

# Connections

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

November 2019

## Pastor's Pen

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 I announced my retirement date. For many, including myself it was an emotional date. I want to share with you what was read at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services so that you can read the depth of my letter to all of you.

*Dear Members of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church,*

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*The day has come and it is with a variety of emotions that I am announcing my retirement.*

*I was ordained 35 years ago to parish ministry and have served four parishes, including All Saints, and also served as the Executive*

*Director at Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre. I was called here 11 years ago as the pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and then that call was reissued to serve as your pastor/priest here at All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church.*



*I am grateful for all the memories I take with me of being with you and being part of your lives during those important times, such as baptisms, confirmations, home communions, hospital and home visitations, marriages, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and funerals. You have blessed me with God's love through your prayers and support, especially during those difficult times of recovery after surgery and other health concerns. I am appreciative for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination celebration you held for me and a few of my fellow ordinands. For all this and much more, I am deeply thankful.*

*My last Sunday with you will be on February 16, 2020. My prayers are with you as we laugh and share together during the next few months.*

*In Christ's Service, your pastor and friend, Rev. Jeffrey B. Smith*

Much thought and prayer has gone into this decision. I am thankful to God and those whom I have served over the past 35 years. I am ready to take on what retirement years will

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## Pastor's Pen Continued

bring and I ask God to help and guide me.

We are never alone and I look forward to the days ahead as your pastor and friend.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff



## Decorate with Beautiful Poinsettias



It is time again to order poinsettias. The plants are

locally grown by Warren Nurseries and those purchasing these plants in previous years have been very pleased with the quality. The purchase of the poinsettias supports the Glebe Counselling Centre, a program of Martin Luther University College. While its outreach is to the whole community, its location on a university campus (WLU) is strategic since students' mental health has become a well-publicized concern.

Orders need to be placed by November 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be delivered to the church the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>. They have always been good at accommodating other dates, so let me know if another date works better.

Available colours: Red, White or Pink  
Prices: 4.5" - \$6.00; 6" - \$11.00; 8" - \$23.00; 10" - \$30.00

Payment: Cash, or cheques made payable to: St. Stephen Chapter: FaithLife Financial

To order: See the chart at the back of the church or speak to Kathryn Smith.

### Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie as at September 30, 2019

	September	To end of September
Offerings	\$17,553.00	\$144,209.85
Other Income	\$700.00	\$6,498.00
Transfers - Rectory Fund	\$100.00	\$900.00
- Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$5,625.00
- Parsonage Fund	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,978.00</b>	<b>\$166,232.85</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$19,335.91</u></b>	<b><u>\$164,417.88</u></b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>\$642.09</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,814.97</u></b>

# Inshallah

Anne Stuart and Kathryn Smith invite and encourage you to participate in a community singing event on Sunday, November 3 - 3:00 pm, at Harcourt United Church. The event is being presented by Inshallah, a community singing

group based out of Martin Luther University College. Both Anne and Kathryn have sung with Inshallah over the last several years. Inshallah has been asked to bring their message of hope, peace, and justice to communities around Ontario, as well as

Montreal, Nova Scotia and Grand Rapids, Michigan. We hope you will join us. See the poster below for more information, or contact one of us for more details.

The poster features a blue background with a subtle water ripple pattern. The text is centered and reads: 'Inshallah - presents - Water is Life Singing Gratitude, Seeking Justice'. Below this, the event details are listed: 'Sunday, November 3, 2019 - 3 PM', 'Harcourt Memorial United Church', and '87 Dean Avenue, Guelph'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'Free-will donation in support of All Nations Grand River Water Walk'.

**We hope you will join us!**



- Sponsored by -  
Harcourt Memorial United Church  
KAIROS Guelph  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph



# Mary Guse Giving Tree

On November 8th 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(s). Attach the paper to the gift and place it under the tree by December 6th.

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 a needy family.

Laura B. Mann, Altar Guild



# Being Honoured for Volunteer Service

Jette Thomas was honored this year by the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation for her 6,000 hours of volunteer service to the Children's Hospital at McMaster.

Over the last 8 years Jette

has contributed over 50 knitted infant blankets a year. Infants who have been hospitalized are wrapped in them when discharged.



# Silvercreek Community Market

Thank you for your support over Thanksgiving in restocking our shelves. Due to the demand on our supplies, we have changed the distribution model, grouping similar items and letting guests choose one item from each group. This has been a positive change because a greater variety of food items is available to all guests no matter where they are in the line. We seem to be stabilizing at 50 - 60 families at each Market.



We are also grateful to St. Joseph's RC Church for their generous Thanksgiving Food Drive and that they have a regular donation box (similar to our basket) available to their congregation.

We are always in need of:  
**Cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice, red lentils, meat or fish, canned fruit or vegetables, canned legumes.**

Also, we have had some visits from the church mice so need to store items that come in containers mice

can chew through (like plastic bags or cardboard boxes) in larger plastic bins (i.e. banker's box size). If you have any larger bins that are empty and no longer needed, we would be happy to take them off your hands! Please contact Michele or Jane Cotter to discuss this further.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Altermann  
Outreach Chair

# Chili After Church / Talent Show

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, after service, lunch will be served downstairs, in Rose Head 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 funds will go

towards the sign for the front of the church.

Laura B.,  
All Saints Fundraising  
Committee



## SAVE the DATE!

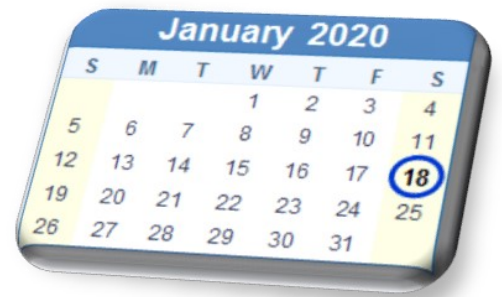
Please mark Saturday January 18, 2020 for our first Saturday Night Supper. We are responsible for the dinner at Royal City Mission on January 18, and we need your help.

Please note the name change from Royal City Church and Life Centre to Royal City Mission. Only the name has

changed, it is still the same location, same people, same parking, same back door entry.

Details will be in the December Connections – but please add it to your calendar now!! Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin and Val

## Offerings

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church receives its financial support from the offerings of its members and friends. Official tax receipts are provided annually. Offerings may be received through our PAR (“Pre-authorized Remittance”) Program which is an automated direct deposit. Please consider this option. See page 13 for the NEW PAR sign-up form. All Saints can now accept payment via credit card as well as debit!

# Christmas Gift Bag Campaign

Chalmers Community Services Christmas Gift Bag Campaign needs your support please. Last year we supplied 54 bags to the less fortunate in our community. With your help we can match or surpass that number! Please use

cloth bags to bring the items to church. If you don't have a re-useable bag there are a few at the church, along with the shopping lists. The shopping lists are on pink paper, and are available in the narthex. Last day to bring bags

to the church is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Robin Smart*

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.

*[ This letter has been shortened from its original version. ]*

- 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 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,  
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Charitable Registration # 85851 7725 RR0001

# Chuckles for Charity

Many people in our congregation have been involved as volunteers with Running & Reading Clubs in Guelph for many years. If this is new to you please read the information provided by Start2Finish:

Start2Finish was born out of the vision of founder and social entrepreneur Brian Warren; that the effects of the cycle of child poverty could be broken in Canada by providing ongoing educational support to Canada's at risk children throughout their school years, nurturing mind, body, and social health so they would be empowered to graduate and succeed.

The Start2Finish solution to child poverty is innovative and dynamic. Our Fitness Literacy Model is rooted in volunteerism, children's literacy, health, and education, creating a "Pathway of Hope" that features



comprehensive programs focused on academic achievement, physical fitness, nutrition and social interaction. This pathway includes our annual Backpack Program, our Running & Reading Club after-school program, our Daily 20 program, our Junior Coach Program, and our Pathway of Hope Scholarship Program.

Start2Finish is creating a cycle of success. Because of this program, a child in grade 1 has decreased their probability of high school dropout by 134% by increasing their reading skills through the Running & Reading Club.

In order to support these programs in Guelph we are hosting our first **Chuckles for Charity** event on Friday Nov. 8, from 7-10 pm at the Italian Canadian Club. The price includes appetizers, one drink and a fun interactive night of hilarious comedy provided by Guelph's The Making Box. There will be a silent auction with some amazing prizes including packages activities for Guelph,



Toronto and Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$75.00 each and tables of 10 can be booked at a discount if you have a larger party coming. Tickets are also available at the door.

For more information, or to get tickets please see the Eventbrite website below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chuckles-for-charity-guelph-tickets-65683367721>

Thank you, and hope to see you there!

Michele Altermann  
Outreach Chair,  
Run and Read Coach.

## Communication Mailboxes

In an effort to further communication amongst congregation members and the various committees and teams, a number of new mailboxes have been set up. If you have a comment, question or concern,

please write a note and place it in the appropriate mailbox. Committee and team leaders will then pick it up and address your communications. Alternatively business can be conducted through the week via phone or

email.



# Blessing of the Animals

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,*

*All things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

On Sunday October 6th, All Saints celebrated the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. During the morning worship service, all were invited to bring their stuffed animals for a blessing. In the afternoon, live pets received a blessing. Thank you to Pastor Jeff, Jan Nielsen and Jan's grandson Daniel, for organizing this very special service.

Four furry friends received a



blessing—one pup hid under

## The Special Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got



the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied. 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again. 'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

We all need a Trouble Tree.

Submitted by Marisela McDougall

## For a Chuckle

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."



## PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR) AUTHORIZATION

Contributor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Amount (per month): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Option 1: Pre-Authorized Debit

Please attach a VOID cheque.

I/We hereby authorize All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church to debit my/our account, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month, as my/our contribution to All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church current expenses.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Option 2: Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Please note that a 2-3% service charge reduces the total of your donation to our congregation's current expenses.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ MM YY

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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*This authority may be changed or cancelled by the contributor at any time by contacting our PAR volunteer.*

#### Some Guidelines and Information:

1. If you are used to making weekly contributions, some monthly equivalents are:

\$10 weekly is about \$45 monthly	\$20 weekly is about \$90 monthly
\$30 weekly is about \$130 monthly	\$40 weekly is about \$175 monthly
\$50 weekly is about \$220 monthly	\$60 weekly is about \$260 monthly
\$70 weekly is about \$305 monthly	\$80 weekly is about \$350 monthly
\$90 weekly is about \$390 monthly	\$100 weekly is about \$435 monthly

2. The transfer of contributions to the ministry of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church will begin in the month following receipt of this authorization.

*Your completed application can be placed in the offering plate or be given to Mark or Janet Weigel (Box #97). Any questions email Janet at [jweigel0220@rogers.com](mailto:jweigel0220@rogers.com)*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>4 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)</p> <p>6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Supper</p>	<p>5 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p> <p>6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Supper</p>	<p>6 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp</p> <p>7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p> <p>9:15 am Scrapbooking</p>	<p>7 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market</p> <p>7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey</p>	<p>1 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p> <p>8 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PJ</p>
<p>10 Trinity 21 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Pentecost 22 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm Outreach Meeting</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>12 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>13 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp</p> <p>7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>15 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p> <p>9:15 am Scrapbooking Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16 3:00 - 9:00 pm Eastern Star Fellowship Hall</p> <p>PJ</p>
<p>17 Trinity 22 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Pentecost 23 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>18 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)</p> <p>8:00-9:00 pm AA District Meeting Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:15 am Scrapbooking Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>19 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Supper</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>20 10:30 am – Communion Service at St. Joseph's Health Care Centre</p> <p>12:00 pm Women of Faith Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp</p> <p>7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p> <p>7:00 pm – Executive</p>	<p>21 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market</p> <p>7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>22 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Chili and Talent Show Fellowship Hall 11:30 am</p>	<p>25 7:00 pm- Sunday School Leaders Meeting</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>26 4:00-11:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm – The <del>ParLOUR</del> Church Council Mtg.</p> <p>7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp.</p> <p>7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>28 8:30-3:00- Anglican Clergy/ Licensed Lay Workers Day Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>29 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p> <p>9:15 am Scrapbooking Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PJ : Pastor Jeff on Holidays Nov 5 - 19th</p>