

Pastor's Pen

Ahh, it's June, and this month takes on a freshness of energy with so many summer activities and events being planned in people's lives. I see many seniors who are enjoying sitting or walking outside feeling the warm blowing breezes and listening to the rustling of new leaves on trees and birds singing merry songs. Garden Centres are selling their plants and soil as gardeners look forward to keeping their hands busy tending new plants and vegetable gardens and pulling weeds that never seem to stop growing. As I drive by the area golf courses, which might be the closest I get this summer, golfers are stretching their muscles as they take on another season of hitting the golf ball straight down the fairway, onto the green and then a fine putt for a birdie or par. There are so many other activities I could name but I will highlight the students who are anticipating the end of a school year with the excitement of graduation ceremonies, the pressure of exams, taking home final Report Cards, and cleaning out desks and lockers.

How are your June plans shaping up??

In the life of the church here at All Saints we look forward to June 2nd and the 3rd Annual Church

Picnic hosted by the Grand River Ministry Area. The ELCIC National Bishop, Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson, will bring us encouraging and challenging words as she preaches the Word. I strongly encourage each one of you to come out and worship with our neighbours of the Grand Ministry Area. There is more information in this Connections edition about this event.

Summer picnics are wonderful and we will be having our own outdoor Church Picnic on the back lawn of the Church on June 9th. What a great way to wind down our Sunday School programme and appreciate individuals who have given of their time throughout the Sunday school year. We will also be recognizing our High School graduates as they receive an afghan for their continued walk in their journey in life. What an incredible achievement. Well done!



Photo from 2018 Grand River Ministry Picnic

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Father's Day is on June 16th and during the Prayers of Intercession we will lift up to God the names of our fathers who have guided us in life. I always appreciate this special time remembering their names as part of the community of God's people.

Education, mentorship, learning, schooling: All part of life lessons that we experience in one form or another. Some might recall schooling done in a one-room schoolhouse, or at home, privately or in the public system. Then there were the days of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Classes and even Adult Bible Study. Hearing and studying the Word of God through story telling during the Sermon, private devotional time and intentional learning groups enable us to grow. Bishop Susan Johnson wrote in the Canada Lutheran, March 2011 issue,

"The reality is that our faith cannot be fully taught and comprehended by the time we have completed confirmation. It would be like graduating with a computer science degree and then never doing any more continuing education. Before long, your knowledge would be too limited to help you function and grow.

So too, with our faith. As we grow in life, we encounter new challenges, new questions, where we need a deeper faith understanding in order to function. I find that if I don't study, I lose my inspiration and perspective pretty quickly. I know I am blessed to have a job that allows me, indeed requires me, to do continuing education. When I study it helps me deepen my faith and prepares me to do many of the other deeper discipleship pieces I am called to do — Read, Pray, Worship, Serve, Give, and Tell. Through

study, both personally and vocationally, I am enriched."

Studying is a lifelong experience. During the month of June, thank a teacher for their dedicated and inspirational teaching for yourself or a family member, find some books for summer reading to relax with, or possibly take a summer course or do an activity that is inspirational.

Enjoy your month of June.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

**Read,
Pray,
Worship,
Serve,
Give, and
Tell**

**Mark Your Calendar for the ANNUAL
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND
PICNIC, Sunday June 9th, 10:00 AM
held outside on the church grounds.**

**Don't forget your lawn chair, hat,
sunscreen and a potluck item to share.**

There will not be an 8:30 AM service that day.

Council Perspective

"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:17

Sometime during a past random journey through the internet, I remember coming across some cute church signs that poked fun at things yet often had a more important message. One of them said: "If you need an Ark, fear not we 'Noah' a guy" I would imagine you may have recently felt like I, "Where did spring go?" The side story to that is, "When will it stop raining?" Yet the verse I quoted above from Acts teaches us of the inevitable links from rainfall to crops to food to filling our hearts with joy. This reality of natural life cycles may also teach us the cycles we often go through in our spiritual lives.

With the end of May and the completion of our Annual Congregational / Vestry meeting (May 5th) we at All Saints have experienced another cycle. With the review of our Annual Report for 2018 and the celebration of our ministry for another year, our hearts should be filled with joy. If you have yet to read these reports, I encourage you to do so and spend some reflective time in thankfulness. We haven't reached a finish line yet or perhaps an ultimate

goal, but our ministry has flourished in many ways despite the realities of our present world and changing demographics.

As a result of decisions at the Annual Congregational/Vestry meeting, rotation in the membership of Council will occur again. Four of our members have formally left Council and we have elected four new ones. It's a time of transition; a wake-up call of sorts losing four very active members in our circle and yet the warm welcoming of new members to our team. **As Chairperson, on behalf of the entire Congregation of All Saints, a sincere and heartfelt thanks to must go to Carlo DeCastris, Sandra Christie, Suzanne Worthen, and Anne Stuart who have completed their term on 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 our May 5th Annual General Meeting, we welcomed four newly elected members from the Congregation: Roy McLeod, Andrew Usjak, Michele Altermann, and Mark Weigel. I welcome your prayers for this new formation of Council to represent your views and carry on the business and ministry mandate of Christ's teachings and our local situation.

As I reflect on the past year

with Council, we have completed our formal amalgamation of two Congregations. We have not just signed formal agreements but learned to live together and minister together in a new identity as All Saints.

Among other things, Council has reviewed and ratified a multitude of new operating documents over this past year. At times, we at All Saints have dared to dream outside our traditional boxes. With that has been some growing pains. Of course, but we have seemed to have accepted or at least challenged those and retained our focus to move forward in ministry.

From my perspective moving forward, we must also move towards new ways of ministries with our root values to present ministries in mind. It is not a simple matter of throwing out the old and bringing in the new. With this thought, our commitment to education and Christ's teachings demand our attention. Renewal or a rotation of leadership in different ministries will also eliminate the exhaustion that some ministry leaders are experiencing.

As Council proceeds through this 2019 year, I look forward to these possibilities. As always, I invite you to consider



Council Perspective Continued

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"*

We indeed have reason to
celebrate God's goodness
throughout the seasons, but
the springtime presents a new
opportunity to tend the vines;
to prune, water, and fertilize
them for future growth.

Peace to all,
Brian Janzen
Chair, Congregational Council



All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie as at April 30, 2019			
	March	April	YTD to end of April
Offerings	\$18,227.10	\$19,564.35	\$67,224.15
Other Income	\$998.00	\$1,150.00	\$3,548.00
Transfers Rectory Fund.....	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
Dowry Fund.....	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$2,500.00
Parsonage Fund..	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$20,950.10	\$22,439.35	\$77,672.15
Total Expenses	<u>\$20,856.08</u>	<u>\$19,916.25</u>	<u>\$71,720.57</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$94.02</u>	<u>\$2,523.10</u>	<u>\$5,951.58</u>

Summer Coffee Hours — July and August

Really, July and August are just around the corner! This year we would like to try having our coffee hours between the two services during July and August. We think this will be a great way to connect with each other. And the members attending the 10 am service will be able to get away sooner after church to do all the fun stuff of summer.

Coffee hour will be from 9:00 am till 9:30 am. Thanks so much to the 8:30 group for hosting the 1st coffee hour on the Canada Day weekend.

There will be a sign-up sheet as always. We hope different groups will sign up and keep it simple. Why not ask someone that you don't know very well to join you in hosting a coffee hour, and then you will get acquainted.

In the past, we have served cold drinks rather than tea and coffee. It is up to the host... but we caffeine addicts may need some Jo...



Jan Nielsen
Worship and Music
Committee

Silvercreek Community Market Update

The Market continues to be a busy place. With our latest Market 65 households attended, and the average is still 50-55 families, which is just over 200 people. **Thank you** for your ongoing support!

The Lenten Food Drive did help fill some gaps in our non-perishable supplies, as well as the food drive that St. Joseph's RC parish held for us as well. However, we still find ourselves going through some foods more quickly than others. There is a special need for **rice, peanut butter and breakfast cereal** before the third week of June. Also, please remember that the Market runs during the summer and with summer attendance, we might experience a drop in non-perishable donations. Please note that large bags of

rice or lentils are repackaged into smaller portions on site.

Michele Altermann

Also during the summer, please feel free to visit us if you are on holiday - the Market is held on the first and third Thursday of each month from

The Market always needs:

Cereal
Peanut Butter
Pasta (not KD)
Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Rice
Whole Red Lentil
Canned Meat

2-3 p.m. Students looking for volunteer hours are also welcome to help between 12-3p.m.



So who is the NEW (old) "Priest Associate" (Bill Thomas) ?

I was born in Windsor, ON, to a Methodist Tool Engineer, who joined the church choir to meet my mother, a Presbyterian Bank Teller, and grew up thinking the whole congregation of St. Andrew's was my extended family. And, although my wife Jette (*pronounced Yetta*), and I have not lived in Guelph since 1987, we are no strangers to Guelph. This is Jette's fourth time living here, and my third. What brought us back this time, was the opportunity to be much closer to our grandson - fast approaching his second birthday, and changing daily.

The last time we were living in Guelph, from 1983-87, I was the rector of St. David's and St. Patrick's Church, having completed three years before as Assistant Curate at St. Jude's, Church in Oakville. I went on from Guelph to become the Executive Director of the Diocese of Niagara's Conference Centre and Camp at Canterbury Hills in the Dundas Valley. While there, I was appointed as Interim Director of Program for the Diocese. In 1993 I moved to Christ's Church Cathedral as Canon Pastor. That is where my License to function as an Anglican cleric resides, and where Jette and I continue to worship one Sunday a month. That situation, although unusual, is typical of my whole clerical ministry. While I continued to remain on the staff of the Cathedral, I also acted as Rector of All Saints Hamilton, and then as Director of Interim Ministries, working with transitions, mergers, and

closures of parishes in Oakville and the Greater Hamilton Area, until my retirement from that position in 2005. Being in the middle of a merger of two parishes at that time, I continued on a contract basis till the merger was completed in February 2007.

The first time I was in Guelph (Jette's 2nd) was when I came here to join the staff of GCVI from 1966-77 as Head of Geography for 9 of those years. It was in Guelph that we adopted our first two children (Kimberly & Ian) as infants, to be followed by the birth of Eric, who had Down Syndrome. All of three of them drastically changed our lives for the better. In the early 70's we became very much involved as members of St. George's Church. That experience, when combined with my "Damascus Road" experience, enabled the

Spirit to propel me into giving up a successful career in teaching to return to Western & Huron College as a full time grad student for three years. Jette, having earlier funded my Msc, gave up her job as Guelph's first Bookmobile driver-clerk, to again become

the principle bread winner, repeating her position as the administrative assistant to the Associate Registrar at UWO a decade earlier.

But that significant and major change was not the first in my life - having grown up on the waterfront and around boats in both Windsor and Riverside, I quickly became involved in High School as a Sea Cadet, and in University as a member of the UNTD - a Naval Reserve Officer Training Program. When we met in University, Jette feared she might be marrying a career naval officer. But a year before I graduated, the Federal Gov't announced that it would be



Photo from Bill and Jette's 50th Wedding Anniversary

amalgamating the Army, Navy, & Air Force into one Force with a common uniform and rank structure. Not only that, but they decommissioned my Reserve Unit (HMCS Prevost) and turned it over to the Army as a pilot project. So I was commissioned, and immediately

Priest Associate Continued....

retired - along with the rest of the ship's company. Downsized in my early 20's!. I had nothing to do with the Navy or the Canadian Forces for the next 30 years!

Not so in the last 25 years! Particularly in retirement - I continue to be the Chaplain for the Burl-Oak Naval Veterans, and for HMCS HAIDA - a National Historic Site and the Ceremonial Flagship for the restored Royal Canadian Navy. I continue to serve on the Boards of the UNTD Association of Canada, and the Naval Association of Canada, as well as representing the Hamilton area on the Toronto Branch of NAC. As Jette has said several times in recent years "explain to me again how retirement was going to be *different*"!

And while I have been winding down my Board work, I very much enjoy more time to read the more prophetic works of Science Fiction, and Theology. Jette continues to enjoy her knitting and cross stitch. We are very much excited by the life and ministry of All

Saints, and the very warm welcome we received. We both look forward to getting to know you all, and helping out where and when we can.... but not to the point of giving up our annual week-long Spring Cruise on the Trent-Severn or Rideau Canals, our Summer trip to Nova Scotia, or our Fall Trip to the West Coast, or cruising aboard the QM2!!!

And for those of you wondering about Jette's 1st arrival in Guelph - that's another story - involving The Victory School.....

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed money towards Easter flowers. This lovely gesture, often made in memory of loved ones, supports the purchase of spring plants and makes a wonderful display on Easter Sunday.

These flowers will continue their blessings and will be planted in the outside flower beds to enhance the beauty of the gardens.

Laura B. Mann, Altar Guild



What "Church" means to Daniel

This is what church means to my 8 year old grandson Daniel.

Note the flag on top of the church says "Love."

Thanks for making Daniel feel welcome at All Saints.

The character at the bottom is a Minecraft guy.

Submitted by: Jan Nielsen



Saturday Night Supper—June 29

Last chance to sign up for Saturday Night Supper at Royal City Church this year!

We will be serving lasagna for dinner, with cupcakes and watermelon for dessert.

Please come to Royal City Church for 5:15 with your food, and if staying to help have



close-toed shoes and long hair up.

You can sign up at church on June 16th and 23rd.

We are looking for helping hands, and donations of food and/or cash. Please know you make a difference when you reach out and fill a stomach!

Respectfully



submitted,

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Grand River Ministry Area
3rd Annual Church Picnic



**Called to Journey Together:
The Ministry of Reconciliation**

Join us for a day of thought provoking worship,
food, fellowship and fun for all ages!

Sunday June 2nd, 2019

Gathering Time 10 am

Service at 10:30 am

(including Holy Communion)

At St. Luke's Lutheran Church

317 Franklin St. N., Kitchener

Worship will feature:

Sermon by our National Bishop Susan Johnson

as well as service leadership by local Pastors and Lay people.

Musical leadership provided by a live band.



Lunch will be provided courtesy of Piller's and dessert by the Apple Fritter Haus



Games, Music and Activities
for adults and children
Including a bouncy castle!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and an
umbrella (for sun).



For more info and updates please join our Facebook group:
Grand River Ministry Area Picnic

Save the Date...

Assisting Ministers,
Servers and Ushers



We will be offering a training and review of our procedures for Sunday morning worship services on September 14, 2019. We are asking Assisting Ministers and servers to come at 9:30 am and Ushers to come at 10:45 am. Refreshments will be

Called to *Serve*

provided!

Jan Nielsen
Worship and Music Committee

Thank you to all who came out to Work Day on Saturday, May 4th!

Kitchen:

Thank you to Joan Hicks, Judy Rogers and Sheila Chappel who met with me to clean, reorganize, laugh and chat about past experiences in church kitchens! We also tried to figure out the best places to relocate pots and pans, etc. in preparation for the installation of the commercial dishwasher which will grace our kitchen in the next few months. But, as was discussed at our Annual Meeting, having a dishwasher does not mean that we don't need help from everyone who is capable, to prepare the space for meetings and funeral lunches, gather dirty dishes, wipe off counters and tables, offer assistance and generally

take pride in our wonderful hall and kitchen!

Outside:

Three feisty girls, including me, and three strong men helped to distribute the Big Bag of Dirt and clean up the flower beds. All the Easter flowers found homes in the gardens around the building. Thank you to Jan Nielsen, Linda Hunter, Siegi Schrauz, Norm Frid and Chris Heaney. Also kudos to Wayne Harloff who helped put away the garden tools and dispose of the empty dirt bags.

Marilyn Coleman and Laura B. Mann



Leupold Chorale to Host Service of Lessons and Carols

On Sunday June 9th, at 4:00 pm, the Leupold Chorale will host a service Lessons and Carols, to mark the festivals of Easter and Pentecost. You are cordially invited to join us at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Road South, Waterloo, for this inspiring musical event. There will be refreshments and fellowship for all following the event. Founded in 2009, the Leupold Chorale strives to foster and preserve the performance of the music of the Lutheran Church and of the continental Reformation, the early music

of other Christian traditions, and other sacred music which is rarely heard today. Our name honours the life and ministry of Ulrich Leupold, pastor, teacher, scholar, theologian, and musician, who lived and taught in our community during the last century.



The Cracked Pot

Submitted by Marisela McDougall

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pots side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for

what they are and look for the good in them.



All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Easter 7 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:30 am – Grand River Ministry Area Joint Worship Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, ON	3 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	4 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Supper 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	5 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	6 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Community Market 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	7 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	8
9 Day of Pentecost 10:00 am – Outside Holy Communion Church Picnic	10 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 7:00 pm – The Parlour Outreach Mtg.	11 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	12 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	13 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	14 1:00 pm – The Parlour 2 nd Anniversary Planning Mtg. 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	15
16 The Holy Trinity 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	17 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Mtg.	18 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	19 10:30 am – Communion Service at St. Joseph's Health Care Centre 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	20 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Community Market 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	21 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	22
23 Trinity 1 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 2 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion July / August Connections Due	24 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	25 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	26 7:00 pm – The Parlour Church Council Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	27 2:15 pm – Memorial Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	28 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	29
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