

Connections

Pastor's Pen

If you have not heard, on November 2nd I will be having knee replacement surgery and will be on short-term disability for two months. Much preparation has gone into this, such as finding and preparing replacement clergy, preparing bulletins, advance Christmas planning and on a personal level - many and various appointments. With all of this, I looked back into my library of articles I have written and came upon these gems that were written in the month of November in the years 2010 and 2011. I have edited them to bring them into our present text. Enjoy.

There are many stories to tell during the month of November.

'God constantly calls us to recall the events of history, through the Passover, the Last Supper, the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. In remembering, in silence and prayer, we are able acknowledge the grace and love of God in all times and places.

All Saints Sunday is a commemorative time in the life of the church when we remember all the saints who have gone before us, and also a time to remember that we all are saints in the body of Christ. Here, at St. Paul's, [now All Saints] we especially remember the stories of the Saints who have died since last year at this time. Names will be offered in prayer and we will light a candle in remembrance of the faithful who rest peacefully in the company of Jesus for all eternity. In our hearts and mind we remember friends and loved ones who have died. Their deaths may have taken place many years ago but for some it may seem like "not that long ago." Time appears to take on new meaning when we are faced with life and death occasions.'



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In 2010, All Saints Sunday was particularly important for me, as my father had died in June of that year. This year, 2018, also holds a personal loss for me with the death of my brother in March. During both of these times, the people here at All Saints supported me. I will be with you in thought and prayer this year as we remember our loved ones and All the Saints.

'On Sunday, November 11, we will pause during worship at 11:00 a.m. to remember the sacrifice many gave of their lives in the 100th Anniversary of Remembrance Day. For others, many will gather at cenotaphs around the world, watch the Service on television in silence and prayer.

I read a story, author unknown, concerning Remembrance Day, which is worth sharing.

The battle had raged for over two hours, with neither side gaining any advantage. Wave after wave of soldiers had been dispatched from the muddy trenches and sent over the top. So many had died already that day that he decided he could not afford to lose any more men before reinforcements arrived. Perhaps they'd give the remnants a few more days of life. There came a slight lull in the battle due to the sheer exhaustion of the men on both sides. During this interval, a young soldier came up to him requesting that he be allowed to go over the top. He looked at the boy who couldn't have been more than nineteen. Was this extreme bravery in the face of the enemy or was the soldier so scared he just needed to get it over with? "Why would you want to throw your life away soldier? It's almost certain death to go out there." "My best friend went out over an hour ago, captain, and he hasn't come back. I know my friend must be hurt and calling for me. I must go to him, sir, I must." There were tears in the boy's eyes. It was as if this were the most important thing in the world to him." "Soldier, I'm sorry, but your friend is probably dead. What purpose would it serve to let you sacrifice your life too?" "At least I'd know I'd tried, sir, he'd do the same thing in my shoes. I know he would." He was about to order the boy back to the ranks, but the impact of his words softened his heart. He remembered the awful pain he'd felt himself when his brother had died. He'd never had the chance to say goodbye. "All right soldier, you can go." Despite the horror all around them, he saw a radiant smile on the boy's face, as if a great weight had been lifted from his shoulders. "God bless you, sir," said the soldier. It was a long time before the guns fell silent for the last time and each side was allowed to gather their dead and wounded. The captain remembered the young soldier. He looked through the many piles of bodies. Young men. So many as to give an unreal quality to the scene before him. When he came to the makeshift hospital, he looked carefully through the casualties. He soon found himself before the prone body of the



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soldier, alive, but severely wounded. He knelt down beside the young man and gently laid a hand on his shoulder. "I'm so sorry, son. I knew I was wrong to let you go." "Oh no, sir. I'm glad you did and I'm glad you're here now so I can thank you. You see sir, I found my friend. He was badly wounded, but I was able to comfort him at the end. As I held him dying in my arms, he looked me in the eyes and said: "I knew you'd come." The young soldier faded between consciousness and oblivion for some time before he finally slipped away. The captain stayed by his side until the end, tears streaming quietly down his cheeks. Only in war could the happy endings be so terribly sad. As the bugle sounded "Taps", the old captain envisioned once again the young soldier's face. Looking up, he could almost hear the stone monument calling out to him: "I knew you'd come."

God's peace be with us.

As we take time to reflect and remember this month I will be recovering from a knee replacement as I mentioned. Over these past few months many of you have shared encouraging words and stories of either yourself or others having had this operation. Your words have given me reassurance and provided confidence in the doctor who will be operating on me and in the physiotherapy I will be undertaking afterwards. I ask that you continue to offer your prayers and support during my convalescence time.

Please know, too, that I will be praying for all of you and that your faith and ministry will be strong and encouraging to one another. There will be two pastors who will share their gifts of ministry with you during my time away. Pray for Pastors' Joan Lee and Eleanor Caruan as they preach and preside during November and December. In addition, Pastor Douglas Reble, Assistant to the Bishop of the Eastern Synod will be joining you for one Sunday in December. I ask that you support each one of these people as they bring you God's Word and life-sustaining Meal.



I look forward to being back with you as soon as I am able.

May God truly bless you and your family as we take time to give thanks and remember our stories and God's story.

Your friend and pastor

Jeff

Council Perspective

Greetings! In my article last month, I reviewed several items Council explored at our retreat on Saturday, September 22nd. Having a suitable length of time on a Saturday morning allowed us to take the opportunity to explore communication skills and how each of member of Council fits into the team bringing our own unique personal skills to the decision process. The Saturday sessions have set us up well for looking at numerous issues we will be facing as a church this fall.

Wednesday, September 26th marked our first formal meeting of this fall season. As you may suspect, not meeting during the summer months of July and August and then attempting to deal with a range of new items this fall created a very lengthy agenda with the majority of them being time sensitive, thus they could not be deferred to later date. My thanks go out to all Council members for their



attentiveness and focus to what turned out to be a very long meeting. A great deal of work was accomplished.

We welcomed guest Rev Canon Terry DeForest from the Niagara Anglican Diocese to our meeting. His work is focused around human resources within the Diocese. He certainly brings both an extraordinary level of expertise and unique creativity to his role in trying to aid churches in finding staffing solutions that fit individual church ministry needs. We are looking into such help for All Saints. First a note of background.

In our case at All Saints, our Partnership Agreement came together for a period of two years where both clergy Father Tom and Pastor Jeff provided the ministry leadership and fulfilled the shepherding role. When the decision was made to fully amalgamate, Father Tom was called to a new ministry in Welland. That was more than

a year ago. Since then Pastor Jeff has carried the leadership role in a ministry where there are a greater number of unique needs due to our particular Anglican-Lutheran congregation. Over the past six months, the realization has come that Pastor Jeff needs some extra support and assistance serving All Saints in the longer run.

Our Mutual Ministry Team

under Jane Cotter did some researching into this issue with both Synods. As a result, our guest Terry

DeForest presented to Council a very creative and financially viable possibility of having an Honorary Assistant for All Saints. This position has its roots in the Anglican church. Generally, this position is filled by a retired Anglican priest who for various reasons, wishes to continue their ministry in some fashion. Being a retired

**Thank you to
our Council
Members!**

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priest, they can perform duties that a Deacon cannot thus are more flexible in the help they provide.

This Honorary Assistant would serve a fairly limited number of hours and duties which in turn would be negotiated for a modest honorarium. Our treasurer Sandra Christie has already indicated there is a very creative way to shift a few costs to allow for this honorarium expense in our budget without a significant additional expense. Following Terry's presentation, Council voted in principle to carry on with negotiations to pursue this opportunity for the near future.

Other items looked at the September meeting of Council included:

- Arrangements with Fire Safety including fire drills.
- New rental possibilities for our spaces and reviewing policy
- Movement of the former indoor St. D&P cross and hanging it up in the Parish Hall.

Where are we as All Saints in our ministry today? What is your perspective?

- Sunday School updates
- Arrangements for Pastor's short-term leave for his knee surgery both practically and financially. Due to short term disability insurance policy assistance, church can afford to pay his full salary while he is away. Council voted to do that.
- Distribution and handling of church keys
- Possibility of looking into power assisted doors for entrances into church
- Pastor's and Treasurer's reports
- Continue review and adoption of policies and procedures that apply to our new church of All Saints
- Use of storage space within church including



ourselves but also rental groups

- Preparation for election use of Parish Hall
- Reviewing reports from various teams and committees such as Property concerns as well as Worship and Music etc.

The last item on our agenda was Finance Team's final recommendations dealing with the Ogilvie bequest. As you may remember, before the summer they announced a short list of possible items to pursue. Quotes on these were obtained over the summer and final recommendations were now made to Council. The total bequest gift was for \$50,000. Approximately half of it will be spent on present projects and about half put away to serve the longer term. Council voted for the following projects to now go ahead:

- ◇ Replacement of the carpet in the narthex

Council Perspective Continued

with a vinyl planking. This will actually be funded from the Capital Repair Fund and not the Ogilvie monies.

- ◇ Upgrading of the organ to allow for greater possibilities in accompaniments for the congregational singing as well as with the choir.
- ◇ A commercial dishwasher and its installation in the kitchen
- ◇ Installation of an electronic street sign for All Saints along Silvercreek Parkway. Total cost of this project exceeds \$20,000. Recommendation is that money from the Ogilvie bequest pay for half if the other half can be raised from the congregation as a fundraising effort for that cause.

Finally, a word or two from my own perspective as Council Chair. In my article in Connections last month, I extended a question to you.... homework of kinds. Where are we as All Saints in our

ministry today? What is your perspective?

I personally think that over the last few years we devoted a great amount of energy and focus into developing first the Partnership agreement and then the formal merger. It has now been a year since we have formally been together and indeed some ministries such as our worship through music and the outreach ministry with our Silvercreek Market have blossomed. However, I feel that we haven't refocused on some ministries that we consider to be a "core" value as well as some needed to simply "run" the church.

Right now, there is a need for Assisting Ministers and Servers. There is a continuing need for leadership/teachers for the Adult Study Group and the Children's Sunday School. Surely our mission of spreading the good news through education and worship is a "core" value we share. I feel these groups are having trouble getting help

not necessarily from the simple lack of human resources but rather the reluctance of willingness sometimes born out the fear that we do not have the skills needed to serve in a certain role. At the same time, I do also realize and acknowledge that there are many people who serve in multiple roles within the ministry of All Saints already.

A constant effort and a willingness to serve, learn, and move forward will always lead to greater fulfillment in mission.

Strong words, I know. Seek possibilities of service out. Think outside the box, dare to dream differently.

Respectfully Submitted.

Peace,

Brian Janzen

September Soup Lunch — Celebrating Our First Anniversary

There was an excellent turnout of folks to enjoy the many delicious soups and breads plus cake and watermelon at our celebration lunch.

Thanks to all who contributed to the event.

We asked people to write down some thoughts about our first full year together as All Saints. One card wished us a Happy Anniversary in

four (4) languages. That must have been an interesting group to have lunch with. Several mentioned that they enjoyed the music and having a large choir. There were many comments about the friendliness of everyone, the good events, coffee hour (especially Pearl's soda bread) and the making of new friends. Working together at Silvercreek Market and the Saturday Night Suppers also got several mentions. A number of folks commented

on the fact that being together is a blessing and there is a great community spirit. We certainly seem to have grown into a wonderful and supportive church family.

Worship and Music Committee



Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church	September 2018	YTD - to end of September 2018
Offerings.....	\$17,706.25	\$146,211.71
Other Income	\$950.00	\$8,348.10
Transfers Rectory Fund.....	\$100.00	\$900.00
Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$5,625.00
Parsonage Fund	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
Total Income	\$20,381.25	\$170,084.81
Total Expenses	\$17,308.45	\$167,098.18
Surplus/(Deficit).....	\$3,072.80	\$2,986.63

Chili After Church / Talent Show

On Sunday, November 25th, after service, lunch will be served downstairs, in the Fellowship Hall.

Chili of all sorts and buns will be served, with cookies and squares for dessert.



If this menu is not agreeable to you, please bring a lunch and join the fellowship.

Immediately following lunch there will be a talent show.

All ages are welcome to sign up on the easel in the narthex so the emcee will have lots of time to get your name right.

Remember to check out Pearl's Gift Table. Funds will be contributed to the CAC donations.

This will be a fun time of eating and enjoying entertainment and conversation.

A Free Will Offering will be collected, and matched by

Faith Life Financial, to contribute to a digital recorder for the church choir/general use. Any additional funds generated will be directed to the Sunday School to purchase new curriculum and materials.

Laura B., St. Paul's Fundraising Committee



Save the Date!

Please save the first Saturday of 2019 for our first Saturday Night Supper.

We are responsible for the dinner at Royal City Church on January 5, and will need a lot of help.

Details will follow in the

December Connections - but add it to your calendar now!! Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin and Val



Christmas Gift Bag Campaign at Chalmers Community Services Centre

Did you know that we have been involved with the Christmas Bag campaign since 2007? Did you know the first year we filled 15 bags? Last year we filled 56 bags for those less fortunate in our community, and I am excited to be involved again this year.

Chalmers Community Services Centre (CCSC) operates Chalmers Downtown and Chalmers West. CCSC offers a number of services but the main services are a food pantry (formerly the Fair Share Food Shelf), clothing, diapers, household items, mending, as well as personal support, referral, dignity, and community for a significant number of people who live on the margins of our affluent city.

One special way to help CCSC is through the Christmas Bag Campaign. Please see the message below from the program coordinator, for all the details, and please bring filled bags to church by **December 9th**. (The bags will be delivered on Dec. 11.) Bags

and shopping lists are available in the narthex. Thank you in advance for making a huge difference!

Robin Smart, Box 7



Dear Supporters,

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and the Christmas Gift Bag Campaign is getting underway.

We hope you will consider supporting this valuable program. Each year we hear from CCSC guests how grateful they are to receive this gift and that, for many, it is the ONLY gift they receive. For this reason we ask that you include new, good quality items in their original packages. Please note that there is no need for the items to be gift wrapped. Christmas Gift Bags can be delivered in new, reusable shopping bags.

- * One pair of warm gloves
- * One pair of thick socks
- * Regular size shampoo (not conditioner)
- * Toothbrush
- * Toothpaste and/or dental floss
- * Shaving cream for men/box of tampons or pads for women
- * Shower gel, body wash, or soap
- * Antiperspirant/deodorant
- * Package of 5-10 disposable razors
- * Boxed candy or boxed chocolate (not homemade)
- * Small jar of instant coffee, box of tea bags, or tin/box of hot chocolate (no coffee pods)

Thank you for your support.

*Sincerely,
Sarah Dermer, Program and Volunteer
Coordinator, Chalmers
Community Services Centre*



Mary Guse Giving Tree

On November 4th the Mary Guse Giving Tree will be placed in the narthex. The tree will hold clothespins with coloured paper. On each paper there will be an item for a baby, a child, a teen, adult and the name of the organization making the request.

Please take one or two papers, purchase the requested gift. Attach the paper to the gift and place it under the tree by December 2nd.

During the first week of December, all organizations will be contacted and arrangements will be made

for them to collect their gifts.

I look forward to working with the congregation to contribute a little bit of Christmas for needy families.

Laura B. Mann, Altar Guild



All Saints Annual Cookie Walk

With cooler weather rolling in and Christmas ideas jumping out from news stands, it's time to start planning the many types and possibilities of Home-made, Christmas themed cookies you could bake for the All Saints Cookie Walk on **December 8th**. We need your help to create many lovely treats so that this event is at least as successful as last year, if not more so. All our proceeds will go to the Silvercreek Community Market. Last year we were able to give the Market \$2000. It would be wonderful to surpass this amount so that the Market is off to a good start for the new year.

Cookie Walk

- Glossary of terms:

Unit = 5 dozen cookies. We would be most grateful for at least one unit but would be ecstatic if you could produce 2 + units. There is no limit to the units you may produce.

G.F. = Gluten Free and 'yes' there will be a table with a lovely assortment of Gluten Free treats for those who require G.F.

Homemade = made from 'scratch' in your kitchen

Christmas Themed = not regular oatmeal or chocolate chip etc. Something special to celebrate the Festive season

Small Box = as many cookies as can be squeezed into a small take-out dinner box for \$10.00

Mark Your Calendar
for December 8th!

Large Box = even better, as many cookies that can be squeezed into a full dinner take-out box for \$15.00.

Boxes and plastic gloves are provided.

Start reminding your friends and relatives that All Saints Cookie Walk is their one stop Christmas baking source.

Baked items can be frozen safely for 3 months if you don't eat them right away.

Stay tuned for more updates as the month moves on and if you have any questions in the interim, please contact Penny Richards or Sue Wakefield.



Silvercreek Community Market Report

Submitted by Michele Altermann

*"O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive"*
From the prayer of St. Francis



The Market continues to be well attended with an average of 50-60 families or about 200 people for each Market. In order to be able to keep providing fresh nutritious fruits and vegetables to our guests we need the ongoing support of the congregation. While non-perishables have been arriving regularly in our offering basket, financial support had not been as consistent. **It costs \$500 to purchase the fresh produce given out at each Market.** Our Thanksgiving appeal did not receive the amount needed to fund one Market. We hope that by the end of October both types of donations will have increased.

The financial reality for the Market is that the reserve we had hoped to build this year, which would have carried us into next year with a second Market each month, did not happen. The grants will only carry us to the end of December. Unless there is a reserve in the Market account by the end of November we will need to tell our guests, starting in December, that the Market will only continue once a month. We need to give people at least a month's warning that the dates will change.

Please consider how far each dollar goes when we can purchase fresh produce at wholesale prices through the SEED (Guelph Community Health Centre). On average a "basket" of produce from our Market costs \$10.00 per family. At the grocery store the same basket of produce would cost \$25-30.00. We are able to **double** or even **triple** the value of each donated dollar!! To keep operating with one Market per month next year, we would need 50 people to donate \$10 per month. To be able to add the second Market we need 50 people to donate \$20 per month.

We have a partnership with St. Joseph's RC Church that helps us with non-perishable food drives. We would love to be able to develop partnerships with other organizations or businesses in Guelph that could support our Market vision. If you have contacts in Guelph who might be approachable please help us to make those initial contacts.

As the Christmas season approaches there will be many demands on our time, attention and finances. Please consider supporting the Market and the amazing outreach ministry it provides.

Silvercreek Community Market Continued

What makes the Silvercreek Community Market different from other emergency food providers in the city is that our main focus is on providing nutritious FRESH produce. Most other places these families can access, only provide canned goods, and only once a month.



Attitude is Everything

A famous writer was in his study. He picked up his pen and began writing:

"Last year, my gallbladder was removed. I was stuck in bed due to this surgery for a long time.

The same year I reached the age of 60 and had to give up my favourite job. I had spent 30 years of my life with this publishing company.

The same year I experienced the death of my father.

In the same year my son failed in his medical exam because he had a car accident. He had to stay in the hospital with a cast on his leg for several days.

And, the destruction of the car was a second loss.

Alas! It was such a bad year!"

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking dejected, sad and lost in

his thoughts.

She carefully and surreptitiously read what he had written, and silently left the room and came back shortly with another piece of paper on which she had written her summary of the year's events and placed it beside her husband's paper.

When her husband saw that she had written something in response to his account of the year's events, he read:

"Last year I finally got rid of my gallbladder which had given me many years of pain.

I turned 60 with sound health and retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write better and with more focus and peace.

The same year my father, at the age of 95 without depending on anyone and without any critical conditions, met his Creator

The same year, God blessed my son with life.

"My car was destroyed, but my son was alive and without permanent disability.

This year was an immense blessing and it passed well!"

~ MORAL ~

In our daily lives we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

There is always, always something to be thankful for.

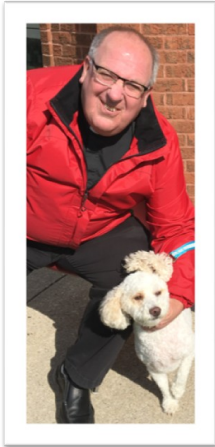
ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Attitude is the one thing that we always, in every circumstance, have control over.

Submitted by the McDougalls

Blessing of the Animals

On October 4th, people all over the world celebrated the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. At All Saints, the celebration took place on October 14th.



During the regular morning Worship Service, members were invited to bring 'stiffies'



for a blessing. In the afternoon, the 'live' pets arrived for their blessing!

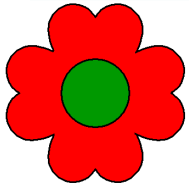
Following the short service and blessings, yummy treats were enjoyed by our four legged friends (and their pet parents)!

Many thanks to Pastor Jeff and the Worship and Music Committee



Remembrance Day Anagram

Unscramble the letters to find the words



Hidden Word
(solve the circled letters):

Answers

Hidden: remembrance
wreath
veteran
soldier
army
November
peace
poppies
courage
freedom
war
bravery

- a r w
- a b e r r v y
- a c g e r o u
- d e e f m o r
- a c e e p
- p p p e i o s
- m a r y
- b e m n r v o
- a e n v r t
- d e i r o l s
- a e h r t w

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2 – 30, 2018 Pastor Jeffon Short Term Disability						
4 All Saints Sunday 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	5 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	6 9:30 am – Sanctuary Hymn Selection Mtg. 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women’s Fellowship Dinner	7 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph/Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	8 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	9 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall GWSA Gathering 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	10
11 Pentecost 25 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	12 7:00 pm – The Parlour Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	13 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	14 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph/Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	15 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	16 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	17
18 Pentecost 26 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School December/January Connections Due	19 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Mtg.	20 9:30 am – Sanctuary Hymn Selection Mtg. 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men’s Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	21 Noon – Fellowship Hall Women of Faith Mtg. 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph/Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	22 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	23 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	24
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