank you to our many Market volunteers – we can only do this because of your faithful support. **Thank you**



Michele
Altermann
Outreach Chair

Formula Fund Update

The Formula Fund began in 2021 in response to an appeal for assistance in finding formula, especially for babies with special dietary needs, during the supply chain crisis of COVID. Our local Parent Outreach Worker (Lynne Klooststra at that time) was our point of contact, and we agreed to provide \$100 a month to support the families she was working with.



Over time, the supply chain has normalized but the need for support has not gone away. Our current POW, Carolyn Joy, continues to assist families with babies in our local community who need help. As a congregation we have continued to provide formula and diapers, but every now and then we need to “top up” the fund. Thanks to everyone who has responded so far – we are good for the next few months, but please keep this fund in mind.

Please consider supporting this quiet but valuable outreach ministry! Just write Formula Fund on the Other line of your envelope or message line of an e-transfer.

Thank you.

Parish Care Ramblings

Happy Spring to all of you. The magnolia trees were magnificent this year. And now the Garden Centres are open so I can get the flower beds back in shape for another season. This is my favourite time of year, as it signifies hope and joy, in that God's creation is transforming the world we see.

There is currently so much "darkness" in our world. Continuing wars, power and greed, threats that must be taken seriously. Then, there is the seeming bullying from countries whose leaders have no regard or respect for human life and the sovereignty of other nations. Defiance for the rule of law. Unfortunately, Canada itself, is not immune from turmoil, with our friends in the West stirring up the pot of opinions wanting to separate from our great nation. Our world and our values are being challenged and must be taken seriously to preserve our way of life on this planet.

But let us not forget that despite the darkness of misdeeds and challenges out there, God is at work bringing hope also. We have a new Prime Minister that has a very different perspective than previously. We have a new Pope who has a strong voice amongst nations reminding everyone to embrace love and unity at his Inauguration. It is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. The kind of love that should prevail, as we are one family.

Which brings me to another aspect of our world that has changed beyond comprehension from the days of its inception. Remember the days of punch cards and large "machines" in cool rooms where attendants wore white coats? No I am not talking about anything health related but today it has revolutionized health care. This was my introduction to computers as a teenager which later found me trying to learn the program language of Fortran..... very, very old. I worked with the first few Word Processing programs,

which I needed for my job. And now, I read "Computers for Dummies" because that is the way I feel in the field of anything "techy".

The advent of computers and now Artificial Intelligence or AI is another very powerful force of change in our world. AI refers to the ability of computers or machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Who would have ever thought this would happen in our lifetime....only in Science Fiction, right?



Computers have been programmed to "learn, reason and problem-solve". Using various techniques and approaches, systems have been created that can learn from data, recognize patterns and then make decisions.

There are different types of AI, which do different things:

1. Machine learning: where systems learn from data without being explicitly programmed.
2. Deep Learning: a type of machine learning that uses artificial networks to analyze data.
3. Natural Language Processing: enables computers to understand, interpret and generate human language.
4. Computer Vision: allows computers to "see" and interpret images and videos.
5. Robotics: uses machines that can perform physical tasks.

Applications for AI are extensive:

1. Healthcare: diagnosing diseases, developing treatment plans, image recognition or detecting anomalies on images, automation
2. Finance: fraud detection, trading, risk management
3. Transportation: logistics (movement of supplies), self-driving cars

Parish Care Ramblings Continued...

4. Customer Service: virtual assistants, chatbots
5. Business: predictive analytics, automation of tasks and data analysis

I can speak for the transformation that AI and computerization has made in healthcare. Digital images on x-ray and ultrasound have contributed much to the learning of disease and their processes. I was part of that revolution many years ago, even contributing some of my research to the NASA space flight with Dr. Roberta Bondar. Then digitalization and technological advances brought us to the introduction of CT scans and MRI. Now AI can pick out "things" on scans that are sometimes missed by the human eye. When data is analyzed by AI, it can be more specific and "recognize" or "reason" differently than humans, thus, again contributing to diagnoses.

What worries me most about the advancement of AI,

is the ethical side. I still say that computers are only as good as the data and programs that drive the workings of a computer. We must ensure that AI systems are fair, accountable, objective and unbiased. They can make "mistakes" too, just like humans. But what happens when they do? Who is responsible to recognize and correct them? AI can be used effectively to enhance various aspects in our world, but can it just as readily be used to spread misinformation and create chaos? Security risks is another potential problem. And so it is essential to address the challenges and ethical considerations associated with its development and deployment to ensure its responsible and beneficial use.

May the God of hope, of love and peace, remain with you through these difficult times.

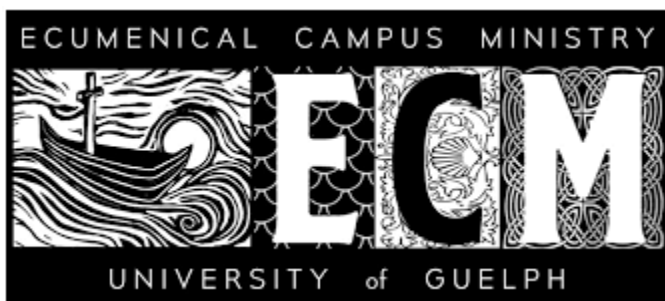
Blessings
Marilyn

The Associates will continue meeting over the summer months.

Parish Care Workshop— Thursday, June 5th 2PM in the Nave

The next one is a twist on "Food for the Soul". To end this season, we will have a grand "Hymn Sing" where you can sing all your favourite songs with friends. I have invited our favourite accompanist, Ann, to join us. Pick out ones you would like to sing and we will do just that. And don't forget, Music is good for the soul!!

Chi Rho will meet on June 12th at 1PM at Swiss Chalet on Woodlawn Road for another kind of Food for the Soul....lunch out!! Everyone is welcome.



Rev. Andrew Hyde will be joining us for the service on June 8th. The service will be followed by a light lunch sponsored by the ECM Committee. A "donation" box will be available. All donations will go towards the work of ECM at the University of Guelph.

*Sending Best Wishes to
Roman and Grace Braun*



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Learning Circle

Last year during Pentecost we engaged with the wisdom of **The Seven Sacred Teachings** using the resources prepared by the Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice. As part of this learning, Ann Sanders created a lovely banner where each Sunday a new part was added. This year we will be hanging the completed banner up during June, which is National Indigenous History Month in Canada. It might be helpful to review what each teaching means.



Of all the North American Indigenous teachings, the Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as Seven Grandfather or Seven Grandmother Teachings, are the most commonly shared from coast to coast. Many Indigenous organizations and communities have adopted the seven guiding principles, in one form or another, as a moral stepping stone and cultural foundation. Each community has adapted the teachings to suit their community values. Despite where the teachings may have originated, they share the same concepts of abiding by a moral respect for all living things.

Truth

Truth is represented by the turtle as it was here during the creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on its back. The turtle lives life in a slow and meticulous manner because it understands the importance of both the journey and the destination.



Truth is to know all of these things. Apply faith and trust in your teachings. Show honour and sincerity in all that you say and do. Understand your place in this life and apply that understanding in the way that you walk. Be true to yourself and all other things.

Love

The eagle represents love because it has the strength to carry all the teachings. The eagle has the ability to fly highest and closest to the creator and also has the sight to see all the ways of being from great distances. The eagle's teaching of love can be found in the core of all teachings, therefore an eagle feather is considered the highest honour and a sacred gift.



To know love is to know peace. View your inner-self from the perspective of all teachings. This is to know love and to love yourself truly. Then you will be at peace with yourself, the balance of life, all things and also with the creator.

Humility

Humility is represented by the wolf. The wolf is strong and powerful alone, but finds its greatest strength when part of a pack.

Humility is to know that you are a sacred part of creation. Live life selflessly and not selfishly. Respect your place and carry your pride with your people and praise the accomplishments of all. Do not become arrogant and self-important. Find balance within yourself and all living things.



Learning Circle Continued...

Honesty

“Honesty is represented by either the raven or the sabe. They both understand who they are and how to walk in their life. “Sabe reminds us to be ourselves and not someone we are not. An honest person is said to walk tall like Kitchi-Sabe... Like Kitchi-Sabe, Raven accepts himself and knows how to use his gift. He does not seek the power, speed or beauty of others. He uses what he has been given to survive and thrive. So must you.”



From: *The Seven Sacred Teachings of White Buffalo Calf Woman*, by David Bouchard & Dr. Joseph Martin.

To walk through life with integrity is to know honesty. Be honest with yourself. Recognize and accept who you are. Accept and use the gifts you have been given. Do not seek to deceive yourself or others.

Respect

Respect is represented by the buffalo. The buffalo gives every part of its being to sustain the human way of living, not because it is of less value, but because it respects the balance and needs of others. To honour all creation is to have respect. Live honourably in teachings and in your actions towards all things.



Do not waste and be mindful of the balance of all living things. Share and give away what you do not need. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Do not be hurtful to yourself or others.

Bravery

Bravery is represented by the bear. The mother bear has the courage and strength to face her fears and challenges while protecting her young. The bear also shows us how to live a balanced life with rest, survival and play.



To face life with courage is to know bravery. Find your inner strength to face the difficulties of life and the courage to be yourself. Defend what you believe in and what is right for your community, family, and self. Make positive choices and have conviction in your decisions. Face your fears to allow yourself to live your life.

Wisdom

The beaver represents wisdom because it uses its natural gift wisely for survival. The beaver also alters its environment in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way for the benefit of his family. To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom. Use your inherent gifts wisely and live your life by them. Recognize your differences and those of others in a kind and respectful way.



Continuously observe the life of all things around you. Listen with clarity and a sound mind. Respect your own limitations and those of all of your surroundings. Allow yourself to learn and live by your wisdom.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Altermann

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Below are the regularly scheduled room uses that repeat weekly all year long (unless otherwise noted). Please check here <i>first</i> when looking for available space.						
6:30-8:30 pm — Rose Head Hall, NA Never Alone	9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun) 6:00-8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, AA (Flying Blind), 8:00 – 9:00 pm – District Meeting 3 rd week 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gambler's Anonymous	6:00 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gamblers Anonymous study group 1 st Tuesday of the month 4:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, Order of the Eastern Star 2 nd Tuesday of the month	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 10:00 – 11:00 am – Good Morning Al Anon, Choir Rm 6:00-8:00 pm – Nave, Guelph Male Choir 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room, Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – RRH, AA Helming Hands	9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 5:45- 8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, TOPS 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Choir Room, Tri-County Recovery	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun)	
1 Easter 7 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	2	3	4	5 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 2:00 p.m. – Nave, Parish Care Workshop 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	6	7 11:00 a.m. – Nave Funeral for Klaus Kessler, Reception RHH
8 Pentecost ECM Sunday 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	9	10	11	12	13 6:30 p.m.- Nave, Wedding rehearsal	14 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Pride in the Park 2:00 p.m. – Nave, Wedding, Reception, Rose Head Hall
15 Pentecost 2 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion Deadline for <i>Connections</i>	16	17 5:00 p.m. – RHH, Men's Fellowship	18 12:00 p.m. – Parlour, Women of Faith Executive Meeting	19 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market	20	21 All Day rental – Nave, recital
22 Pentecost 3, Pride Sunday 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – RHH, Caring Conversations	23	24 1:00 p.m. – Parlour, The Associates 7:00 p.m. – Parlour, Church Council	25	26	27	28
29 Pentecost 4 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	30					RHH – Rose Head Hall