

CONNECTIONS

OCTOBER 2018

PASTOR'S PEN

In my last article I indicated that through my involvement in Contract Confirmation Camp, how much I learn from our young people about living faith and what it means to be a young person at home, church and school. What amazes me is the depth of their questions about what concerns them and how they deal with challenging issues, such as suicide, war, people killing people, and natural disasters, both locally and around the world. I would encourage everyone to take time to engage our young people in conversations and learn more about them and their life concerns. We live in a very thought-provoking time and all of us can relate to these subjects, as well.

At confirmation camp we also spent time in the mornings



examining biblical characters and how God called them to care for creation and to share God's love and promise of hope and service with others. We studied Moses, Thomas, Naomi, Esther, and others, and how they were inspired to be leaders, teachers, and faithful witnesses. Willingly or unwillingly, each of them had their queries in what God was calling them to be and do. After all was said and done, they followed their heart in reaching out to others, strengthened by the Spirit of God.

In further discussions and questions the daily presenters posed, our young people were challenged to continue these conversations when they got home to their congregations by asking family and congregational members, "How is God calling us today to live out our faith in the many and

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various ministry opportunities available in the Church and the world?" It will be interesting to see if they follow through and ask you these questions. Even if they don't, I encourage you to still ponder on, "How is God calling me and what will be my response?"

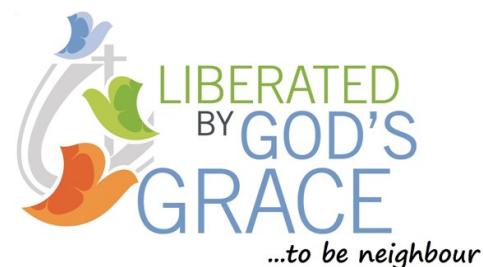
This is a huge question as it challenges us to look within and realize that God is with us giving us gifts and strength to reach out to be neighbour. We are not alone and the results we get may not be what we expect. Jesus encountered his disciples who were out fishing and had caught nothing all night. Ready to give up, Jesus told them to throw their nets on the other side of the boat. Their nets were overflowing with fish when they

did this.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, may we look for and appreciate all that God has given us. May we also be aware that for many families there may be an empty seat at the table as a loved one has died this past year. Help us God, to lovingly remember the gifts of faith which have been shared with us, and to tell others of the wonder of your love in their life. We are not alone.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff



COUNCIL PERSPECTIVE

Greetings! I'm certainly not one for crowds, in fact I have spent a considerable amount of time in my life trying to avoid them. I'm just the type of person that seems to seek out more peace and solitude whenever I can. Perhaps that runs full circle back; despite trying to avoid them, I've certainly had a great deal of experience dealing with them. Something about the disorganization and randomness of crowds. Often, they hinder my progress. In our modern lifestyle today,

it seems harder and harder to avoid the busyness or the obstacles of a crowd.

I'm sure that's what Jesus and his disciple must have felt at times. I remember times in scripture where it says Jesus went alone to pray. Yet Jesus I'm sure, looked at the individuals within the crowds. At All Saints, September has brought back many of us from various forms of vacation through the summer months. "The crowds have returned" but contrary to

my character, I'm drawn to our Sunday Services. I have a need to express my faith, learn, and worship among individuals with a common Spirit among us. We, I believe, are a community and a community that does not define itself by numbers but rather our common Spirit and ministry. This month All Saints marked its first birthday of being such a community. I extend my wishes of Peace to each individual and your journey. At the same time, I challenge us all to look at where we are at with our ministry. That question is not an exclusive Council Member question.



COUNCIL PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

On Saturday, September 22nd, I had the privilege welcoming back our twelve members of Council to a series of workshop sessions. Here we experienced our common Spirit through word and Sacrament, built connections between our individual and team skills, continued to learn about and had the opportunity to revise new documents of our community, and share perspectives of where All Saints is after one full year of ministry together. I believe these sessions will help set us well into running the “business” of the church for the next year. I thank Council members for this commitment.

Most of you may realize that Council meetings occur on the last Wednesday of each month. However, the deadline for my words in our newsletter Connections is before that meeting. Hence, it seems I’m always a month behind in announcing any significant news from Council. That is certainly true this month. Our agenda for Council September 26th is certainly a full one and I recognize that meeting will be done by the time you read this.

A significant portion of the agenda is described in the last issue of Connections. Everything from monthly reports from different teams,

to the use of space in our building, from Procedure and Policy documents for our new church to decisions on the Ogilvie bequest gift monies, from building strong support for our ministry to possible street signage will be going forward. Due to the timing of meetings and the publication of Connections, it may be appropriate for me to seek other means of communication such as through email blasts in order to be more efficient and timely.

Another viable means of communication is to talk to one of your Council members.

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Carlo DeCastris

Suzanne Worthen

Sandra Christie

Anne Stuart

Chris Heaney

Barbara Cook

Ron Webb

Marilyn Bleach

Earlby Wakefield

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Peace,

Brian Janzen
Chair: Church Council

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 AT 1:30 PM

Please bring your pets (dogs, cats, snakes, hamsters, birds and crabs etc.) for this first time event at All Saints!

You may wonder why we are holding this event...

On October 4th, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals."

The Worship and Music Committee would like to

introduce this custom to our congregation here at All Saint's Church. We felt it would be a nice conclusion to the Creation theme that we have been celebrating since Sept. 2nd.

bring their favourite stuffed animal to the church services on October 14th where a blessing will be made during the regular services for "the stuffies."

And many of us will want to come to the service in the afternoon where the live pets will be blessed too (even if you don't have a pet to bring)!

Please bring your pets to the back parking lot at 1:30 pm for their blessing. After the short service, we will provide treats for humans and pets. If the weather is inclement, we will hold the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Jan Nielsen



Blessing of the Animals

We want to offer those that don't have a live pet or those who may not be able to attend the afternoon service a chance to experience the "Blessing of the Animals" during the regular services. Thus, everyone is invited to

TREASURER'S REPORT BY SANDRA CHRISTIE

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church	August 2018	YTD - to end of August 2018
Offerings.....	\$13,994.00	\$128,505.46
Other Income	\$150.00	\$7,398.10
Transfers Rectory Fund.....	\$100.00	\$800.00
Dowry Fund.....	\$625.00	\$5,000.00
Parsonage Fund....	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
Total Income.....	\$15,869.00	\$149,703.56
Total Expenses.....	<u>\$17,494.01</u>	<u>\$149,789.73</u>
Surplus/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$1,625.01)</u>	<u>(\$86.17)</u>

POM PROJECT UPDATE

Dear All Saints,

Over the summer, work has continued on the Project and with the help of some wonderful volunteers we were able to respond to an additional need in Guatemala. Daughter Deanna Supple and granddaughter Jazmine- (Bill and Deacon Chris), travel each summer as holiday volunteers to an orphanage and school in Guatemala. In conversation with Deanna about how Jazmine spent much of the year in between visits gathering school materials and much needed clothing and hygiene supplies, it became clear there was a need for our POM pads.

Fortunately one of our parishioners, Marion Eckstein, had shared a Connections newsletter with her daughter Dianne Coulter and a POM article inspired Dianne to offer her sewing expertise over the summer break. She accomplished a great deal of work in tracing, cutting and assembling pads as well as threading ribbon drawstrings for many of the



Jazmine and friends with a POM kit!

cotton carry bags. I am most grateful for her kind offer of help and the hours and hours of volunteer time she generously contributed to the project. Thanks Dianne and

Marion! This much appreciated help allowed the POM project to send a big box of pads and carry

bags to Guatemala with Deanna and Jazmine and they reported the recipients' delight!

In October, another group will be travelling to Nicaragua and the project will be sending more POM kits with them. I have many cut out patterns ready for assembly

Thank you to all our generous volunteers for their work in this labour of love.

and some additional fabric to be cut into pattern pieces. I am hoping to call on our All Saints POM volunteers to start up a Fall session of work together to continue reaching out to girls and women in need of reliable, peace of mind protection. **If you can contribute new, brightly**

coloured and patterned flannel, old towels, PUL waterproof fabric, small baby snaps, medium sized scraps of clean used flannel, any colour of thread or your time and talent (or cash!) all will be gratefully received. I will post future dates for POM sewing on the bulletin board and mention them in the service leaflet.

I have been asked to address the Women's Institute Annual General Meeting this October and lead an information session about the POM project. I will be supplying information about the need for the pads, patterns to make them and general information about the work of my wonderful POM volunteers at All Saints with the notion of inspiring these ladies to take up similar work

POM PROJECT CONTINUED

or to contribute in some other way to one of the many similar projects.

While I am not accepting donations from the W.I., I will be selling Whoopsie panty liner sets (as in Whoops that darn bathroom is one minute too far away) to help offset costs for the special PUL fabric used in the POM pads.

If you know a social group that might enjoy a short, interesting presentation about access to education

before the coffee and cake portion of their meeting, I am pleased to come and talk about the project. If you are a skilled and persuasive speaker, I can lend you my slide presentation and pattern handout. Spread the word and we can help more girls realize their dreams.

Thank you to all our generous volunteers for your work in this labour of love.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Szymanski-Potts

p.s. as men have daughters too and care just as much about their futures..... John Szymanski has a spot at his work table for any fellow with skills in tracing, cutting, sewing or attaching the snaps. John says he feels it is not fair that he gets all the lovely lady POM volunteers to himself at the POM sewing bees and he will happily train you. He also finds eating all those delicious cookies a strain on his waistline!

A special prayer for trying times:

Dear Lord,

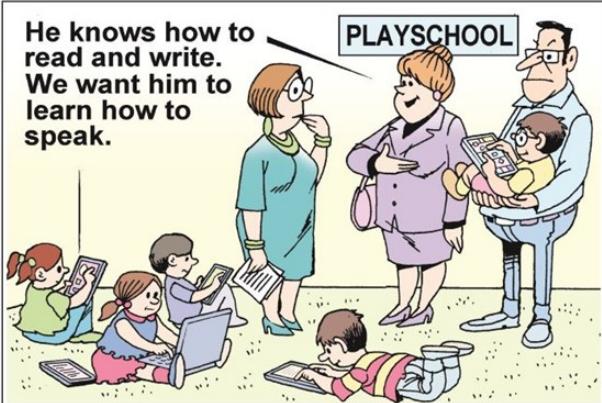
Please keep your arm around my shoulder, and your hand over my mouth.

Amen

IN THE COMPUTER AGE

iToons

Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan



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SILVERCREEK COMMUNITY MARKET UPDATE



On behalf of the Outreach Team we want to thank the Congregation for their support of our outreach ministry that is the Silvercreek Community Market. This issue of Connections will be available just before Thanksgiving and we hope that you will consider the Market when you are giving thanks by donating money towards buying fresh produce and in non-perishable items of food. The grants we received that allowed us to run two Markets a month will be used up before the end of the year

which means we will be relying on the congregation's help. To be able to continue with two Markets in each month next year would require about \$1,000.00 per month. We are now averaging 50-60 guests/households at each Market. When you add up the individual attendance number since January that means 2184 adults and 1181 children (a total of 3365 people) have received nutritious, fresh produce twice a month. According to the recently released Social Determinants of Health Status Report (<https://bi.wdgpublichealth.ca/reports/social-determinants-of-health-status-report-wdg-geography/>) the Onward Willow

Neighbourhood continues to be a priority community. One of the concerns for this community is their struggle with food insecurity. We are grateful that our outreach can help reduce this stress for some families. And we know by their smiles, their 'thank yous' that our guests appreciate the help our Market provides!



Please join us in our outreach with a congregational Food Drive for



Thanksgiving Sunday that includes both types of donations. For non-perishables, we try to have enough (i.e. 50 boxes of cereal, 50 jars of peanut butter each month) of these specific items for our guests to choose from: **cereal, pasta** (not KD please!), **pasta sauce, peanut butter, legumes** (please avoid beans made with pork), **canned fruit, canned vegetables, dry red lentils** and **jasmine rice**. Lentils and rice are repackaged from larger bags to smaller bags so please chose these specific types to purchase.

As Chair of the Outreach Team I would like to express my heartfelt, personal thanks to our Market Team who come faithfully and cheerfully to each Market, set up tables, provide refreshments, carry, count, sort and bag the fresh produce, bag the rice and lentils, help our guests collect their food with big smiles on their faces, clear up and clean up each Thursday.



With much thankfulness,
Michele Altermann

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Guelph Wellington
Seniors Association

Be active Get involved Make friends

The Seniors meet in the Fellowship Hall on the second Friday of each month from September to June. The Seniors in this group live in their own homes (apartments, etc.) and are given the opportunity to socialize and have a hot meal. There is a program or activity that they participate in as well. On September 14, a quilter talked about her craft and shared many of the quilting projects she has completed.

Paula Frappier arranges for the free transportation and the entertainment or activities. In the past, there have been story-tellers, singers, drummers, bird experts, woodworkers and travelogues. Participants (and volunteers!) have made flower arrangements and Christmas decorations. The attendees do pay for their dinner; however, they also

have the opportunity to take home left-overs for another meal or snack.

All Saints is proud of this important outreach! However, we are also in need of additional volunteers. Once a month, we need more help, starting at 9:30 am, to prepare coffee and tea and get the cookies out. Attendees arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 and we take their 'orders' for hot drinks. Paula welcomes everyone and introduces the program for the day. The large container of food is delivered from the Evergreen Centre after 11:00 and stays hot during the activities. Volunteers usually sit with the ladies and gentlemen and participate in the program/activity until it is time to serve the meal. Real dishes are used, cold drinks are served and volunteers are invited to enjoy the meal as well!

Welcome to the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association



It's where your friends are!

The Seniors leave around noon or just afterwards. Some of us help them get to their taxis, cars, etc. Then the dishes have to be done, so no sneaking off! Pastor Jeff is a great dishwasher when he is free! The tables and chairs are usually left out for an evening group to use.

As a result of family needs, I am rarely available on Fridays at this time. Sigi and Marilyn Schranz are regular volunteers and Sigi has taken over as the contact person for Paula at the GWSA. Thank you, Sigi! And he also does dishes! Laura B, Janet and Carmel also help out when they can. Of course, I will be there, when possible as well.

Speak to any of the volunteers mentioned here if you can help with this important ministry. Members and friends are also welcome to be participants in this program. We all enjoy laughing, singing and even dancing may break out!

Marilyn Coleman



IT'S WHAT YOU SCATTER

SUBMITTED BY THE McDougall's

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes ... I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily apprising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas.

I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

"Hello Barry, how are you today?"

"H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas They sure look good!"

"They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?"

"Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time."

"Good. Anything I can help you with?"

"No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas."

"Would you like to take some home," asked Mr. Miller?

"No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with."

"Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?"

"All I got's my prize marble here."

"Is that right? Let me see it," said Miller.

"Here 'tis. She's a dandy."

"I can see that. Hmm mmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?" the store owner asked.

"Not zackley, but almost."

"Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble," Mr. Miller told the boy.

"Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever.

When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store."

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado , but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died.

They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.

Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts ... all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket.

Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket.

Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one; each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes.

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

"Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size ... they came to pay their debt."

"We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world," she confided, "but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho ..."

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The Moral: *We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. *Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Pastor Jeff away on holidays	1 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	2 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	3 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. Hall AA (Helping Hands)	4 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – The Parlour Mutual Ministry Mtg. 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	5 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	6
7 Thanksgiving 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	8 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	9 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	10 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. Hall AA (Helping Hands)	11 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	12 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall GWSA Gathering 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	13
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21 Pentecost 22 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 1:30-4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Private Rental Connections Due	22 9:00 am – Fellowship Hall Municipal Election Poll Site 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)	23 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star	24 7:00 pm – The Parlour Church Council Mtg. 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	25 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	26 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	27 5:00-11:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Private Rental
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