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# Connections

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## From the Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends of All Saints:

In the past few years, a number of improvements have been made to our facilities here at All Saints. Some have been done specifically to aid us in our proclamation of the gospel both within and beyond our congregational walls, such as the electronic sign at the entrance, the newly planted garden and trees, and the livestreaming equipment. Other improvements have been done to maintain and enhance our facilities, such as the flooring in the narthex and office space, the automatic doors, the new sound system, new lighting in the Rose Head Hall, and upcoming work to manage water drainage around building.

By my calculations, we have spent in excess of \$100,000 on

these improvements over the past six or seven years, money made available through the capital repair fund, memorial funds, synod and diocesan grants, and generous donations from you our members and friends. It is money that we believe is well spent as our property and facilities are fundamental to our life as a community of faith, ministry that we hope will continue for many years to come.

Just as we are diligent in our support of the sustainability of our facilities, I believe that it is time to consider our long-term sustainability as a community of faith. It is no secret that the average age of the congregation is steadily creeping upwards and that we don't have many children running around our church. These facts don't bode well for long-term sustainability.

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## Pastor's Study Continued...

Of course, we are not alone in this. We all know churches that have downsized or closed in recent years. Fortunately, thanks to your faithfulness, vibrancy, and generosity, we are many years away from making those kinds of difficult decisions. Still, wouldn't it be better to address these challenges now than wait until tough realities force us into difficult decisions down the road?

It is my hope that 2025 will be a year for intentional consideration of our long-term sustainability. That it will be a year for council and each of our committees to do long-term planning and visioning. That we as a

congregation might engage in a Mission Action Plan process. That we give serious thought to how we reach out to families in our area with a vision of the gospel and church that will address the reality of their lives and speak to their hopes and dreams. That we consider the cost of sustainability in dollars, time, and energy. And that we prayerfully and playfully imagine new ways of being church that honours our traditions yet crosses boundaries that we never considered before.

In the meantime, I hope that you will continue to support All Saints with your prayers, your time, and your resources. While we

consider the long-term sustainability of our ministry, our building and facilities will continue to require upkeep and upgrading. Remember that offerings received in excess of the annual budget are designated for the capital repair fund up to \$10,000, which we have been shy of achieving these past few years.

Some beautiful young trees have just been planted as part of the Environmental Sustainability (Greening) project. Let us pray and work toward those trees sheltering our people for generations to come.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Brian

## Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Worthen As at September 30, 2024

	September 30, 2024	Year to Date
Offerings .....	\$16,236.25	\$148,236.62
Other Income .....	\$2,145.00	\$16,783.25
Transfers -Housing Fund .....	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
-Dowry Fund.....	\$625.00	\$5,625.00
 Total Income .....	 \$20,006.25	 \$179,644.87
Total Expenses .....	\$23,484.70	\$190,569.98
 <b>Surplus/(Deficit).....</b>	 <b>(\$3,478.45)</b>	 <b>(\$10,925.11)</b>

## Council Perspective

*“We are living in a different time, and for this time we need to explore ways of being and doing that may look different from our past. We are being asked to make ourselves vulnerable again, and, in doing so, make our hearts and minds fully available to the Spirit’s leading. Perhaps we are called to dream differently.....That can make us feel vulnerable.....But we can, and should, be confident in our vulnerability. God has made us confident in Christ and competent ministers of the gospel.”*

*“Willard Metzger...Daring to Dream Again”*

As I sit and write this, we are again on the precipice of a new chapter. I used the quote above in an article I wrote in 2017 as All Saints was coming together as a single congregation and at the time when none of us had ever imagined of the COVID pandemic years to come. We indeed have run races in the past, but this is a new one, a new opportunity as All Saints.

Pastor Brian’s leadership in our year long emphasis on stewardship (All Saints in Action) has led us through the topics of Worship, Service, and now Forming Disciples. I believe that in Forming Disciples, we are called to be “fishers of men”, casting out of the Word. One of reaching out to our neighbour, the nations. For some of us, this can be an uncomfortable step when done on a personal level.

Here at All Saints, the Council has been very active in maintaining and stretching that mission into our community and beyond. Some of our recent discussions and actions include:

- Assisting and planning of a multi day community arts presentation with faith, hope, and love during Easter of 2025.
- A joint fundraising pasta dinner with Eastern Star supporting Royal City Mission activities.
- Put in place a fund-raising activity involving us at Ribfest and sponsoring Royal City Missions.
- Putting in place a future plan in 2025 for All Saints proactively thinking ahead of our situation with an aging congregation and resources.
- Dealing with the expenses of an



## Council Perspective Continued

aging building and uses which includes substantial costs to maintenance and replacement costs as well as labour costs to accommodate these increased uses.

- Successful completion of the Greening Team stage 1 proposal and possibilities of now going to a stage 2 and 3 plan.
- Capital repair fund management and demands from it.
- An ongoing budget deficit which has recently grown to about \$10,000.

All the above relates to the calling and forming of future disciples. From the list above, one can understand how this calling at All Saints creates vulnerability in that it costs money and that is a topic sometimes uncomfortably personal to each of us. We are in a way, at a new starting line in both maintaining and extending our ministries with a changing congregation. For myself, it has prompted me to reexamine both my time spent in personal contributions to the church but also my monetary contributions to support our calling. I challenge each of us to reflect on this and perhaps reexamine our contributions to our calling at All Saints.

Peace,  
Brian Janzen

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## Ramblings from Parish Care Ministry

### Next Parish Care Workshop

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 PM in the Narthex

TOPIC: To Come

### Next Meeting of "The Associates"

November 26<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 PM in the Narthex

For those caregivers affected by Dementia are welcome

### CHANGE: Is it a 4-letter word in your life?

Someone once said, "Change is necessary to improve and thrive". "Change is fluid and can be negative or positive." "Life changes can lead to increased stimulation, motivation, energy, and decreased stress."

When things change in your life, it can impact your mental health and well-being. It is not always easy to accept change, but it is essential if

we want to see positive results. Change is uncomfortable; but, *it is our choice* in how we deal with it. Do we embrace it, or do we fight against it?

Sometimes change is thrust upon us; while at other times, it is a conscious choice, - a necessary "adjustment" towards a positive outcome. These could be things like changing your job,

## Parish Care Continued

parenting, repainting the house, personal habits or routines, attitudes. All of these open up life to new opportunities to improve yourself and also to improved mental health. Positive change relieves the stress of uncertainty.

When our world is altered by situations that are out of our control, the real challenge of coping with change becomes apparent. Relationships, chronic illness, house downsizing, all require turning a negative into a positive. We cannot change the situation, but we can change our thinking, our approach and attitude towards the challenge we are facing.

Difficult? Absolutely. But with God's grace, much prayer and some support from friends, family and our church community, we can achieve peace and positivity, no matter what "change" requires of us. We cannot change others, but we can change ourselves. And that is key.

Enjoy the poem!! It is food for thought!

Blessings

Marilyn Bleach Schranz

### Change the Way you Look at Things and The Things You Look at, Change

No matter what you look upon  
Whether physical, or not  
Your thoughts and beliefs have control  
And show you, what you've got

Do you look at your past with regret  
Wishing you'd done so much more?  
Or do you look back with understanding  
Knowing expansion, is what you came for?

Do you worry about your future life?  
There's so much in the world to hate  
Or do you view the world you see  
With abundance of beauty, to appreciate?

Do you spend your time each day  
Rushing from here to there?  
Or, do you do your best, to live  
Mindful of the moments you share?

Walking with Mother Nature, in your view  
So much can be seen as all the same  
But open your eyes, and Heart, to reveal  
Nature's awesomeness in every frame

Relationships come, but they can go  
Leaving us lost, and maybe in a rage  
But every relationship teaches us more  
About life, as we let go, and turn the page

Parents, Teachers, Employers, Spouse  
Throughout life many have us under their control  
Or, do they just influence our attitude?  
But we are free to choose our own role

When a Loved one passes on in death  
We can grieve greatly, and shed many a tear  
Or choose to focus on, all the Love we shared  
Knowing full-well they are always near

The law of attraction rules our world  
With our every thought, we do create.  
Whatever you get your attention on  
Returns to you, it will always cooperate

Whatever experiences we face in life  
Improvement, we can always arrange  
Change the Way you Look At Things  
And the Things you Look at, Change

## From the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Committee

The RIC Committee at All Saints exists to engage our congregation in our call to “welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour, and sexual orientation” as stated in our Welcome Statement. All Saints is an RIC congregation, meaning that we are affiliated with the Lutheran organization Reconciling Works and that we are committed to being an affirming congregation for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, that we are open to calling a queer pastor/priest, and that we allow 2SLGBTQIA+ weddings to take place in our church.

Over the past few years, the All Saints RIC Committee has been striving to fulfill its mandate by offering education opportunities through workshops and Connections articles, postings on our bulletin board in the narthex, holding an annual RIC Sunday and Pride Sunday, and representing All Saints at Pride in the Park each year.

As you have probably noticed, what began as a ministry in support of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters about 30 years ago has

expanded over the years, first to include bisexual and transgender (LGBT) folks, and now includes those who are queer/questioning, intersex, asexual, as well as people whose sexual orientations and gender identities are not explicitly spelled out in the acronym. Finally, 2S refers to Two-Spirited, which is a term used in some Indigenous cultures to describe people who embody both masculine and feminine spirits, reflecting a unique gender role in their community. Thus, 2SLGBTQIA+. For some, this may be complex and confusing.

We as a committee believe it is time to hear from you again. What are your questions for the committee? There has been a lot in the news lately, including a lot of misinformation, about youth who may be considering or have begun the process of transitioning their gender. There has been a lot of news coverage lately, including a lot of misinformation, about youth who want to use a different name or pronoun at school than that which their parents assigned them at



birth. Why would they want to do that? Should they be allowed to do so without their parent’s consent? Why might it be physically and psychologically dangerous to the child to inform the parents in many cases?

At some point early in the new year, the RIC Committee will be inviting you to participate in a Congregational Forum about what it means to be an affirming congregation these days, and what questions you might have. To help us prepare for this forum, we invite you to submit your questions, thoughts, and experiences to us through Pastor Brian’s email ([pastorbwilker@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbwilker@gmail.com)), or by speaking with any of the committee members.

RIC Committee:  
Carolyn Conibear  
Anne Stuart  
Michele Alterman  
Janet Weigel

## Chili After Church and Talent Show

Join us downstairs for food, fellowship and fun on Sunday **November 17, 2024**



after the service.

Contact Laura B Mann if you can help prepare chili or provide other food. Please sign up in the Narthex if you

are planning to attend so we have an idea of numbers and talents being shared.

*Thank you.*



## Brant Run & Read Club Requires Volunteers



The new school year at Brant Avenue Public School is well underway and we are now looking to start a new year for the Run and Read Club at the school.

Without volunteers this worthwhile program cannot be operated. The start up is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and will run every Thursday from 3:15-5:15 pm.

For those not familiar with the program, the mission of Start2Finish is to break the cycle of child poverty by providing ongoing educational support to Canada's most at-risk children throughout their school years, nurturing mind, body and social health so they are empowered to succeed and become role models for change.

Your commitment, or someone you know as a volunteer, would involve:

- After-school 2 hours 1x week
- Grades 3-6
- Physical activity (running and active games)
- Literacy support/activities
- Mentorship

Volunteer orientation, training and ongoing support is provided to all new volunteers.

Start2Finish's volunteers are people from all walks of life who are linked by a common thread:

**A DESIRE TO HELP ERADICATE CHILD POVERTY ACROSS THE NATION**

If you have any questions feel free to contact me by phone (519)212-4081, email ([gjstephens2@gmail.com](mailto:gjstephens2@gmail.com)) or after a church service.

Thank you,  
Julianna Stephens, Director, Coach  
Brant Avenue Public School, Run and Read Club



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Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

## Racial Justice WORKSHOPS

Sign up for this series of online workshops and learn how to start conversations addressing racism in the church and Canadian society.

Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC's Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will be holding four workshops on racial justice. They are intended to be taken consecutively.

### REGISTRATION IS FREE

Sign up early as each session will be capped at 50 participants.

SESSION 1—NOV 12  
11:30 am–2:00 pm EST

SESSION 2—NOV 12  
3:00 pm–5:30 pm EST

SESSION 3—NOV 21  
11:30 am–2:00 pm EST

SESSION 4—NOV 21  
3:00 pm–5:30 pm EST

**These sessions take place on Zoom.**

To register, go to: <https://bcsynod.org/events/racial-justice-workshop--91/2024-11-12>

**Note that this event takes place over two days: November 12 and 21.**



## Silvercreek Community Market Update

Everything at the Market is going well! After helping our guests figure out the new 'once a month' shopping model, the numbers have settled out and we have been able to add all the families who were on the waiting list to our register! We are also adding new families at each Market again. Given that the numbers continue to increase, this gives us a chance to give food to more unique households, even if only once a month, that is in an amount that meets the size of each household. With just the first Market in October entered, you can see the graph trending upwards again. To date we have distributed food to 6317 people!

Once again, we thank the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the Food Drive they held over the Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you to Tom, Norm, Val, Owen, Jane, Sue, David and

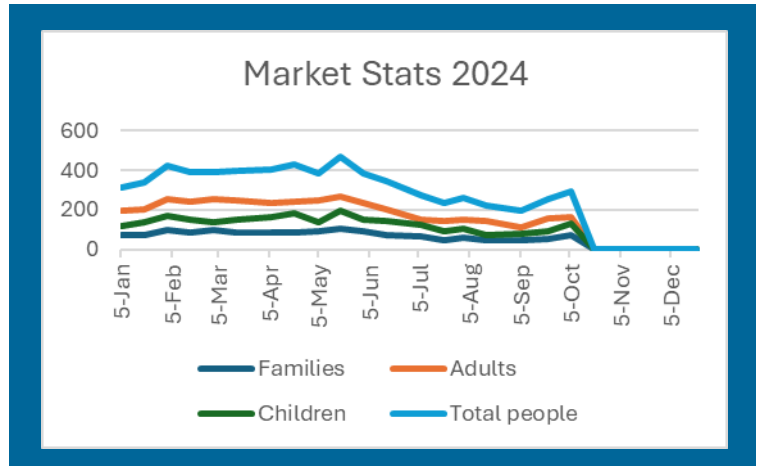


## Market Update Continued...

Marilyn for helping to pick up and sort the food. Nine hundred pounds of food was donated, along with \$95.00!

We are also working with the staff at 10 Shelldale to help their residents with food security and have extended 10 memberships to them.

Thank you for adjusting to our new non-perishable collection schedule. Items needed for November include pasta sauce, and for December cooking oil, cereal and legumes. Rice and lentils are always needed.



We give thanks for the amazing support this outreach ministry received from the congregation, the volunteers and all the friends of the Market! Thank you



The All Saints Outreach Team

### Formula Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Formula Fund in support of Baby Jerimiah and his mom. They are both doing well, and I have asked Carol if we can get a picture of him to put in the narthex for you to see his happy smile!



The process of getting additional support in place for this young family using Jordan's Principle is taking much longer than expected. So, we are again looking for support for formula and diapers. Please mark your donation as "Formula Fund – Carol" and we will set that aside for Jerimiah. **Thank you.**

Respectfully submitted, Michele Altermann

### Pickleball Anyone?

Looking for a place to play pickleball? Dublin Street United Church has a court. If there is enough interest, they are making available a Wednesday morning slot from 9:15 to 11:15. The cost: \$5 per person each morning you attend. If you would like to play then, please email Jan Nielsen at <[jannielsen@rogers.com](mailto:jannielsen@rogers.com)>. Numbers will be limited to ensure playing time. The church is at the corner of Dublin and Suffolk; parking is off Suffolk.



## PWRDF — New Name!

After almost two years of listening together and planning, **PWRDF** has chosen a new name. The new name was approved at a Special Members meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 4 p.m. ET, in accordance with our corporate bylaws.



### Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change  
in Canada and around the world

In 2022, we selected a Task Team of staff, board members and volunteers from across Canada. This team gathered on Zoom with the goal of identifying a compelling name – a name that better reflects our work, and one that would sustain our work into the future. In these and other discussions with stakeholders and staff, one dominant theme emerged: **partnership**.

PWRDF is all about partnerships. In fact the former Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, used to say the “P” in PWRDF could have easily stood for partners.

**We partner with local organizations** who carry out the work that you support – life-giving work that improves food security, champions gender rights, provides training on conservation agriculture, and creates income opportunities.

**We partner with membership organizations** that allow us to be part of a larger network. These include the Anglican Alliance, the ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, KAIROS, Cooperation Canada, among others.

**We partner with funding agencies** including Global Affairs Canada, businesses and a growing number of private and family foundations.

**We partner with the Anglican Church of Canada, Anglican dioceses, spiritual ministries** and ecclesiastical provinces, through their bishops and their PWRDF Representatives, who support our programs and invite us to spread the good news of PWRDF at synods and other meetings.

**We partner with parish representatives, clergy and countless volunteers** in the pews across the country, who share our stories and engage others in our work.

**We partner with our generous donors**, without whose support none of our partners’ work would be possible.

This theme of partnership or accompaniment is woven throughout the Bible, but the task team was drawn to the story of the road to Emmaus. Days after Jesus died, the disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, still grieving their loss. As Luke writes, the resurrected Jesus came alongside them, but they did not know it was him. Jesus travelled with them and then accepted their hospitality to dine with them. In the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. When we walk alongside one another, Jesus accompanies us. We are strengthened and comforted and recognize Jesus when we share in his feast.

As we walk alongside each of our partners, supporting, listening and sharing with one another, we embrace and embody the hope of a better world. Thus was born our new name:

- Alongside Hope: Anglicans and partners working for change in Canada and around the world

## New Name Continued...

- *Auprès de l'espoir : Anglicans et partenaires œuvrant pour le changement au Canada et à travers le monde*

Alongside Hope conveys the concept of partnership in a simple and uplifting way.

- It is easy to understand and to pronounce.
- It requires no lengthy or clumsy acronym.
- It de-emphasizes the colonial, top-down approach of giving and emphasizes a more collaborative approach.

It is a name that will carry us forward into the future.

You'll note our new name pairs well with our existing icon. This continuity will improve brand recognition as we transition to **Alongside Hope** over the coming year. Though you will be hearing people talk about **Alongside Hope**, the changes to our website and social media will not take effect until March 1, 2025. This will allow us time to complete tax receipts for 2024 under the PWRDF name.

We are excited and energized about the possibilities of **Alongside Hope** and look forward to your support. Please send questions to [pwrdf@pwrdf.org](mailto:pwrdf@pwrdf.org).

Pastor Brian is seeking two representatives from the congregation to promote the ministries of **Alongside Hope** (formerly PWRDF) and **CLWR** (Canadian Lutheran World Relief), the outreach ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada and Lutherans (ELCIC and LCC) throughout Canada.

Pastor Brian would like one representative for each of these ministries to help keep the congregation informed of their appeals, stories, and activities.

Both of these ministries are



incredibly well respected in international development circles, and we can be justly proud of the work they do throughout the world on our behalf. Their ministries should be lifted up, celebrated, and supported.

If you are interested in promoting the work of one of these amazing organizations, please speak with Pastor Brian.



### Thanksgiving 2024

Thank you to October Altar Guild, Brenda Plater, Joan McMillian and Ella Bubenik, for creating this bountiful display.  
*Check out the All Saints in Action Wall!*

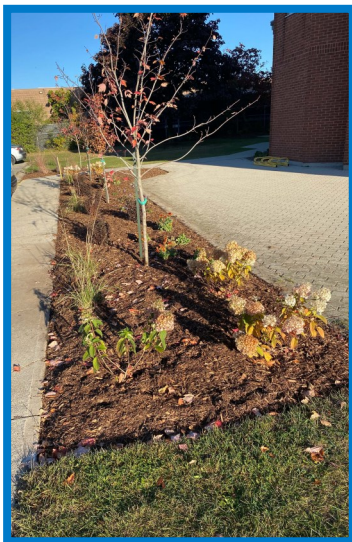
Photo Credit: Laura B.

### Hazel at the Orgel

Photo Credit: Pastor Brian



### All Saints Garden Blessing Sunday, October 20



### Blessing of the Animals October 6, 2024



A place of rest and renewal, worship and contemplation, a place of peace and enrichment, reminding us of the beauty and diversity of God's creation.



Afternoon Tea and Silent Auction in support of  
**Guelph Wellington Hospice**  
Saturday, October 19, 2024

A very successful fundraiser led by Pearl along with  
all of her helpers! Well done!



## The Mary Guse Giving Tree

The Mary Guse Giving Tree will be set up, in the narthex, on November 2nd. Pick a piece of coloured paper from the tree and purchase the item for the organization listed. Place the unwrapped gift under the tree

with the slip of paper attached to it. All articles will be collected after December 8th.

Submitted by Laura B. Mann



## Climate Conversations - Where's the beef?

We had a wonderful discussion on Sunday October 20 after the service. One of the suggestions that came up was eating less beef. People are often confused by this – why not just eat less meat of any kind (and this is good too!)? Why specifically beef?



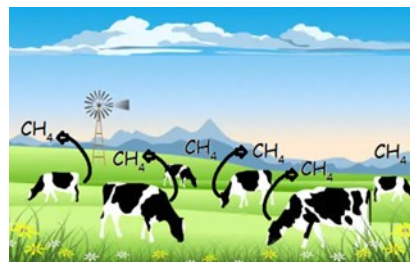
To answer that you need to know about some of the other atmospheric gases that contribute to global warming and climate change. Water vapour, carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ), methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ), nitrous oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ) and fluorocarbon gases are the main greenhouse gases. The first four are all naturally occurring, the last is man-made (i.e. refrigerants etc.). Humans don't have too much impact on water vapour – that is more part of global weather systems. And we are more aware of the impact of  $\text{CO}_2$ . But methane does not draw the same attention and it should because it is **28 times** more potent as a greenhouse gas than  $\text{CO}_2$ . That means for the same volume of gas, methane has 28 times the heat retention capacity. And methane stays there for at least 12 years after it enters the atmosphere – so again for the same volume of gas the heating capacity of methane is about 80 times that of  $\text{CO}_2$  while it stays in the atmosphere. That means  $\text{CO}_2$  may last in the atmosphere longer, but methane makes it warmer faster. Our methane emission could be easier to reduce quickly compared to  $\text{CO}_2$  if we change what we eat.

So where's the beef? The largest sources of methane that humans account for are

agriculture, fossil fuels and landfill sites. Methane does occur naturally (about 40%) – wetlands, decomposing organic materials etc. all create methane. About 60% of methane released into the atmosphere is from human activities – and beef farming is the largest producer of agricultural methane (rice farming is the other big one, but much less than ranching).

**A single cow produces between 154 to 264 pounds of methane gas per year. Not counting for the emissions of any other livestock, 1.5 billion cattle, raised specifically for meat production worldwide, emit at least 231 billion pounds of methane into the atmosphere each year.** (<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/methane>)

Cows burp. That releases methane. When I covered this topic in Science class it always caused a huge laugh (because it not



just when they burp that methane is released...). Why this has such a big impact on global warming is that we raise a lot of cattle for meat, and keep a lot of cows for milk. *The Guardian*

reported last year that 800 million trees were cut down between 2017 and 2023 in the Amazonian rainforest (mainly Brazil). In addition, these ranchers often burn trees before or after they are cut down to clear the land for grass to grow. Growing trees take  $\text{CO}_2$  out of the atmosphere, so when

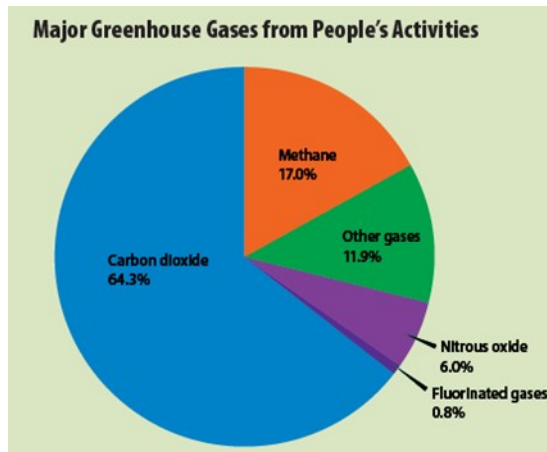
## Climate Conversations Continued

they are cut down we lose a natural carbon sink, plus if they are burned, more CO<sub>2</sub> is added to the atmosphere. And the soil in this region is not very deep and the grasslands don't yield as much grass after a few years – so more ranch land is constantly being developed. It's a cycle. Most of that beef is also exported so add in the CO<sub>2</sub> that is created by shipping to North America etc. Areas that are abandoned after being used as grasslands often do not recover well, so the world is not getting a new

Amazon rainforest to soak up CO<sub>2</sub> any time soon. And we don't just ranch cattle in South America, beef cattle are raised in Canada too!

One way to reduce our personal impact on global warming immediately is to stop/reduce buying beef. Scientists are working on ways to reduce cow flatulence with breeding (genetics), different diets etc. but burping methane will never completely disappear! And while rice farming also creates methane (it resembles a wetland) the amount of rice/methane produced is much less than equivalent beef/methane farming.

Respectfully submitted  
Michele Altermann.



<https://archive.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/basics/today/greenhouse-gases.html>



On October 20, Retired Ecologist Elizabeth Snell and Retired United Church Minister John Lawson led a 90-minute interactive Climate Conversation that allowed us to review the facts, share our feelings, hopes, and ideas for healing.



## ECM Scotch Tasting Fundraiser

A total of \$550 for the Ecumenical Campus Ministry was raised by the members of All Saints ( and a couple of friends ). Of the 24 bottles of single malts ranging in age from 8 to 18 years, not one was emptied by the ten people who were in attendance, although I still



have a couple of private tastings for those who couldn't make it on the scheduled date. Many thanks to Deborah & John Symanski who offered their home as a venue, and who provided many fine "palate cleansing" snacks after each tasting. The good news is that with all the bottles being returned and containing lots more to share - another tasting fund raising

will follow next fall. Our guest, Andrew Hyde, the ECM Chaplain, was present and enjoyed trading tasting notes and conversing with the other tasters, and is already looking forward to next fall's event.



Rev. Canon Bill Thomas

## The people of Lebanon need your help

To date, more than 2,000 people in Lebanon have lost their lives to violence, and many thousands more have been displaced. Today, after the Government of Canada announcement of a **special matching fund**, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Canadian Lutheran World Relief invite you to pray for those suffering and to give generously in response to this crisis.

Schools turned into shelters are filling up with people sleeping on the floor without pillows or blankets, or even water to drink. Others—including children and the elderly—are sleeping on the streets or in parks after their homes were destroyed during what CLWR's church partners in the region described as "continuous bombing."

Many Lutherans and friends

across Canada responded generously to our appeal last year for the people of Gaza, and your support was life-saving. Now, we must ask you to

respond again as the violence in the region escalates and puts so many families at risk across the border in Lebanon.

**CLWR's church partners are already responding**, helping as many people as they can—providing emergency supplies, clean water, and protection for the vulnerable, but your support is needed. **And if you give quickly, you can help twice as many people thanks to the matching fund.**



We urge you to pray for the families whose lives have been shattered by this escalation in violence, and pray for our partners in Lebanon who are responding, and all the members of Canada's Humanitarian Coalition who are racing to provide life-saving aid.

Please give generously if you're able to by visiting [clwr.org/lebanon](http://clwr.org/lebanon) or by calling 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CST). Thank you for your partnership and for your compassion.



## Where there's a will Planned Giving



According to legend, Martin Luther once said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree today."

It is unlikely that the world will go to pieces tomorrow, but we have to wonder what the future will be like for our family and for our church. In the midst of uncertainty, do we dare to plant an apple tree?



As individuals, couples and families we can provide for our future and our church's future as well. Many Anglicans and Lutherans have chosen to leave a gift to the church in their will because their faith means so much to them. Some have chosen to honour a family member with a tribute gift.

ALL SAINTS is hosting a workshop on what a Legacy Gift can mean to our congregation.

The purpose of this workshop is to **create awareness**. We want people to know that:

- **All Saints** would happily receive planned gifts from members and supporters
- A legacy gift **provides resources** for a variety of ministries
- There are **several ways to make a legacy gift** – a gift in a will is the easiest one for most people.



You will also learn:

- ⇒ how you can **include the church** in your financial and estate plans;
- ⇒ how **income tax savings** make more generous giving possible;
- ⇒ how you can make **a gift that keeps on giving** beyond your lifetime.

There will be lots of time to get answers to your questions.

**Date: Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: Following worship in the fellowship hall**

**Presented by: Kathryn Smith, Giving Advisor, Charitus**

## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>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.</b>						
6:30-8:30 pm — Rose Head Hall, NA Never Alone	9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi  6:00-8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, AA (Flying Blind), 8:00 – 9:00 pm – District Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> week  6:30 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gambler's Anonymous	4:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, Order of the Eastern Star 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room  10:00 – 11:00 am – Good Morning Al Anon, Choir Rm  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 – RRH, AA Helina 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	
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<b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion 11:30 am – Usher meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market  7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Pentecost 25</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Rose Head Hall, Chi Rho Fellowship  7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Rental all day – Rose Head Hall
<b>17 Pentecost 26</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion 11:30 am – Chili after Church & Talent Show Deadline for <b>Connections</b>	<b>18</b>  7:00 RIC meeting via Zoom	<b>19</b>  1:00 p.m. – Parlour, Parish Care Workshop  5:00 p.m. – RHH, Men's Fellowship	<b>20</b>  12:00 p.m. – Parlour, Women of Faith  3:00 p.m. Executive via Zoom	<b>21</b>  9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market  7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Reign of Christ</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion 11:30 am – RHH, Planned Giving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  1:00 p.m. – Parlour, The Associates  7:00 p.m. – Parlour, Church Council	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>