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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connections

From The Pastor's Study

"To Sing is to Pray Twice"

While there is no evidence that Martin Luther ever said that "to sing is to pray twice," the quote is often attributed to him. More likely the quote is derived from these words of St. Augustine (354-430) in his commentary on Psalm 73: *"In praise there is the speaking forth of one confessing; in singing, the affection of one loving."*

In his preface to Georg Rhau's "Delightful Symphonies" Martin Luther did write, *"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."*

All Saints is a singing congregation, and wonderfully so! Our music director, Peter West, devotes a great deal of time and energy choosing and practising preludes and postludes, as well as preparing music for and directing our choir. And our liturgies and hymns, led by Peter and the choir, are sung by the whole congregation with gusto and joy!

In this article, I would like to introduce you to some of the sources of our hymns and liturgies and give you a sense of how these are chosen for our worship.

Every seven or eight weeks Peter and I meet with a small group of

folks from All Saints to choose our hymns for worship. This is done by considering the bible readings for each Sunday, as well as any special theme that might be highlighted at any given service. Often, we use resources that match hymns to various topics.

Lively conversation, and sometimes debate, can ensue about what tunes from which



hymnals are most familiar to the congregation. And we try to select a range of hymnody, from beloved classics to brand new hymns. As we continue to try to recognize and honour the two traditions from which All Saints was formed, you can imagine what a challenge this can often be!

You might be surprised to learn about the sources that our hymns come from. First of all, there are the two primary hymnals that have served our churches for many years and that are still found in our pews: the blue hymnal from the Anglican tradition "Common Praise" (1998) and the cranberry-red hymnal "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (2006).

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Pastor's Study Continued...

These two hymnals continue to carry the bulk of the weight of our congregational singing.

However, in recent decades, there has been an explosion of hymn writing and music publishing throughout the Christian world. Most recently, much more attention has been given to the musical diversity within Christianity that comes from beyond western-European culture, as well as the threat that our environment is under due to our unchecked burning of fossil fuels for two hundred years, both of which are ever increasingly being reflected in Christian hymnody. And so, two new hymnal supplements have recently been published by our churches that better reflect these realities: the Anglican resource "Sing a New Creation," and the Lutheran resource, "All Creation Sings." As you can tell from their names, "creation" is an important theme in both of them. Our hymn selection group finds itself turning to these new resources more and more regularly.

Additionally, there is the wonderful hymn collection that originated at St. D&P, "Music For The Saints," which are hymns that were chosen "to widen our images of the Divine, and to move past exclusively male and hierarchical language."

It would, of course, be unwieldy to have all these music resources in the pews – sometimes it's hard enough juggling just two hymnals! For this



reason, most newer hymns and liturgical music is printed directly in our Sunday bulletin. In order for this to happen legally, and for the composers to be paid for their work, the congregation pays for two copyright licenses: one for liturgical music paid to

Augsburg Fortress, and the other to a licencing company of Christian music called OneLicense that covers most of the publishers whose hymns we sing.

That's how the magic happens! It is a challenging thing to choose something so subjective as music and lyrics that will speak to each person and touch their hearts with the gospel of Christ. I'm sure we miss the mark as often as we hit it. Still, we who are involved in this task welcome your prayers and your comments on this ministry so that we might all pray twice as we sing our praises to God.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Brian

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Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Worthen at August 31, 2023

	August 2023	Year to Date
Offerings	\$15,565.00	\$131,003.99
Other Income.....	\$3,159.79	\$13,423.65
Transfers -Housing Fund	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00
-Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$5,000.00
Total Income	\$20,349.79	\$157,427.64
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,816.87</u>	<u>\$160,577.28</u>
Surplus/(Deficit).....	<u>\$1,532.92</u>	<u>(\$3,149.64)</u>



- ▶ Pasta Sauce
- ▶ Canned meat/ fish
- ▶ Canned legumes (i.e. chick peas, lentils)

- ▶ Peanut butter
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Red lentils
- ▶ Pasta
- ▶ Cooking Oil



*Thank you for
your support!*

Ramblings from....Parish Care Ministry

“If “ifs and ands” were pots and pans there would be no need for tinkers.”

Well, here I am again, about to preach to the committed ... I hope. Do you plan to get your flu and covid shots this fall? Now that the Pandemic is over, it is easy to pass it off as “been there, done that”. But, it is a reality, that has crept into our lives again, as more and more cases of Covid are being diagnosed, including hospitalizations. Not to panic anyone, but would you drive a car without insurance? Same deal.

Whether the vaccine truly prevents the disease has been questioned, but the undeniable truth is that it will prevent you from getting very sick. Research has shown that, with the vaccine, your immunity will peak in 1-2 days after contracting it. However, without, it takes 2 weeks or more. By that time you can be quite sick. Long Covid is not fun. The “brain fog” or inability to think properly, the breathing distress, the weakness and endless fatigue, the effect on other organs and pain can be debilitating.

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

How many times have you heard or personally used the phrase? It is an age old gesture of trying to rationalize a tragedy that has happened to someone whom we perceive to be a “good person”. It is a conundrum based on our belief, that if God, who created the Universe, is good and loving, why is there so much suffering and pain in the world? Why did he allow or cause some “unpleasantness” to happen to me?

Ramblings from....Parish Care Ministry Continued...

In our lives we are aware of many awesome people who may have died in a traffic accident or a young person who is diagnosed with cancer or leukemia. A young mother who is given a “life sentence” with the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. A life cut short by suffering. But why?

All too often, after a personal tragedy, we question all that we have been taught about the goodness of God and God’s ways, because it contradicts everything we believe about God. This is supposed to happen to dishonest, selfish people. Not ever should it happen to people who have good core values, living an upright life.

In our faith journey we have been taught that God is loving, kind, compassionate. “Why did this happen?” and “Why me?” are therefore natural and common questions asked by many people when faced with a sudden adverse event. “What did I do to deserve this? Did I do something to cause it?” Many people are inclined to wonder if they are being punished by God for some past transgressions, or to ponder if there is some intended mysterious plan or higher reason for their misfortune, or perhaps some intended lesson in their suffering.



The other day, over coffee, I happened to ask this question of a long time friend: Why do bad things happen to good people”. Her response was NOT exactly what I expected. She said,

“Why not me”? Why shouldn’t it be “good” people, and not just “bad” people that suffer. All should be treated equally. Whew!

Which brings me to the “randomness” of tragedy. When our lives are shaken by these life events, we struggle with thoughts of fairness and justice, which mocks the significance of our lives. It creates uncertainty in our well ordered lives, and our expectations. It can change how we perceive ourselves, shatters our self confidence, changes the way we think, causes emotional upheaval. It can make our lives feel like they are out of control because we cannot control the outcome. Our lives can be altered in so many ways.

You can choose to wallow in your own misery or attempt to make the most of each moment of every day. Denial and wishful thinking does not do anything for you. In the death of a child or any misfortune, we have two choices: to go on living and try our utmost to make the best of each day, or we

can feel sorry for ourselves, spending the days in bed. It takes courage to make the first choice. It takes real courage to put one foot in front of the other, Every day is precious.

When we are under stress, positivity affects neural activity in the brain and enhances resilience, no matter how minuscule. Look for small blessings. Or what I like to call “God Gifts”. The awareness of anything positive may take a long time to realize, when you feel your life is caving in around you, but there is always some small nugget there. “Not every day is a good day, but every day has something good in it.”

Just like in the 9-11 tragedy, look not at, nor dwell on, the catastrophic events, but look at what God was doing to help people escape, giving the firefighters and first responders the courage and energy to get people out, the people who supplied food and medical care to so many, the volunteers and grief councillors that comforted.

But..... and this is a very big BUT. No matter what the circumstances, we have an enduring God who gives us strength to face each day.... no matter how bad it may seem, how unjust, how devastating. Your faith will carry you thru. Friendships will show their true colours. The most unexpected will be there to support and comfort you. A good day is how you face it and define it. A bad

Ramblings from....Parish Care Ministry Continued...

day is not facing what discomforts, injustices and problems confront you. Only you can change how you act and feel. God does his best to be with people in their suffering. As the poem below, "Foot Prints in the Sand" states he carries us when we need it most.

Blessings and may you find lots of "God gifts" in your days.

Marilyn

(I promise I won't speak of Covid vaccines again next month!!)

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Please make note of the time and date change for the Workshops. It is now the second Tuesday of the month and in the morning at 10:00AM, not the afternoon. If this is a bad time for you please speak to me

October 10, at 10AM, "Planning Ahead" with Mike Labelle, Gilbert McIntyre

As I found out as executor of an estate, things get complicated if not planned wisely. These are things we don't necessarily like to talk about.

Did you know that the funds from your TFSA can be transferred to your beneficiary without penalty to yourself or to the beneficiary. This money can be added to his TFSA funds regardless of whether his TFSA is maxed out or not.

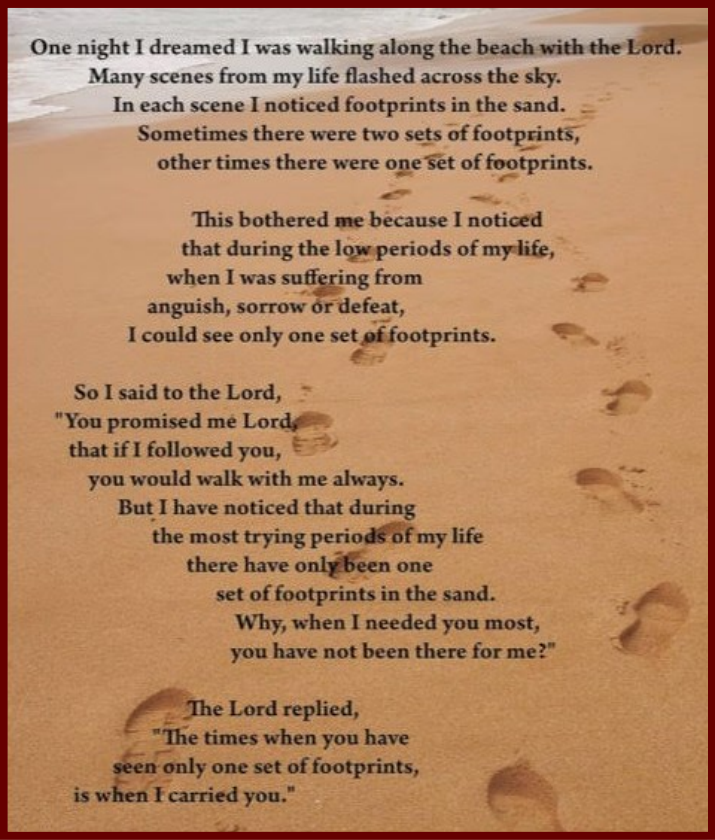
Did you know that money left to grandchildren, in trust, is taxable to you until the "trust" has reached its end/ expiry date. This means your estate cannot be "closed" until then and at such time as all taxes are paid.

Did you know that money from your estate transferred to a family beneficiary, is considered "inheritance". If your beneficiary wants to protect it, should there be a separation or divorce, this money should not be used for anything that is considered "joint". That is, for renovations, to buy a house or car, etc. And, if you own a house and have someone living with you as your partner, you should not let them pay the taxes or mortgage because, if they do, they can lay claim to your house.

Do you have a "living will"? This directs medical staff to make decisions for your medical care based on your wishes. I have seen the parent saying, "I have lived my life", while the family says, "Do everything possible to keep him alive". Conundrum for everyone involved.

November 14, at 10AM, I am awaiting details from the Guelph Diabetic Clinic

December 12, Something Christmassy, including Carol Singing



One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
"The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you."

Summer Lutheran Youth Camp 2023

In August, youth from twelve Lutheran congregations throughout Southern Ontario gathered on the shores of Lake Huron at Camp Kintail for the first time since 2019 for Summer Lutheran Youth Camp (SLYC). Pastor **Brian cared from three** youth from All Saints as well as three youth from Augsburg, Brampton (Pastor Nadine's church). The theme of the camp this year was Rooted in God's Love and, because we have not been able to gather in this way for so many years, the building of community was the focus of our efforts.

It was a much smaller camp than usual – about half the normal size. But this made it special, too, because it seems like the connections made between all the campers and leaders was stronger and more profound somehow than normal.

We are thrilled that this opportunity for intentional Christian community was re-ignited this year, and we all look

forward to many more years of this unique experience of exploring life as a child of God in this beautiful outdoor setting!

Pastor Brian

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Welcome Newcomers!

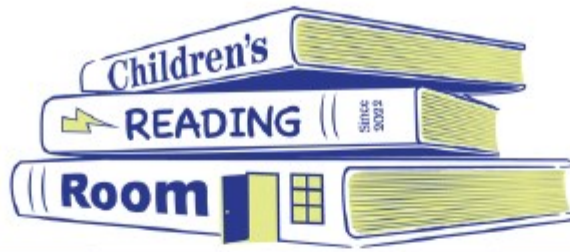
All Saints has been graced with many new faces for Sunday Worship over the past months.

Welcome!

We invite new worshippers to explore the different church ministries at All Saints. Visit our website at allsaintsguelph.ca

We are so happy that you have joined us!

BOOKTOBERFEST



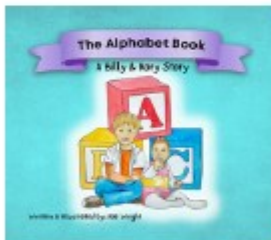
Meet the Authors

Saturday, October 7th 10 am - 2 pm



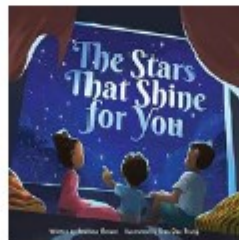
Rae Wright

10:30 am



Rishma Govani

11:30 am



Sandra Wilson

12:30 pm



Book readings by guest authors
Spooky Crafts by Rainbow Mentors

Bake Sale

Silent Auction

Bookmark making

Free Children's Books!!



210 Silvercreek Pkwy North
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Around the back of
All Saints church

Congratulations Amanda and Callun!

Our daughter, Amanda, was married to Callun Ham-Ying at All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church on August 13th, 2023.

Seven of Callun's family were able to be here for the wedding. Both families meshed together seamlessly.

Amanda and Callun first met while he was a foreign student at the U. of G. and started dating in 2019. He returned to England that spring. They have grown together in spite of their long-distance relationship which included a 2 year period, during



Covid, that they were not able to see each other. Fortunately, Callun has been able to work from Canada and has spent long stretches of time here.

Currently they are together in Windsor, Ontario while Amanda finishes her studies to be a teacher. He'll have to return to England after Christmas and then return when Amanda graduates. They will then pack and prepare for a move to Scotland.

Don and Carolyn Conibear

Outdoor Worship & BBQ Lunch

It was a bit chilly, with occasional bursts of sunshine, and one drone of an airplane, but all members and friends of All Saints enjoyed worshipping outdoors on Sunday, September 17th.

We give thanks to Brian Janzen for co-ordinating the outdoor set-up, for Pastor Brian, Peter, Deacon Chris, and Assisting Minister, Laura B for leading us in worship. Our voices sang out with the beautiful lyrics of Rooted in Faith, Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom and more.

Thank you to John and Deborah Szymanski-Potts for organizing the BBQ lunch, along with their team of helpers. Exceptional job on the grill!



Photo credits: Brian Janzen



Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are just that: the prayers we use to embrace and support our neighbours near and far. We pray for the Church, our world, our community, and those in need and we acknowledge those who have gone before us in faith.

To have the names of individuals/families to receive our prayers written in the bulletin (with their permission), please contact the Church Office by Wednesday of that week. Names written in the Prayer Book in the Narthex will be read aloud, not printed.

Note: During the Season of Creation, prayers are not printed in the bulletin, but said aloud.



Church Hopping—October 1st



Andrew Hyde, ECM Campus Minister, and a group of University of Guelph students are ***Church Hopping!***

Their next adventure is on Sunday, October 1 when they will visit All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. At this service, we'll experience a "Blessing of the Animals" for the Feast of St. Francis.

All Saints will provide a lunch afterwards. If you are able to bring a small casserole or other dish, it would be most appreciated. Rev. Canon Lucy has placed a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Engagement News!

Mark and Janet Weigel are excited to share this news!

Natasha Weigel got engaged to Tim Qiu on the peak of Mount Fuji on August 19th!!

Congratulations!

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Below are the regularly scheduled room uses that repeat weekly all year long (unless otherwise noted). Please check here <i>first</i> when looking for available space.						
6:30-8:30 pm — Rose Head Hall, NA Sundays in Royal City	9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi 6:00-8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, AA (Flying Blind) 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gambler's Anonymous	6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room, TOPS 4:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, Order of the Eastern Star 2 nd Tuesday of the month	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 6:00-8:00 pm – Nave, Guelph Male Choir 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room, Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – Rose Head Hall, AA (Helping Hands)	9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 5:45- 8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, TOPS 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Choir Room, Tri-County Recovery	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi	
1 Season of Creation & Blessing of the Animals 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave, Holy Communion ECM Potluck after the service	2	3 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Parlour, Confirmation Class	4	5 9:45 a.m. – Choir Rm., Creative Crafting 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	6	7 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., RHH – Children's Reading Room - Booktoberfest
8 Thanksgiving Sunday 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	9 	10 11:00 a.m. – Nave, Clericus 12:15 p.m. – Rose Head Hall, luncheon	11 7:00 p.m. – Faith Forum via Zoom	12 9:45 a.m. – Choir Rm., Creative Crafting 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – RHH, Chi Rho Fellowship 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	13	14
15 Pentecost 20 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion Deadline for <i>Connections</i>	16 9:45 a.m. – Choir Rm., Creative Crafting 7:00 p.m. – Parlour, Worship & Music hybrid meeting	17 3:00 p.m. – Parlour, Hymn Selections committee 5:00 p.m. – RHH, Men's Fellowship 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Parlour, Confirmation Class	18 9:00 a.m., Executive meeting via Zoom	19 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	20	21
22 Pentecost 21 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	23	24 7:00 p.m. – Parlour, Church Council	25 1:00 p.m. – Rose Head Hall, Creative Crafting 7:00 p.m. – Faith Forum with Canon Bill, via Zoom	26 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Confirmation & Holy Communion	30 9:45 a.m. – Choir Rm., Creative Crafting	31 	RHH = Rose Head Hall			