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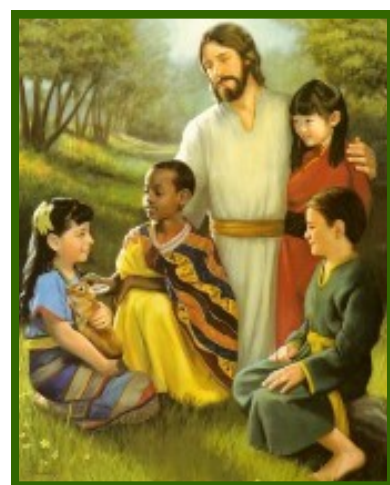
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Pastor's Pen

The crowds gathered around Jesus, young and old, to hear words of God's love and forgiveness. What an amazing scene of people listening intently to the teacher while young children, knowing that something exciting and wonderful was happening, but not sure what, continued to run around and play. Jesus, seeing the disciples trying to persuade the parents to control their children and possibly have them go to a different area, says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. (Matthew 19: 14, NRSV). Such innocence.

I had a wonderful summer relaxing and experiencing the beauty of God's creation. In July, we gathered, with my Kathryn's side of the family, at a campground on Lake Diefenbaker,

which is in Saskatchewan. There were around thirty-three people in all at this gathering, consisting of four generations. We cooked all our meals, brunch and supper, over a barbeque and caught up on the stories of what everyone was doing in their lives. Some families stayed in cottages and others in trailers. What would camp be like without rain? And it was great to not be in the high humidity like there was in Ontario. There were many priceless photo opportunities throughout the week but one that I remember was that of my great-nephew. One morning, after an overnight rainfall, I woke up and saw, outside our cottage window, our two-year-old great-nephew, dressed, wearing rubber boots and carrying a plastic tackle box with fishing gear. He stopped



by a puddle beside the side of the road and, with mom close by, cast his fishing line into the puddle, determined to catch a fish. What a great way to begin the day with the innocence of a child enjoying life.

Later on in the summer I had another memorable day as Grandpa and Grandma, that's us, took our two granddaughters to LEGOLAND, up in Vaughan. There was so much to do and so little time. I am not sure who had the most fun. What a joy to see our

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**My prayer is that
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Jesus our Lord.**

Pastor's Pen continued

grandchildren building a structure to see if it could withstand an imaginary earthquake, create a small race car that would beat Grandpa's car down a track, and have our picture taken with the Lego Friends, that were three foot tall. A great time and there is still more to do during the summer.

At the end of August I will be gathering with ten other Lutheran congregations, participating in Confirmation Camp with other pastors and leaders, confirmands and post-confirmands at Camp

Kintail. Through worship, fellowship, music, activities, food, and teaching time we live our baptismal calling of understanding and living "Shalom, God's Peace" in our local surroundings and in our world. What a great way to see our young people growing in their faith.

The reason I mention all this is because in September many will be going back to school to teach, to learn, to experience new levels of personal development. This happens also in the life of the Church as programmes and

committee's begin anew. At All Saints, our Sunday School staff will be installed and we will have the blessing of backpacks. Church Council will gather for a half-day retreat to look at our goals and mission of the congregation. Confirmands will be finishing up their lessons as they prepare for Confirmation Sunday in October. September is a wonderful month to be renewed in prayer and fellowship.

Throughout the year we will hear more about this in our Connection issues. For me, two characteristics that give me strength, and help define my faith and express who I am are, live life with creativity and enjoy laughing. My prayer is that you too will discover new life and joy in living your faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace be with you.
Your pastor and friend.
Jeff

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie as at July 31, 2019

	June	July	To end of July
Offerings	\$17,535.15	\$12,837.50	\$111,939.85
Other Income	\$350.00	\$950.00	\$5,498.00
Transfers -Rectory Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
-Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$4,375.00
-Parsonage Fund	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$19,610.15	\$15,512.50	\$129,512.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,405.92</u>	<u>\$18,733.44</u>	<u>\$126,561.53</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$1,204.23</u>	<u>(\$3,220.94)</u>	<u>\$2,951.32</u>

Council Perspective

Greetings and welcome back to many of us who were able to take some holidays this summer. A break in our regular routine and rushing schedules is always refreshing. As the weather begins to shift now and the excitement of the kids switch from those holidays to a new school year, many of us will return to those routines and schedules including more regular attendance at church.

I look forward to the first few Sundays of September where we can refresh friendships and share stories or perhaps adventures of those summer experiences. Personally, I also look forward to worship with the larger community of our church; to hear the hymns sung again with more vigour, the choir contributions, the kids back in Sunday School, the celebration of bread and wine.

Prior to the summer months of July and August, Church Council met June 26th. The focus of that meeting was to ensure the business of the church would function smoothly through the summer and put in place several items for the fall. Council does not generally meet during the summer months.

Council discussed a possible plan to change the dates of Council meetings. One of the reasons to do that would be to facilitate getting news out to the Congregation in a timelier fashion through our paper Connections. This has to do with due dates for Connections and Council's meeting at the end of each month. After discussion, it was agreed that this would create other problems that would be difficult to get around. Thus, the decision was to keep Council meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. I will use the email blast system to distribute any time sensitive news.

Council learned that one of our members would be leaving due to personal circumstances. We can function with eleven instead of twelve. However, we would prefer to work

with a body of twelve. If you are interested in possibly filling this position, please speak to myself, Brian.

More recently there have been a few inquiries about facilitating refugees. Some of these have originated from our Market clients. Council has entertained this thought in the past but concluded the financial burden of hosting/sponsoring was too great. A similar conclusion was reached at our June meeting and we agreed to minister through assistance to them in other ways. One such way is our Market. A pamphlet is being created with names and contact information of organizations providing various forms of assistance. This can be handed out to those who inquire.

Progress with projects continue to proceed this summer. As work continued with the installation of the automatic dishwasher, we realized that some countertop/cupboard space would have to be adjusted. With further examination, due to age and sanitation reasons, a recommendation to Council was received to replace the old countertops prior to the installation of the dishwasher. This was thoroughly examined by Council and costing was investigated. As a result, the decision was made to do this. Much of this will be laminate while some particularly around the dishwasher will be stainless steel. Funds for this will be taken from the Capital Repair Fund. We anticipate this complete project will be finished by the time you read this.

Another project that Council continues to focus on is the signage for our church along Silvercreek Parkway. With fundraising done, we have essentially reached our target based on need from earlier research including the one quote already obtained. In June, Council set up a process to obtain two other quotes and then making a final decision from the total of three we would have. The process of obtaining these quotes has been slower than anticipated due to some factors out of our control.



Council Perspective....continued

However, we anticipate these very shortly and a final decision from these three quotes made. Hopefully installation can still take place in the fall.

A continuing concern over the last year or two has been the smooth functioning of our Sunday School. We have generally lacked, for any length of term, leadership for the program or teachers to carry it out. At Council's June meeting we attempted to address this. Specific job descriptions were drawn up showing exactly what was required of individual volunteers. In order to have a more stable program in place for September, Michele Altermann generously volunteered to be Superintendent for the next year. I'm sure you will hear more information from her shortly. If you are interested in helping, please speak with her.

Council also discussed All Saints official two-year anniversary. This will be marked on Sunday, September 22nd. An expanded "coffee hour" type of reception will be held in the hall downstairs following the 10:00 am service. With this anniversary upon us, we also realized it is time to create an up to date photo directory for our church. Council decided for various reasons, to do this "in house" rather than hiring a company. Informal pictures will be taken following Sunday services in order for it to be more convenient for all. Look forward to further

announcements regarding this later this month.

We too are grateful to Suzanne Worthen who has agreed to step into a new position, that of Treasurer's Assistant. She will be assisting Sandra in some of her financial duties as we move forward.

Council will be participating in a retreat Saturday September 14th. Here we will be dealing with topics and issues that involve longer discussion and sharing.

As always, Council is elected and represents you and the church. I encourage you to share your experiences at All Saints with them.

They are:

Brian Janzen	Mark Weigel
Michele Altermann	Barb Cook
Kate Stuttaford	Stephen Ricketts
Chris Heaney	Andrew Usjak
Marilyn Bleach Schranz	Earlby Wakefield
Roy McLeod	

Peace,

Brian Janzen

Adding Percussion — Spice Up the Rhythms



This summer we have been fortunate to have Katy Waring return for her second year as a Barbara Price Choral Scholar.

We have also used the scholarship to bring in Brennan Connelly, a music instructor at Wilfrid Laurier

University, to coach Katy and Jamy on using percussion with our liturgy. Jamy's conga playing has added fun rhythms to our gospel verse and sanctus.

Peter West
Music Director

All Saints Sunday Church School

Summer vacation is almost over and we hope the children are looking forward to Sunday Church School again! We will be starting on September 15 with the installation of our SCS Leaders – Carlo Di Castris, Linda Goodman, Chris Heany, Jean Hein, Lynn Ronconi, Kate Stuttaford, and Kathryn Smith.

We will also have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** on September 15 so please bring them with you to Church that morning.

On October 6 we will be doing our first **Baking for Rosa** so come prepared to bake delicious treats for the congregation to buy and help support this ministry.

On October 6 there will also be a **Blessing of the Animals**, so bring your favourite (stuffed) pet with you to Church. Live pets will be blessed in the afternoon. There will not be a SCS on Thanksgiving.

Parents, grandparents and guardians, please pick up and fill out a registration

form (**Contact Information**) available in the Narthex and from the Church Office, by September 8. If you have not filled out the **Consent for use of personal information** form, please include that as well.

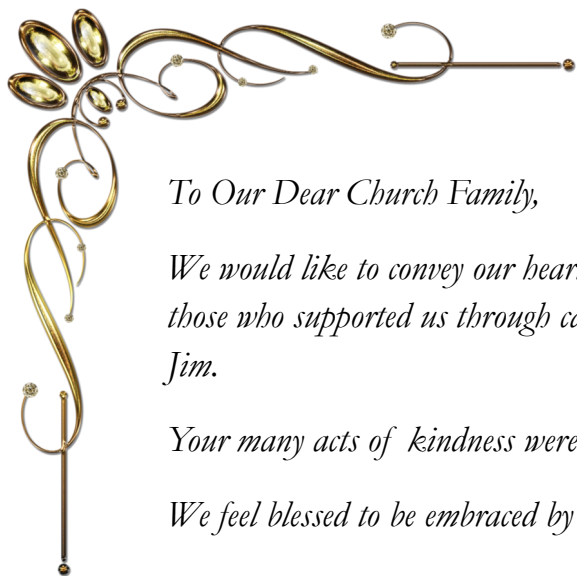
We have lots of fun activities planned and look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Michele Altermann
SCS Superintendent



Parents:

**Fill out a
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form!**



To Our Dear Church Family,

We would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Jeff, Women of Faith and helpers, and all those who supported us through cards, thoughts and prayers as we mourn the death of our dear son Jim.

Your many acts of kindness were so very much appreciated by our family.

We feel blessed to be embraced by the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church.

We thank you sincerely,

The Braun Family

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday
October 6, 2019
at 1:30 PM

Please bring your pets (dogs, cats, snakes, hamsters, birds and crabs etc.) for this special 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."

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 bring their favourite stuffed animal to the church services on October 6th 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
 Worship and Music
 Committee Member



SEASON OF CREATION

Each year, Christians from around the world recognize The Season of Creation. It is a time when the global Christian family joins together around one shared purpose by praying and caring for creation. The Season begins September 1 with the Day of Prayer for Creation and continues through to the Feast of St. Francis on October 4.

During The Season of Creation, our worship time at All Saints will encompass many aspects of reflecting on and telling the story of creation:

- Praising God, who created all things and continues to create
- Praying that we are emboldened to care for and work to protect God's creation
- Lament as we reflect on our concern for the world
- Singing our joys and our fears
- Thankfulness for the gift of creation
- Blessing of each other and those pets and animals that we care for.

For more information, please see <http://seasonofcreation.org>

POM Update...Such Exciting News!

Dear All Saints,

The Peace Of Mind (reusable period protection kits) project is steaming ahead with the ongoing love and practical support of many generous donors. The really exciting news is that the project has grown from a retired gal in her messy sewing room wondering how to help girls stay in school to include two thriving, sewing cooperatives in Nicaragua plus a third one coming in soon under their wings.

The POM Sewing Cooperatives have 15 donated machines including a serger, a part time paid quality control supervisor and many local women who can earn much needed salary for cutting out and sewing the POM kits. There is also a network of church based community workers who distribute the finished kits to girls and young teens to help them stay in school.

While I and many of my busy sewers in Toronto, Guelph and Kincardine continue to make up the kits in Canada, spreading the sewing work to the ladies in Nicaragua means more kits made and

supportive salaries for the proud sewers. They are delighted to learn the skills of pattern cutting and assembly as well as using a sewing machine. In addition, the opportunity to earn a wage enabling them to buy more nutritious food for their families ensures better fed children, ready to learn.

I find myself in the position of collecting the supplies including the discreet pencil case transport bags, pretty underwear, piles of white soap, fabric of all kinds, and cases of ziplock baggies or organizing completed pads into sets ready for distribution and shipping them one over

stuffed suitcase at a time to Nicaragua. Many blessed volunteers survive on a very

skimpy selection of clothing for their volunteer/holiday, so I can pack their bags with metres and metres of flannelette!

The newest news is that a group of travelling doctors serving rural areas in Nicaragua and El Salvador, have asked the our POM sewing

cooperatives to make up 300 POM kits to be distributed to needy girls on their clinic rounds. Yahooooo!

This fall, Laura F. Mann has graciously offered to host a sewing bee during the day as my very tiny "assistant" Elizabeth is still examining the world with her teeth and has furthermore learned to run! Laura has been a steady supporter of the programme since the start and over the last months has diligently cut out many, many pattern pieces, so she is another expert. I can still host an evening bee to accommodate the sewers and cutters who have work or childcare responsibilities during the day. Keep an eye or ear out for notices of dates once we swing into September.

In June, thanks to the generosity of many All Saints members, I was able to answer a call for help from Nicaragua and sent a used but sturdy sewing machine, 12 metres of bright cotton, 10 metres of PUL fabric and 12 metres of flannelette.

In August, I staggered out of Len's Mills Store loaded like a donkey with 35 metres of fabric, snaps and supplies after another

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wonderful donation. I was also able to send beautifully stitched completed pads kindly donated by another of our Saints. Extra special thanks to all of our Saints who answered this call with generous hearts and busy hands.

Sometimes, it can be difficult to see what can be done when so many girls worldwide are denied education and the chance for a brighter future, but good things can happen when we turn our concerns for others into action. Please join me. Donating a metre of flannelette, sharing the project information in your "outside of church" social groups or sharing the gift of an unused sewing machine are some of the many ways to reach out.

Thank you

Deborah Szymanski Potts

Yes, my sewing room is still a dreadful mess, but now it is also crammed with hope!



Plan to attend the training / refresher sessions !

Are you thinking of taking on something new and different in September?

Are you a seasoned server/usher but ready for a refresher session?

CALLING ALL ASSISTANT MINISTERS, SERVERS AND USHERS

(And anyone interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry at All Saints)

Please plan to attend our training and review of all of what we do Sunday mornings.

Saturday September 21, 2019

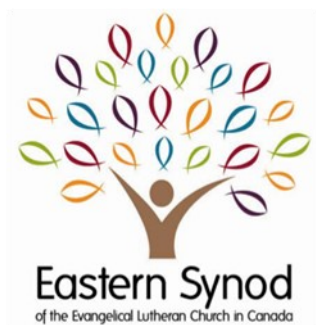
9:30 am Assisting Ministers and Servers

10:45 Ushers

Tea, coffee and breakfast foods provided!

Please contact Jan Nielsen if you have any questions.

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Bishops' Company Luncheon

October 5, 2019 at 12:00 pm

Doubletree Hotel

30 Fairway Road South, Kitchener

\$40.00 per person

Bishop Michael Pryse is delighted to announce that the speaker for the 2019 Bishops' Company Luncheon will be the ELCIC National Bishop and good friend, The Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson. Bishop Susan has been invited to describe how the ELCIC as a "medium-sized church"

accompany and support our partners in the Global South.

All people are welcome, with or without joining the Bishops' Company. It's a rare opportunity to meet Bishops Susan Johnson, William Huras and Michael Pryse at one time. Pastor Jeff and

Kathryn will be attending, and we invite others to join us.

For more information or to register, see www.easternsynod.org. (or speak to one of us).

Baking for Rosa

Many years ago, the Sunday Church School became foster parents to Rosa-Idalia Garcia Portillo, also known as Rosita. Her birthday is August 8 and she just turned 17. She lives in El Salvador. Our sponsorship is through Plan International and our support is \$42.00 per month. Plan International especially supports girls and young women through “Girls Rights and Gender Equity” initiatives. The Rosa Fund is supported through the offerings the children bring and through donations for our “Baking for Rosa” muffins. Linda Goodman leads the children in the baking 3-4 times a year. Our first batch of treats will be available after the 10:00 Service on October 6th!

Almost 10 years ago Kurt Christie and Geoff Allen had a chance to visit with Rosa (see photos) and here is some of the email Kurt Christie sent home afterwards: “Geoff and I had an excellent day Tuesday with Plan International, a local rep, Raphael, picked us up about eight thirty and we headed back towards San Salvador for about forty minutes. Rosa lives in San Andres a short drive off the Panamerican Highway. We picked up the local rep before the visit. Rosa is very sweet, seven and a half years old and now has a baby sister. Her father, Melvin, was out in the hills tending to a pregnant cow they bought a few weeks ago by way of a bank loan. They have a small store at

the front of their house. Rosa said this was the best day of her life. We then went to Rosa’s school and talked to some teachers and the VP, then we took the two reps to a nice restaurant.”

I have contacted Plan International to get an update on Rosa and will share that with the congregation as soon as possible.

Donations can be made to the Rosa Fund by writing her name on the “other” line of the offering envelope. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.

Michele Altermann,
SCS Superintendent



Rosa’s Mother



Summer Fun with Balloon Toss

The Sunday Church School children had tons of fun at the Annual Church Picnic held on June 9th.

Photo submitted by Jean Hein



Silvercreek Community Market



Can your workplace do a food drive? Speak with Michele.



The Market has been very busy this summer! On August 15, our MP, Lloyd Longfield, joined us briefly to see the Market and our guests and talk to our volunteers. Lloyd has been doing a lot of work in the area of Food Security at the federal level and is very interested in how programs such as the Market work at the grassroots level.

We now have between 60 and 70 families attending each of our bimonthly Markets. In 2018 we had 5311 guests, at the end the first week of August we have already had 3443 guests. We have a core group of around 50 households that come at least once a month or twice a month, and several families that come as the need arises. There have even been families that came in the first year and did not come again until recently. This shows that the Market is helping meet many different levels of food insecurity in our community. So far this year 72 new families have registered with the Market. In total, we have registered 577 households to date. Many of our families are multigenerational and our

Market guests are often the elders or mothers with young children. It is a happy and often very noisy gathering as people enjoy refreshments and a chance to chat with friends and neighbours. Please join us any time you are free on the first of third Thursday of the month!

Due to our increased attendance, we ran out of non-perishable foods in August. The cupboard is truly bare, even with ongoing small donations collected from St. Joseph's Church. Danby Products Ltd. will be holding a food drive for the Market during the first two weeks of September, which will help refill the shelves until Thanksgiving when St. Joseph's will be holding another large food drive for us. If you think your workplace could do a food drive I would be happy to discuss that with you!

Given the larger attendance this year, we are focusing on having about 60 of each type of food item for the third week of each month when non-perishables are available. To meet that goal we would ask

members of the congregation to consider buying *only* in these categories:

breakfast cereal, peanut butter, pasta (not KD), pasta sauce, canned meat and fish, canned fruits and vegetables, canned legumes (chick peas etc.), red lentils, and rice.

Please do not buy brown beans of any kind! They are not a part of the cuisine of our Market guests and we end up donating them to other groups. Rice and lentils in larger bags are divided into smaller servings. If you want to donate a "treat" please consider buying individually portioned snacks that children can use for school lunches.

Thank you for your ongoing support for this ministry, which is making a difference to the quality of life in our community. Thank you also to the dedicated group of volunteers and students who helped this summer.

Michele Altermann

Lutheran and Anglican National Church Conferences this Summer 2019

Background: Despite the full Communion celebrated between the Anglican and Lutheran Church of Canada since 2001, the matter of taking care of business matters within the two national churches remains a challenging one to bring together. So much complication lies within the developmental history of individual Canons, Constitutions, and business structures over the years.

Some of this difficulty is also due to the different time cycles of national church conferences. Lutherans have usually met every two years while Anglicans have met every three years. Recently however, the National Lutheran church has shifted to a three-year model as well. More effort and planning are now being put into what the next Joint Assembly might look like.

The first Joint Assembly was held in Ottawa during the summer of 2013. I had the privilege of attending it. Although it was extremely successful in joint worship and addressing some common mission and ministry issues, completing each church's individual business matters at the time was challenging and rather taxing. Since that time both churches have continued to have dialogue on how and when to bring both national bodies together again and some preliminary planning has already taken place. It appears that it may take place in 2022.

Summer 2019: The two National Church Conferences coincided during July this summer although in two separate locations. Anglicans met in Vancouver B.C. while Lutherans met in Regina Saskatchewan. Themes for these sessions were "I Have Called You by Name" and "Called to Journey together: The Ministry of Reconciliation" respectively. I had the privilege and was elected to represent the Lutheran Eastern Synod and attend the Lutheran National Convention in Regina. As mentioned before, since there are common issues between the two national churches, members of each convention were kept up to date during their respective sessions as to what was happening at the other. Thus, I feel somewhat comfortable summing up a few of the highlights from each.

Election of officers or Council members is always on the agenda with conferences. With the most recent term of National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson coming to an end and Anglican Primate Fred Hiltz announcing his retirement, both churches had to elect new leaders. In the Lutheran case, Susan Johnson let her name stand for another term. There was an attempt to fast track her election through a newer procedure but that was defeated the first day of the conference. Nominations including Susan Johnson were then welcomed from delegates on the floor. Voting took multiple ballots, but Susan Johnson was re-elected for another term.

On the Anglican side, the 42nd General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada elected The Rt. Rev. Dr. Linda Nicholls of the Diocese of Huron (almost next door to us) as the 14th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Here the ballot process was somewhat different. The Order of Bishops presents nominations to the assembly and the voting involves ballots from two separate groups: the lay representation and the clergy representation. After four ballots, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Linda Nicholls was elected as Primate.

During the following days, other "officers" of each church were elected. Here both national churches followed a similar procedure, relying on a nomination committee to present suitable nominees to delegates for their potential election by the assembly.

Another business item was the examination of reports submitted to the convention from all facets of each church. Although some of these were highlighted by various speakers, generally both churches dealt with them in similar fashion. Delegates were given copies ahead of time and were responsible to read and educate themselves with the

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content since some important decisions and motions grew out of them. Here I speak from experience from the Lutheran side. Prior to convention, they emailed me some 300 pages to read and review. Although I found *some* of it interesting, it will never make the New York Best Seller List. Despite being somewhat of a chore, I must admit it did adequately prepare me for the topics and issues we would be making decisions upon. These reports can be found on both the national churches websites.

Much was accomplished at both conventions in terms of actual decisions. On the Anglican side, more than fifty motions were presented and voted upon. Just over twenty on the Lutheran end. Perhaps that partially explains the different lengths of each conference: the Anglican one in Vancouver being seven days while Lutherans in Regina for three days.

The actual process of voting can also be quite different. With Lutherans, all motions generally are carried with a general vote of the majority. At the Anglican conference this can be true too, however it can get complicated as some votes require various majority from various “Orders”...Bishops, Clergy, and Lay delegates. Here there is an option for requesting this procedure on any motion. There are also cases where votes can be taken by diocese representation. Perhaps this also a reason for the difference in length required by the two church conventions.

A complete list and explanation of all motions and decisions can be found on each church’s website. I found these a little difficult to find, but the addresses are as follows:

Lutheran: <http://elcic.ca/In-Convention/2019-Regina/Motions.cfm>

Anglican: <https://gs2019.anglican.ca/cc/resolutions/>

Some decisions common or very similar to both churches were:

- Continuation of the Joint Anglican Commission for another three years.
- Mutual recognition of Full Communion among The Anglican Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. This extends it into the U.S and between churches here and there.
- Various resolutions regarding climate change.
- Constitutional changes within both churches to allow the church to “react or respond” in a quicker fashion to changes and issues required by the national church and our society.
- Resolutions concerning further reconciliation and healing with Indigenous Peoples.
- A resolution accepting a document of conversation entitled *A Common Word Between Us and You*, offered by Muslim leaders via the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, Jordan. This is a significant start to conversation with other faiths.
- Resolution on Single-Use Plastic and others related to sustainable development.
- Various resolutions on Social Justice..... from aspects of health care to human trafficking.
- New Visions for the church.... The process of doing it and reimagination of the church.

I encourage you to read the complete list on each church’s website as I referenced above.

With a total of more than seventy motions and decisions in total, there were obviously a good number those that were particular to each church and too numerous to list here. However, one motion within the Anglican Church caught the attention of literally all across the country. That was the second reading motion to amend the Marriage Canon. This would, “Declare that Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church) applies to all persons who are duly

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qualified by civil law to enter into marriage.....” This motion did not pass seemingly due to the process and procedure of voting. Here I refer to the voting majorities required by all Orders; Bishops, Laity, and Clergy. The Order of Bishops failed to reach a majority here. I’m sure many of you heard this result on the news.

National Church conferences include so much more than decisions. It’s worship from coast to coast to coast. It’s making connections. It’s understanding firsthand the work of the church in every province and indeed the world. It’s hearing the pain and yet the joy of God’s people and church. I value the opportunity to be a part of it and look forward to further conversation with you about it.

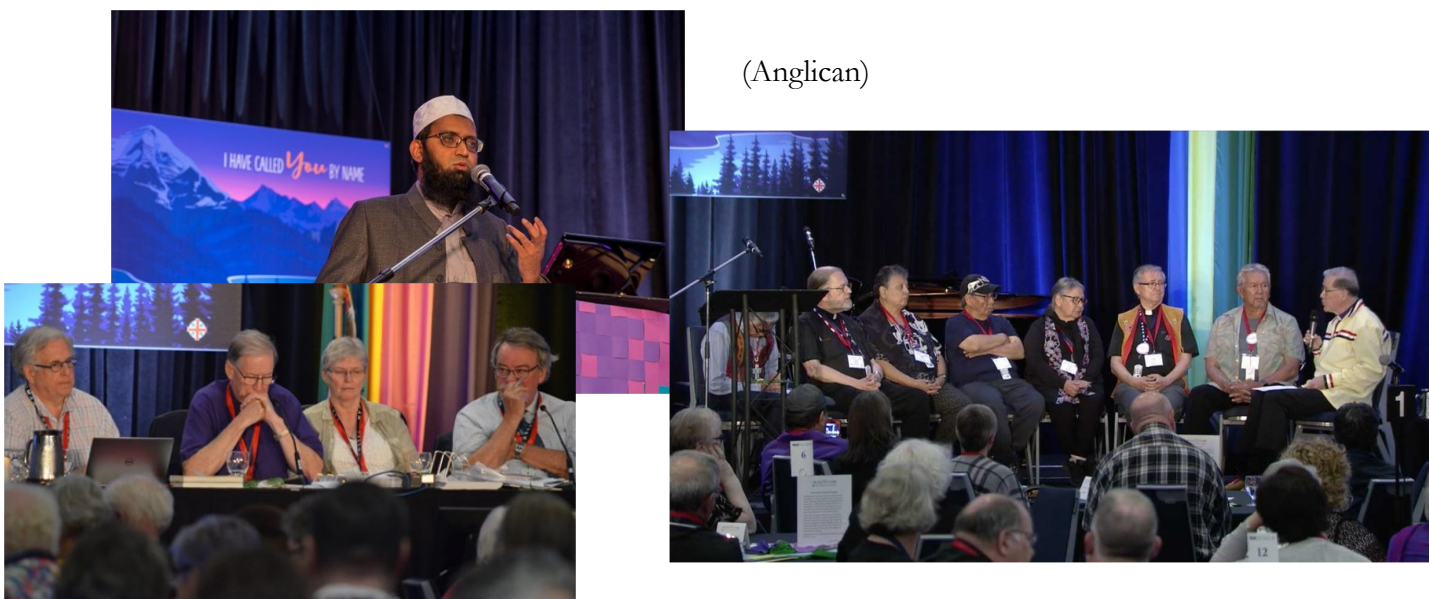
Yours in Christ,

(Lutheran)

Brian Janzen



(Anglican)



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SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Trinity 11 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 12 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	2 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Flying Blind	3 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Supper 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	4 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Helping Hands	5 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	6 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	7
8 Trinity 12 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 13 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	9 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Flying Blind 7:00 pm – The ParLOUR Outreach Committee Mtg.	10 9:00 am – Sanctuary Hymn Selection Mtg. 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	11 9:30 am – The ParLOUR Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Helping Hands	12 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	13 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	14 9:00 am – Fellowship Hall Church Council Retreat
15 Trinity 13 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 14 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School Blessing of Backpacks and Installation of Staff	16 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Flying Blind 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Mtg.	17 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Supper 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – The ParLOUR Mutual Ministry Mtg.	18 10:30 am – Service at St. Joseph's Health Care Centre Noon – Fellowship Hall Women of Faith Mtg. (Bag Lunch) 7:00 pm – The ParLOUR Church Council Exec. Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Helping Hands	19 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	20 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	21 9:30 am – Sanctuary Worship Leaders Workshop for Ushers, Assisting Ministers and Communion Servers
22 Trinity 14 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 15 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School Anniversary Sunday October Connections Deadline	23 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Flying Blind	24 4:00-11:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – The ParLOUR Finance Committee Mtg.	25 7:00 pm – The ParLOUR Church Council Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Helping Hands	26 2:15 pm – Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	27 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	28 9:00 am – Fellowship Hall Liturgy Canada Workshop 5:30-10:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star Rental
29 Trinity 15 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Pentecost 16 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	30 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA Flying Blind					