



Connections

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All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

Pastor's Pen

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 8 – NRSV)



We have heard these words many times at weddings, funerals or at special events

to challenge and comfort. In saying that, I find that I have not really made the time to reflect on the words of writer of Ecclesiastes and the richness of what God is saying to me and the world.

As many of you know I have just come back from a time of Short Term Disability due to a total knee replacement. Three months may seem like a short time to some, yet putting it into perspective it is a quarter of a year. During that time I was called upon to be faithful to my rehabilitation exercises in the

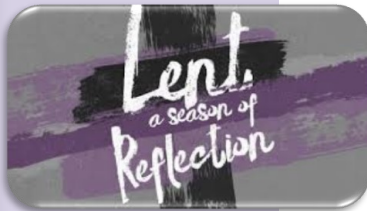
healing process. I was also challenged to let Pastoral work be put aside so that I could allow and experience the thoughts and

prayers of parishioners, family and friends to help me get stronger physically and mentally.

In reflection I am so grateful for the leadership of the congregation in supporting me during my recovery time. Brian Janzen, chair of Church Council was an immense support as well as Jennifer Liersch, Peter West, Sandra Christie and the people on so many of the committees that I interact with. We can also be incredibly thankful for the pastoral support in Rev. Joan Lee, Rev. Fran Darlington, Rev. Michael

Pastor’s Pen Continued

Hackbusch, and Rev. Eleanor Caruana who offered to preach and preside sometime throughout the three months.



As I start coming back to work, we are soon in the Season of Lent and I am preparing myself and the congregation to consider a theme to reflect, meditate and pray upon from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Having been back for only two weeks thus far I was wondering what can I say that would be inspirational. Brian Janzen did incredible, thought provoking writings for Connections. So in my musings I thought, why not consider joining together on pondering the words of Ecclesiastes during this Lenten Season. For example, in examining verse 2, we read, “a time to be born, and a time to die;”

In a time to be born, we might reflect on the creation of life of animals and plants and human beings. We can pray for those in the health care system and education. In a time to die, we might ponder on the various ways in which we encounter death in our world and personally. How and what do we see and understand in death – life?

Use as much time as you think you need for reflection and prayer each day in your Lenten journey.

Time is such a precious thing in our lives and I pray that God will continue to bless us in all that we say and do with our time here on earth.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

Treasurer’s Report by Sandra Christie	January 2019	YTD - to end of January 2019
Offerings	\$14,798.70	\$14,798.70
Other Income	\$950.00	\$950.00
Transfers Rectory Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$625.00
Parsonage Fund.....	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$17,473.70	\$17,473.70
Total Expenses	<u>\$15,588.33</u>	<u>\$15,588.33</u>
Surplus/(Deficit).....	<u>\$1,885.37</u>	<u>\$1,885.37</u>

All Saints Privacy Policy

Have you completed your permission form?

All Saints has their own privacy policy both to allow the responsible sharing of personal information within our church and yet protect private information from specific third parties. In order to do so, we need your one time permission.

Forms are available in the narthex and can be returned to the cardboard tray there or to Brian Janzen Box 29.



The Organist Wakes the Giant

Proudly stands the church organ, its glorious sound echoing through the rafters. The Organist plies his talents bringing the music to life with each gentle touch. There is a majesty in the way the Organist scales to the heights of heaven and plunges to the depths of despair.

The music takes on a life of its own, that reverberates in the heart and soul of the listener. Deftly touching each pedal, each key, the player strokes every note and brings to life the exciting energy of a composer's score. Mozart, Bach, Handel.... all reborn and in the hands of a Master.

Who can say why the organ sound is so loved? It stirs emotion.... its powerful energy creates excitement. Long after the final note is played, it echoes through the church touching each person's soul. It is the Organist who wakes the giant and brings it to life!

By
Marie Leone
The Church of the
Ascension, Hamilton

Submitted by
Marilyn Bleach Schranz



Council Perspective

Psalms 107:1 "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of taking my three-and-a-half-year-old Granddaughter to Niagara Falls for her first time. As usual, parking was difficult, so I resorted to a small lot about one kilometer above the falls. I was hoping the majestic sight of the falls would dull the challenging walk through the harsh cold and biting ice mist blowing from the brink of the waterfall. Although she was properly dressed for the occasion, she didn't exactly appreciate the circumstances and wanted a "lift." I helped her for a short distance before her eyes caught her goal.

Puddles! Manned with her sturdy boots, she ran from one pool of water to the next making sure she created the largest splash possible. In the shadow of the massive volumes of water plunging over the brink of the falls and the icy conditions, she had found her delight. I was somewhat disappointed that she didn't seem to appreciate the falls as much as I anticipated but I was so delighted and thankful to see her so happy in that moment.

As I observe us at All Saints, there are so many "happenings" in our worship and mission that I'm thankful for and so many people that make these moments possible. Like the story above, it's not always about "Niagara Falls" moments, it's the everyday ones that seem quite ordinary but to many become extraordinary. I challenge you to take a good look at our congregation during a worship service. Glance and think how each person contributes to our worship and stewardship at All Saints. I am indeed thankful to be a part of this family and for Council members who attempt to orchestrate this month to month.

Council, at the point of my writing this, has not met since the end of January. Our next meeting is/was February 27th. Some of our efforts have included:

- Work on a revised Building Policy Use for All Saints including rentals. This has now been directed to the Finance Team for further input.
- Establishing a fund-raising task force for the electronic church sign on Silvercreek. If it is to happen, one half the cost is to be raised from church members. There is now a team of 5 individuals under the leadership of Carlo DeCastris. This team has met, and the planned campaign will begin March 3rd and finish June 30th. Look for their announcements.
- Reviewing our relationship of our new church All Saints and the CRA.
- Looking at what do outreach projects at All Saints look like.... how are they established, organized, funded, space needed, etc. This was discussed at the January meeting and a concrete proposal will be introduced next Council meeting.

As always, I encourage your interaction with Council members. Celebrate moments of gratitude with them and items of concern. Can you name at least six of them? There are twelve in total.

Peace, Brian Janzen



Council Word Search – Search for the first names of the 12 Council Members

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All Saints Lenten Food Drive



To help fill in the gaps on the most popular food items that we always need we are having a special food drive during Lent. Thank you for supporting our Market Ministry with your non-perishable food items!

Listed below are the items needed the most and which will be the focus of the Lenten Food Drive:

March 10	Breakfast cereal and peanut butter
March 17	Jasmine rice and dry red lentils
March 24	Pasta and pasta sauce (please no KD!)
March 31	Canned fruit and vegetables
April 7	Cereal and peanut butter
April 14	Pasta sauce and Jasmine rice

We are in need of these particular items at all times, not just during Lent.

Thank you! Michele

All Saints Library



Did you know that we have our very own library?

It is in the narthex on the wall under the bulletin board. There are lots of interesting books. No need to worry about having a

library card or retuning the books on time....simply pick up a book and take it home and return it whenever you are finished with it.

It might just be a good way to give yourself a treat on one of these long winter nights...or in

the summer you could pick up a few books for yourself or your children to take on vacation.

Jan
Worship and Music Committee

Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary



Saturday Night Supper – March 23rd

Please look at your schedule, and sign up if you can! Val and I will be looking for people to provide casserole Italiano and/or pies, as well as serve on the line and help in the kitchen. The recipe for casserole Italiano is included below, and we take all kinds of pies!

Hamburger Italiano (recipe can be doubled easily.)

- Oil for sautéing
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 clove garlic chopped OR 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 8 oz dry macaroni
- 1 tin mushrooms (drained)
- 1 can of tomato spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 - 3/4 grated cheese

Sauté the onion, garlic and meat in oil. Drain off the excess fat when beef is browned. Cook macaroni (drain) and add to meat mixture, along with all the other seasonings, mushrooms and tomato sauce. Put into a casserole dish and bake at 375F for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and top with the cheese (either mozzarella or cheddar work well) and brown for about 6 minutes.

Just a friendly reminder to wear close-toed shoes, and have long hair back or up, when you arrive at 5:15, at Royal City Church.

Val and I will take sign ups at church on March 3rd, 10th and 17th - so if you are away for March Break you can catch us before you leave.

Thank you for reaching out to a vulnerable sector of our community! (If you are keeping track, this is your second last chance to participate in SNS this year.) If this doesn't fit your schedule, supportive prayers and cash donations are welcome.

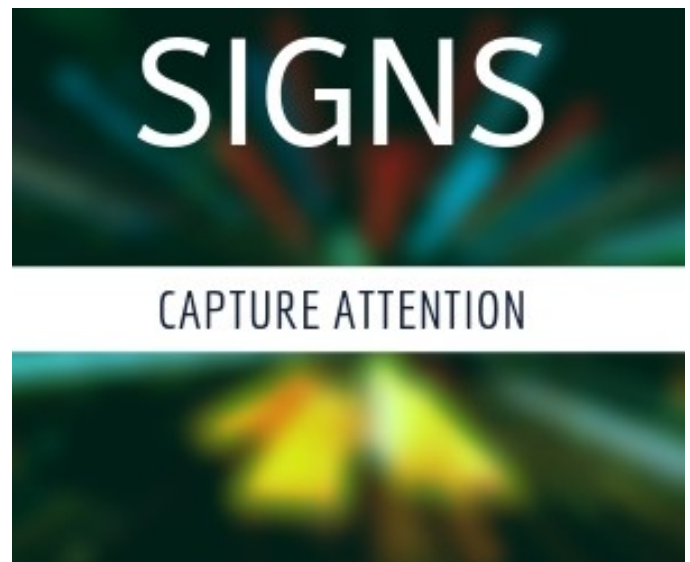
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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

 - Winston Churchill

Submitted by Carlo De Castris



El Salvador Prayers for Pearl



Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37



Prior to our Anglican Lutheran amalgamation, St. Paul's would sometimes have lay people lead a summer service while Pr. Jeff was on vacation. It was a Service of the Word, that is, there was no communion.

Yours truly was involved in this activity. In one of the sermons I gave with then assistant minister Geoff Allen, we talked of miracle cures emanating from a church in El Salvador, *Eglise Mas Que Vencedores* (More Than Conquerors Church). The name comes from a phrase in Romans 8:37.

The sermon was based on a book that described many miracle cures originating from More Than Conquerors Church. The book was written by Annette Vickers, president of PAN Missions, the same NGO with whom I travel to Central America for lay missionary work. Our team had agreed to return to this church to erect some walls for expanding the church's Sunday School and

adult classrooms.

Rev. Melvin Vasquez is the church's pastor. He has a congregational group who gets up every morning at 3 a.m. to pray for the healing of others. As noted, much of Annette's book covers the miracles that have come out of this prayer process.

While I was in El Salvador a few weeks ago on a two country mission trip, I received an email from wife Sandy that Pearl was going to have her surgery while the team was there. She wondered if Pr. Melvin would pray for Pearl. I spoke with the pastor and he immediately said, "Yes, we will pray for Pearl Robinson".

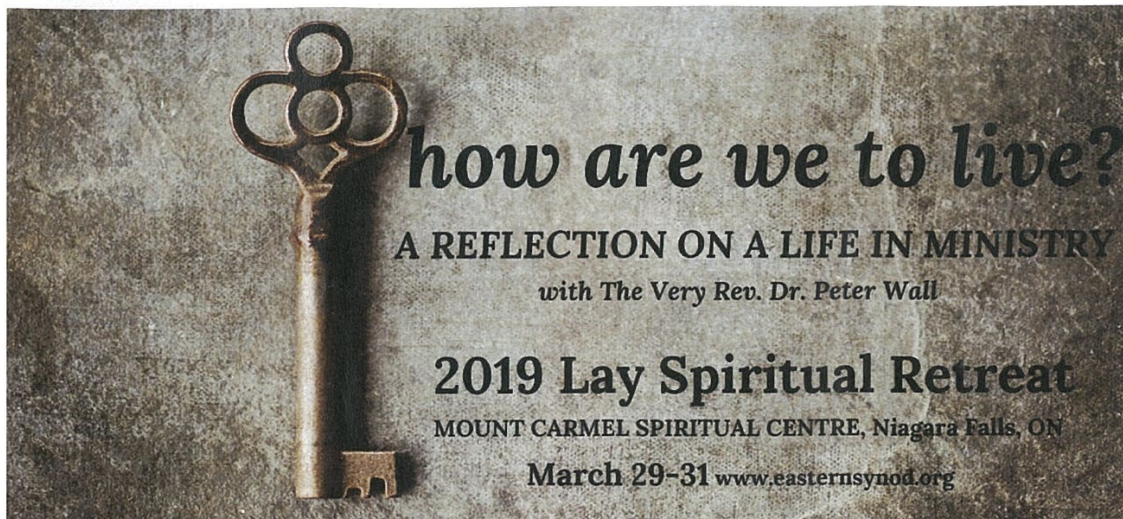
During the Sunday service that the team attended Pr. Melvin asked us to come to the front of the church. We filed up and he welcomed and thanked us for the classrooms. He then gave the

microphone to the first team member in line and each of us had an opportunity to address the congregation (we had a translator). Following that he told everyone that there would be a special healing prayer for Pearl. The congregation stood up, Melvin led the supplication, and soon the congregation was in fervent prayer. After the service Melvin told me that his nightly prayer group would also be praying for Pearl. Of course, I thanked him profusely.

Was it Divine synchronicity that Pearl's operation and the team's presence in El Salvador coincided? I certainly like to think so. And also, of course, that the prayers from *Eglise Mas Que Vencedores* and Pastor Melvin's healing team were a part of Pearl's successful surgery.

Submitted by Kurt





January 14, 2019

Grace be yours and peace!

This letter is written to invite laypersons of the Eastern Synod, ELCIC, and the Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada to attend a spiritual retreat.

This year, our presenter will be The Very Rev. Dr. Peter Wall. Rev. Dr. Wall is Co-Chair of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission, and has been Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of Niagara since 1998. As Dean, he is responsible for the overall life of the Cathedral parish and takes an active role in the leadership of the Diocese. Peter has been very involved in the church beyond the Cathedral and Niagara, having served on the Council of General Synod, the national Faith Worship and Ministry Committee, the Board of Directors of the Anglican Foundation of Canada and on the national Liturgy Task Force. For 20 years, Peter performed regularly with The Three Cantors, and his passions are liturgy, stewardship, and leadership development in the Church. He will take us on an inspiring (and humorous!) journey of reflection as we learn together from his life in ministry.



You won't want to miss this opportunity to spend these special days in conversation, worship, and silence, as we explore the Spirit together. Register soon, for space is sure to be limited!

The retreat will be held from Friday, March 29th – Sunday, March 31st, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, Ontario. The all-inclusive registration rate is \$265 and the commuter rate is \$125, which includes meals.

Please note that this is a fragrance free event.

If you have any questions about the retreat, you are invited to contact the Retreat Director, Dorothy Frook (dbfrook@wightman.ca), or the Registrar, Prijna Gingrich (anp.gingrich@rogers.com). Registration will be available at <https://form.jotform.com/EasternSynod/2019-lay-spiritual-retreat> or on the Eastern Synod website at: www.easternsynod.org. (Contact the Registrar if you require additional assistance with the registration process.)

We look forward to welcoming you.

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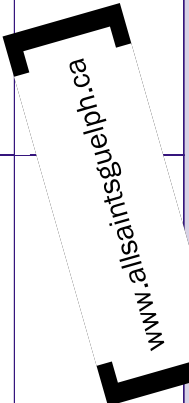
Bishop Michael Pryse
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Community, Conversation, Contemplation, Worship & Renewal

To register, please visit www.easternsynod.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 <u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School</p>	<p>4 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>5 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>6 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AI-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>7 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AI Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>1 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 <u>Lent 1</u> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Baptism 11:30 am – Fellowship Hall Intercessory Prayer Workshop</p>	<p>11 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 7:00 pm – The Parlour Outreach Mtg.</p>	<p>12 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AI-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>14 9:30 am – The Parlour Worship & Music Mtg. 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AI Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>15 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <u>Lent 2</u> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Baptism 9:30 – 2:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Private Rental</p>	<p>18 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Meeting</p>	<p>19 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>20 Noon – Fellowship Hall Women of Faith Mtg. (Bag Lunch) 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AI-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>21 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AI Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>22 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <u>Lent 3</u> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School</p>	<p>25 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>26 4:00-11:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Easter Star Mtg. 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm – The Parlour Church Council Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AI-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>28 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AI Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>29 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 <u>Lent 4</u> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School</p>						 <p>www.allaintsguelph.ca</p>