

# Connections

## Pastoral Ponderings



“To Ponder” is to think deeply about something. For me it is one of the most important things that we can do as people of faith. I like to invite and challenge people to think deeply about the important issues that help us to continue to grow as disciples of Christ. I am looking forward to pondering with you as you travel through this transition period.

In order to do this, I will need to get to know you as much as that is possible during this time so that we can build a relationship of trust and collaboration. I noted in the past newsletter the invitation to wear name tags. I hope that you will take up that invitation as it will help me immensely.

So before I get to know you, I think it is helpful for you to know a bit about me. My wife Susan and I have been married for 29 years and we live in Ayr Ontario.

I am a life long Lutheran and was ordained in 1986. I have served two congregations full time and have been an interim pastor about 10 times over the years. I also supported, over several years, the coming together of a Lutheran and an Anglican congregation in Orillia. Two of the most recent interim postings were as follows: 18

months (part time) at St Peter’s Cambridge where the focus was to support them in developing a new vision and mission direction prior to calling a new pastor and 3 years (part time) at Reformation Kitchener where the focus was to help them decide how to gracefully close the congregation and utilize their assets and gifts to continue the work of mission and ministry in a new way. This work included supporting an amalgamation process with two other congregations.

Most of my ministry work has been in the community. I have worked as a chaplain inside provincial corrections and as a community correctional chaplain. This work involved working with many different denominations and faith groups. I worked as a Youth addictions and mental health counsellor. For over 16 years I was a Director of Primary care/Community programs and engagement at the Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre. I have seen my call as working in the midst of society to improve conditions for the most vulnerable and create more compassionate and welcoming communities.

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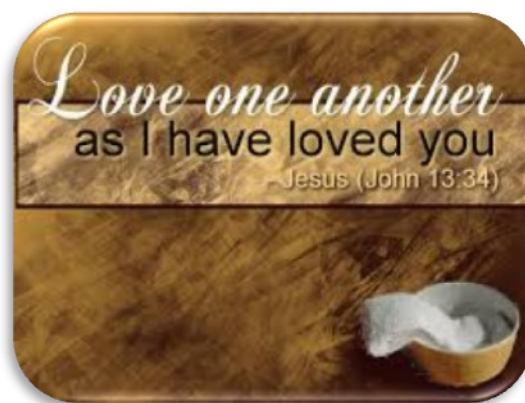
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### Pastoral Ponderings Continued

In the past I have had a relationship with the former St Paul's Lutheran, both in attending as regularly as possible and as a supply pastor. It has been an important relationship in my journey of faith.

I consider myself to be an intentional Interim Minister. That means that I am not coming to just fill in until a new pastor is called and in place. It means that I will be intentional in working with council, committees and members to help you explore what the next steps in your mission and ministry will be, the types of skills and experience you require from a new pastor and how to continue to celebrate and strengthen your community of faith. I will be asking lots of questions, inviting you to consider how your ministry can continue to flourish and grow. In short, I will be inviting you to ponder with me how All Saints will continue to be a witness to the community it is part of and serves.

I want to begin the pondering with an issue that I am deeply passionate about. I believe that there is no such thing as a volunteer in church. I believe that we are disciples, not volunteers. They are significantly different and it will be a theme that I will explore with you over our time together. John 13: 34- 35



makes it very clear that we are to be disciples. "I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"

I look forward to renewing previous relationships and developing new ones as we work together to discern the will of God. I have no doubt that our time together will be filled with blessings, new insights and a strengthening of our individual and communal faith as we continue to discover what it means to be disciples of Christ.

Blessings  
Pastor Stephen

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## Council Perspective

Transition along side with regular month to month business continues to consume Council's time and efforts. February was a month of planning and preparation for Pastor Jeff's final service at



All Saints along with the celebration of his retirement. At the same time, we were setting place transition steps before welcoming our Interim Pastor, Pastor Stephen Gross. His

ministry at All Saints officially began February 17<sup>th</sup>. He has already been active with a number of individuals and groups. He welcomed many of us on Shrove Tuesday for the Pancake Supper, attended the Council meeting later that evening and conducted his first service Ash Wednesday evening. Due to prior commitments, his first Sunday morning services will be held Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. However, he will be away March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We bid him a warm welcome and God's blessings as he shares the ministry of Christ with us and pastorally provides guidance through this time of change.

Council is now focusing on two other important tasks this month. The process and completion of what is called the Congregational Profile for the Diocese and Synod and the formation of a Call Committee. The profile is a rather lengthy document which really acts as an introduction to our congregation and what we are looking for in a permanent Pastor/Priest. Both the Diocese and Synod use this information and it is also shared with potential candidates. It is made up of various questions including statistical and



explanatory ones but also includes portions for congregational input meaning your input. A four-person team has been selected from Council to complete this document. Stay tuned for further information on how we as

congregational members will participate in this.

The formation of a Call Committee is being handled at the same time. Council has determined it will be made up of 6 or 7 members. Two of those members will be from the Council, 1 shall be from the Mutual Ministry Committee and 3 or 4 from the general congregation. **The three or four from the congregation will be chosen from an application process. Applications are available in the narthex and indeed included in this month's newsletter. Please return these applications to Brian Janzen (box 29) no later than Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Throughout the formation of this call committee, demographics of members to this committee are being considered. This meaning that we wish a cross section of our congregation to be represented here.

Other business matters being handled by Council include the progress of the signage along Silvercreek Parkway. As of my writing this, all parties meaning ourselves, the sign company, and the city have visited our site to determine the best exact location for the sign without having to go through more demands or dealing with bylaws exemptions. This may have been determined by the time you read this. From there, construction will proceed.

Progress with the Church Photo Directory continues. There will be a couple more opportunities in March for photos to be taken. Actual work on drafting the publication has already begun. I urge you to make sure to do your part to be included in this directory. Further information is available through Brian Janzen or Michele Altermann.

Council has also been proactive considering the

**Application  
for All Saints  
Call  
Committee  
found on  
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**Council Perspective Continued**

question of nominations to the new Church Council which begins in May. There will be two partial term positions open and four full term positions open at that time. That represents considerable change around the possible makeup of this group. Further information will be coming out later in March. Please prayerfully consider serving ministry in this manner. If you already have an interest in being nominated and serving on Council, please contact Brian Janzen.

Other matters include refining some of the rental procedure/requests specifically addressing the use of the kitchen, building maintenance matters, and continued exploration of how to improve communication between the Council decision making body and various teams/committees and indeed members. At present, we have utilized Liaisons from Council, announcements and articles in Connections, announcements in bulletins, posters or information posted in the narthex, announcements made at the end of regular services, publication of contacts including Council, and email blasts. With a

more personal opinion on this, I was reminded of the following suggestion to keep in mind... Communication requires a proactive communicator, and active listener, and a willingness to “hear or act” on the information. Regardless, responsibility is required at all stages. In our modern world, it is supposedly easier than ever.



Members of Council you elected:

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

Peace,  
 Brian Janzen Chair of Council

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie	December 31, 2019	January 2020
Offerings .....	\$198,781.25	\$18,251.00
Other Income .....	9,495.50	1,020.00
Transfers    Rectory Fund .....	1,200.00	100.00
Dowry Fund.....	7,500.00	625.00
Parsonage Fund .....	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$228,976.75</b>	<b>\$20,996.00</b>
Current Expenses .....	\$216,774.25	\$20,849.17
Transfer to Capital Repair Fund .....	10,000.00	
Transfer to Housing Fund .....	2,000.00	
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$228,774.25</b>	<b>\$20,849.17</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit).....</b>	<b><u>\$202.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$146.83</u></b>

### Application for All Saints Call Committee

The Call Committee is an ad hoc group of individuals whose sole purpose is to recommend a Pastoral/Priest candidate to the congregation. It reports directly to Council.

This committee at All Saints will be made up of six or seven members. **Two** of them will be chosen from Council, **one** from the Mutual Ministry Committee and **three or four** from the general congregation. The three or four positions from the congregation will chosen by through an application process. Please note that once this group begins, it will likely be meeting a couple of times each month for the next number of months.

**If you are interested in one of these three positions, please fill out the following and submit it directly to Brian Janzen (box 29) no later than Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> Point form is acceptable.**

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Why or for what reasons do you wish to be part of this team?

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What qualifications, attributes, or strengths do you feel you will bring to this committee?

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## The Seder

On Maundy Thursday, when we as a Christian community celebrate the Seder, we acknowledge the Jewish roots of our Eucharistic faith and participate as a community in a feast in the same way Christ presided over the Last Supper with his disciples. In Jesus' day everyone wined and dined with the finest foods. Jesus and his disciples were celebrating a key article of the Jewish faith, the escape of the Israelites from Egypt

under the leadership of Moses. God had promised Moses that the Israelites would be delivered from slavery under the Pharaoh and also promised that one day they would have their own land.

On Maundy Thursday we will meet as God's people, to share the special food, listen to the story of the escape, and remember God's promises to us. Following the meal, we will gather upstairs for the Maundy Thursday service, where we will wash hands

and feet in service to each other, as our Lord did at the last super.

More details concerning the Seder Super will be published in the Sunday bulletins as we make our way through Lent.

Submitted by  
Sue Wakefield



## The Black Dot

One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as

usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions – just a black dot in the center of the sheet of paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there." The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud, in front of all the students. All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet. After all had been read, the

classroom silent, the professor started to explain: "I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. We have a piece of paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift, and we always have reasons to celebrate – nature renewing itself daily, friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, etc.

However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationships with others, or the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they're the ones that pollute our mind. Take your eyes away from the black dots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings and each moment that life gives you.

Submitted by David Maguire



Thank You

Thank you to all of you for making the celebration of my retirement such a special day. Both Kathryn and I feel blessed to have participated in such a wonderful celebration and we express our deep gratitude to you, the members of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. We have heard from so many of those in attendance how meaningful it was. Everything went beautifully and I will cherish the memories both of being your pastor and the way you recognized my ministry.

After hearing all the tributes and receiving your lovely gift, I said to Kathryn, "But I was just doing what I loved to do." It is a blessing to have a vocation to which you are called and have people recognize and appreciate ones God given gifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you. The worship, the music, the blessing, the tributes, the musical entertainment, the food and you, the people gathered together, touched my life with deep gratitude and appreciation.

There are so many people to thank that I am afraid I will miss someone but know that all of you are dear to us. I would specifically like to mention the following:

Mark Weigel and the planning committee – for organizing, inviting, being sensitive to the needs of the day, for setting up and taking down and preparing an entertaining slide presentation.

Laura B. Mann and all those who helped in the kitchen and with food - wonderful hospitality. Thanks to all who contributed to the pot-luck spread. Lots of food to enjoy.

Brian Janzen – you were a great emcee! Thank you for the time and care you took with the day.

Peter West and choir – for your leadership at worship and the funny, delightful piece during the festivities. (And thank-you Deborah S-P for costumes – loved it!!)

Worship leaders – for your graciousness and hospitality, for leading us in a very meaningful service. There were many voices that needed to be heard that day, and you opened yourself to let all participate.

All of you for making our friends and family feel welcome.

And again, thank you for your very generous gift. Your tributes and well wishes will guide me on the road of retirement.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Jeff and Kathryn Smith



## Card and Dessert Party Reminder

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday March 14</b>
<b>Dessert:</b>	<b>6:00 to 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Cards:</b>	<b>7:00 to 9:00 pm</b>

*Door prizes!*

Come out and enjoy a fun night!  
Freewill offering will go towards our new sign

## Together in Mission

“Together in Mission” is a series of slides with accompanying text. It tells a story of what we can do together as a Synod, and how we can support each other to thrive in our ministries, innovative new beginnings, and faithful service. This month’s slide tells about the work of Martin Luther University College (former Waterloo Seminary), which we support through your benevolence gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Truncated Message ~

Thank you for your benevolence gifts!

With best regards,  
Rev. Riitta Hepomaki,  
Assistant to the Bishop

### Martin Luther University College (\$316,000)

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Martin Luther University College:

- Prepares and provides ongoing training to pastors and other leaders for ministry
- Trains students for careers in counselling where they strengthen the health and well-being of our neighbours in hospitals, long-term-care homes, hospices, and of people seeking help from counselling agencies and private psychotherapy practices.
- Operates the Delton Glebe Counselling Centre that provides affordable counselling services to students and those in the community and serves as a resource to pastors and congregations for mental health issues.
- Provides youth with the opportunity to grow their faith as they pursue a university education through an undergraduate Christian Studies and Global Citizenship program, we provide Lutheran

**Together in Mission**

- Forming rostered and lay leaders
- Building interfaith relationships and fostering Indigenous reconciliation
- Training psychotherapists and spiritual care workers
- Providing faith-based university education

Thank you for your benevolence!

**Martin Luther University College (\$316,000)**

- Experiments with new forms of worship in changing times (e.g. thirdspace\_)
- Builds community and understanding across faiths and cultures (e.g. through the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song, and the Abrahamic Faiths Forum)
- Practises reconciliation with our First Nations neighbours and server as a resource for congregations that also want to foster reconciliation.
- Demonstrates the fact that religion — and people of faith — have a legitimate place in the

public square through the Centre for Public Ethics

Thank you for your benevolence offerings! Through **Martin Luther University College** (former Waterloo Lutheran Seminary) we are:

- ◇ forming rostered and lay leaders
- ◇ building interfaith relationships and fostering Indigenous reconciliation
- ◇ training psychotherapists and spiritual care workers
- ◇ providing faith-based university education.



# Chalmers Community Services Centre



Dear Members of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

Thank you so very much for generously contributing to our 2019 Christmas Gift Bag Campaign. Every single one of CCSC's adult guests receives a Christmas Gift Bag with new toiletries, warm gloves, warm socks and a few Christmas treats. For many guests, it is the only give they receive.

Each year, we hear from guests about how grateful they are to receive a Christmas Gift Bag.

Your contribution means so much. Thank you for supporting our vision of *a world, without poverty, where communities are flourishing with dignity, equality and food security for all.*

Sincerely,  
Sarah Dermer, Program and Volunteer Coordinator

For more information about how you can support Chalmers Community Services Centre, visit: <http://chalmerscentre.ca>

## Silvercreek Market Update

We are comfortably stocked with most food items, especially pasta, but we are really in

need of **breakfast cereal, rice and red lentils.**

Thank you for your support.

Michele Altermann



We have recently noted that several people have commented about not being in the loop on events at All Saints.

the church office and also Brian Janzen has your latest contact information. (If you wish to receive email blasts...Brian requires your explicit permission.)

We are asking all of you to take an extra few minutes to make sure that

Worship and Music Committee

## Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to the approximately 100 people who attended and helped make Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Supper a huge success.

The Free Will Offering totalled \$660.00 and after \$216.65 in expenses, the donation to the sign will be \$443.35.



Laura B. Mann, Fund Raising Committee

# Saturday Night Supper

April 4th

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
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 8 oz dry macaroni
- 1 tin mushrooms (drained)
- 1 can of tomato spaghetti sauce
- ½ - ¾ 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 Mission.

Val and I will take sign ups at church on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin and Val  
Robin Smart,  
[robin.smart@rogers.com](mailto:robin.smart@rogers.com) or Val  
Webb, [rvwebb@rogers.com](mailto:rvwebb@rogers.com)

**ROYAL CITY MISSION**

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Pre-Authorized Remittance, or PAR, allows you to support All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bills, taxes, mortgage, then you already understand the PAR principle.

Speak to Mark or Janet Weigel for more details.

# Lenten Self Denial—Women of Faith

The church season of Lent at this time appropriately ushers in a period of self-examination, often through prayer, penance, and fasting. Lenten practices often take on self-denial, while others are more overtly “giving” in nature, such as additional volunteer activity.

The Women of Faith will once again be initiating the Lenten Self-Denial program. This is a time to thoughtfully share our blessings with charitable services that bring much needed resources to those around the world, and also, here in Canada.

This year, the envelopes with

information will be distributed by the ushers along with your Sunday bulletin or you may find a basket with them located on the table beside the bulletins.

This year, the proceeds from the Lenten Self-Denial donations will be shared with two global organizations who respond to world disasters, the needs of vulnerable populations, food -security and other humanitarian aid.

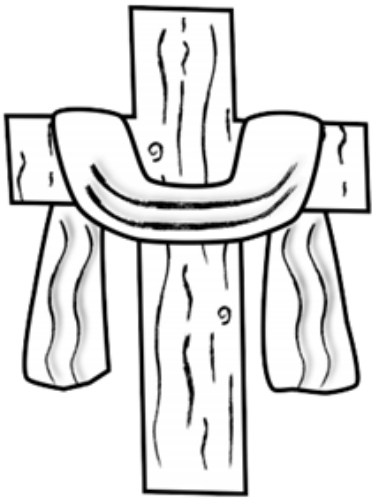
In the spirit of coming together as a Lutheran Anglican parish, the Women of Faith have decided to support both The Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and the

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR).

As we keep the Vigil of Easter, let us reflect and respond to the words Matthew wrote: *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

Blessings  
Marilyn S





Find all ten words:

Jesus  
Lent  
Ash  
Wednesday  
Dust  
Prayer  
Alms  
Fasting  
Sacrifice  
Purple

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Unscramble these Lenten Words

TRYFO YASD \_\_\_\_\_

HSESA \_\_\_\_\_

NLTE \_\_\_\_\_

TISFGNA \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I can do during Lent to bring me closer to God...

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# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent 1 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	2 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind) 7:00 pm Outreach The Parlour	3 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	4 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AL-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	5 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	6 9 am Scrapbooking 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	7 
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15 Lent 3 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	16 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)	17 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall - Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	18 12:00 pm Women of Faith Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph AL-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands) 7:00 pm – The Parlour	19 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	20 9 am scrapbooking 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	21 
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