

September 2026

From the Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends of All Saints:

Last week, I finally took my car to the mechanic. For a few weeks, I'd been hearing a soft grinding sound from the rear wheels. At first, it only happened after I'd driven a few hundred metres and was making a left turn. Then one day, I heard it all the way home from church. Something was clearly wrong – and needed to be fixed.

It turned out to be the rear brakes. They needed to be replaced.

That was two weeks ago. Since then, there have been no noises, and everything seems to be working well again.

Sometimes, I wish our lives were like a car. When something isn't working quite right, just diagnose the failed system, fix it, and move on.

Unfortunately – or fortunately, depending on your perspective – human lives and communities are far more complex than even the most technologically advanced vehicle. A stern word can affect my emotional well-being, make me short with loved ones, cause me to question my self-worth and life choices, and disrupt my sleep. Each of these consequences can build on the others, creating a feedback loop that leads to overeating, doomscrolling, self-medicating, and wondering why God has forsaken me.

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Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Psalm 96:12

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From the Pastor's Study Continued

My car has never wondered why God has forsaken it!

One of the most wonderful things the church can do is help people with their spiritual well-being. Often, this is limited to worship, charity, and fellowship. These are all wonderful things. I often say that the three main activities of the church are worship, service, and discipleship. Yet when the church moves beyond worship and charity, we sometimes hear complaints from both inside and outside the church walls: "Stay in your lane, pastor!"

But the dynamics of spirituality are complex and, in truth, extend far beyond what is typically considered "churchy" or "spiritual," even into our financial and political lives. You don't have to read very far into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to see how true this is.

You may have heard of something called "The Wholeness Wheel," "The Wellness Wheel," or "Dimensions of Wholeness." I learned about this concept through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and their health and benefits ministry for church staff, Portico. They developed this illustration, which I think does a good job of outlining many of the various facets of life that need attention in order to live a well-balanced – and truly spiritual – life.

There are many things I like about this image. First, it centres our whole lives around baptism. Baptism and being a new creation in Christ are not just about going to church; they are the very foundation of our entire lives.

I also appreciate that there are no distinctly divided parts. Instead, the illustration shows how each part subtly overlaps and flows into the next.

Similarly, the labyrinth winds its way – sometimes quickly, sometimes leisurely – through each section. If you trace the path of the labyrinth from the bottom up to the centre, you'll see what I mean.



Finally, I value the range of life experience represented here: social, emotional, intellectual, physical, vocational, and financial. All of these contribute to – and, when practiced in healthy ways, sustain – our spirituality. Today, I might also add environmental stewardship, creativity, and political engagement – maybe even everyday life, like washing the dishes and vacuuming the floors! They are spiritual activities, too because they are important, if small, parts of our lives.

Our lives are not like cars with brakes that can simply be replaced when worn out. And our spirituality is not just what we do at church. We are all beautifully complex individuals living in equally beautiful and complex social and environmental relationships.

From the Pastor's Study Continued

In the coming months, I will use this space to reflect on each of these segments of our lives – how each contributes to our spirituality, and how giving intentional awareness and attention to each area might help us find some of the wholeness that God desires for us all.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Brian



Treasurer's Reports by Suzanne Worthen

Report as at June 30, 2026		
	June 2026	Year to Date
Offerings	\$22,700.50	\$111,683.55
Other Income	\$1,425.00	\$10,760.55
Transfers -Housing Fund	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
-Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$3,750.00
Total Income	\$25,750.50	\$132,194.10
Total Expenses	\$22,676.70	\$139,387.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,073.80	<u>(-\$ 7,193.73)</u>



Report as at July 31, 2026		
	July 2026	Year to Date
Offerings	\$15,164.00	\$126,847.55
Other Income	\$920.00	\$11,680.55
Transfers -Housing Fund	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00
-Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$4,375.00
Total Income	\$17,709.00	\$149,903.10
Total Expenses	\$21,743.23	\$161,131.06
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(-\$4,034.23)</u>	<u>(-\$ 11,227.96)</u>

Council Perspective



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

I look forward to the first few Sundays of September where we can refresh friendships and share stories and adventures of those summer experiences. Personally, I also look forward to worship with the larger community of our church; to hear the hymns sung again with more vigour, the choir's contributions, and the celebration of bread and wine. Liturgically, we celebrate the Season of Creation, a season of new beginnings.

As a Church Council, we too took a break during July and August. We meet again at the end of September. Despite the break, I have tried to keep aware of the pulse of the church. In doing so, I have been in touch with both the ongoing business but also had the chance to talk to number of parishioners about their view as to the present ministry of our congregation and our

future direction. This includes a recent meeting with Pastor Brian asking similar questions. **Some of my upcoming comments include my personal reflections and views.**

Something that may be obvious to the business side of things is our financial situation this summer. As an eblast update provided to you a couple of weeks ago detailed, our finances have fallen to a deficit position which is not that uncommon for this time of year. What is concerning is the degree of that deficit this year. My comments below from the eblast speak for themselves.

*"We reported in June budget deficit of **\$-7,193.73**. This deficit as of the end of July has now grown to **\$-11,227.96**. If we compare this to the end of July last year, the deficit was **\$-4416.35**. As mentioned before we seem to have a reputation of always pulling through by the end of the year however, we have never been this far behind at this point which is a concerning fact.*

We acknowledge various reasons for this which may include personal circumstances in these economic times. Many of these are out of our control.

However there are some things we can all do. Perhaps it is time to review our giving patterns

which may include our contributions through the summer as well as revisiting our contributions through regular PAR giving's. It may be something we have not looked at in a while since it is so convenient and automatic.

We at All Saints are so very thankful for our faithful stewardship through our time, talents, and offerings. Resilience has always been one of our gifts from our strong faithfulness to God. Thank you for taking the time to read through this note and we ask for your prayers that this appeal might further our outreach and ministry."

As we heard last year, Council put in place a "Future's Team or Committee". The purpose of this team was to prepare to some degree, for our congregation's future. Over the course of this summer, this team has completed their interviews of a number of individuals and teams. They are about to bring their findings to both the Council and the congregation in September. This now becomes an opportunity for us to provide further input as well as direction in how we proceed. This input, from all

areas of our ministry is essential.

From what I gather, the input thus far at All Saints appears to show that most peoples are quite content with how things are progressing in the present. Not necessarily surprising. Indeed, I feel we are a strong and faithful body. But what to our future? We must be willing to face questions sooner than later. My personal experience and knowledge from the wider church is that too many congregations appear to ask this question far too late....so to speak when they are at the edge of a cliff.

The challenging question is can we react or proceed to our changing conditions and demographics that are already happening. The answer to that question requires creativity to adapt. In my humble opinion, changes appear to be happening faster at All Saints than many of us would like to admit. What should be the direction in our ministry areas? Where do we place our emphasis? Do we somehow reduce our operating costs or perhaps rely on the giving at the end of the calendar year yet again? Do we begin drawing more heavily on our reserves? Do we reduce our range of ministries? As mentioned above, we only have so many resources. We indeed have diminished numbers to our family at All Saints and those include both an aging group as well as the logical result, more

with concerning health concerns. That leaves less volunteers for various needs in our ministry. We invite you to be a part of this process to help us to go forwards.

Council members alone only represent your views. Your views need to be heard.

The summer brought times of refreshment and peace to many but to some again, serious health concerns or situations. Many of these were lifted up in prayer during summer services. We are thankful for the time Pastor Brian, Peter, and Michele were blessed with to recharge.

Other summer activity included the planning and work on several maintenance issues. Two items that have priority now are the painting and sealing of the downstairs outside doors as well as the replacement of the heat/fire sensors and fans in the nave, part of the fire safety protocol. Please speak with John Szymanski if you can assist.

Several events have already been planned for this fall. September marks the "Season of Creation". A time of newness. Liturgically a few new elements will be introduced to our services. Our choir will return with a new set of repertoire for this season under Peter's direction. **You're invited to be a part of this, despite the lack of any formal musical training.** You may be delighted to know that



you're common company with our somewhat ragged...ok just a couple of rough edges... crew. A good time and rewarding ministry for us all!

The third annual "Scotch Whisky Tasting" fundraising event takes place from **2-5 p.m. Saturday September 26th**. Apparently, I have heard Canon Bill has a perfect record in convincing people they love this vial drink by the end of his presentation. No twisting of arms required; at least you won't notice your arm. Funds generated will go to the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. **Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.**

That same evening, September 26th, Canon Lucy is promoting another special event. All Saints is hosting this event featuring Ruth Harvey, leader of the Iona Community in Scotland. She'll be speaking about hope, resilience and the Celtic tradition. Look for further news to this in the announcements.

A new updated and printed directory will be available this fall along with a new poster display of our membership. It will provide the latest information we have of our family.

Sunday, October 4th, we will invite all to participate in a "Call 30" learning workshop activity originally developed by the Mennonite Central Committee in partner with

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Feather & Cross of the Lutheran Synod. This workshop deals with Indigenous conditions and incarceration patterns in Canada. It originates from the Truth and Reconciliation's Call to Action #30. Perhaps you may remember the "blanket exercise" we participated in a few years back. Like that, this is a powerful and personal educational experience this time involving simulation

exercises and reflection on various pieces of Indigenous art among other things.

In October we are again entertaining the "Upcycled Dinner in Guelph". A community open dinner which demonstrates a number of ways to create unique menus with everyday ingredients which creates less food waste. Again, look to announcements for details. **This happens**

October 23rd. Help is needed with this event. Please speak to Brian Janzen if you can lend a hand.

On behalf of Council, I welcome you home to All Saints.

May the blessings of inner peace be with you,

Brian Janzen
Chair of Council

Garby and All Saints

A few days ago, Guelph Today published an article about the art installation in Royal City Park affectionally referred to as "Garbasaurus" by many locals but actually called "Garby" by the artist. Maybe you knew of the connection of Garby to All Saints – I did not, and I have learned that many of our members do not know either – but the artist of Garby is our own Greg Elliott! The article highlights the 25-year history of Garby and the restoration that Greg has been doing on the piece so that it lasts many more years.

Greg spends most of his time these days caring for his wife Mary in Riverside Glen and walking his dog. How wonderful it is to see that his art continues to express Greg's joy of life and faith in public works like Garby, the Carousel Mural in Riverside Park, and Creation Connections in the hallway leading to Rose Head Hall here at All Saints. Thank you, Greg!



To see the Guelph Today article, just Google something like "Garby Greg Elliott" and you will come up with a result with the headline: *"Legend of Garbasaurus being pushed into the Speed River resurfaces as restoration begins"* linking to the article.

Pastor Brian

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Connections

Contemplations From Rev. Canon William Thomas

The Teaching Moment

Every teacher recognizes the moment when a student is ready to learn. The tricky part, as most parents experience, is when that moment arrives. Most frequently, that moment arrives when a person begins to ask “Why.....?” In most cultures there are two responses: an explanation of how that happened (science); or an explanation of what that means (spiritual)).

Recently the Artemis mission sent astronauts to investigate how much danger long term exposure to the deep space environment posed to human beings. The universal reaction of the astronauts, and any who have been around, or on the moon, was to describe it as a spiritual experience.

Victor Glover, the pilot of the Artemis spacecraft, during a viral Easter message from deep space, reflected on seeing Earth from a lunar distance and emphasized that **“all humans are passengers together on a single spacecraft — Earth.”** His message framed the planet not as a distant object, but as a fragile vessel carrying everyone through space. The meaning was clear.

We, as a society, are in the midst of a teaching moment – and the choice to me is clear. Our education, based on the scientific method, is very good at how things happen. Our use of computers has made us very good at that, allowing us to measure everything and convert that information into knowledge. "But as T.S. Elliott writes, **“Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?”** to which many contemporary authors have added, **“where is the information we have lost in data?”** And we have lost much wisdom in converting what we experience, in to how it happened, rather than what it means.....

We didn't start out that way. Did you ever wonder why the Israelites spent 40 years (a very long time) in the wilderness? Marcus Borg, and John Dominic Crossan (two academics who have studied the scriptures) have interpreted the wilderness experience, as **meaning that three generations, is the minimum necessary to unlearn how to behave as a slave.** The

wilderness is a hard place to survive in, meaning you have to learn to eat anything that the environment provides (God), and under good leadership to survive as a community. Ever hear that “those who don't know their history, are doomed to repeat it?” The USA is experiencing that wisdom right now, as the richest and most powerful on earth at the moment, they are forcing everyone else to learn that lesson.

All indigenous people on Turtle Island, developed language to pass on the wisdom in story form, whether about how to survive in their region of the wilderness of this continent, and the role of leadership in developing community. I'll explore some of that wisdom in the future of this theme.

Two examples – from the Hebrews (our spiritual ancestors): Student: “Why Rabbi ,do you always answer a question with a question?” Rabbi: “What's wrong with a question?”

- from the Anishinabek: Elder: “I often feel like there are two totem wolves are fighting within me. One rules by violence and fear; the other one by listening and expressing hope.” Child: “which one wins?” Elder: “whichever one I feed.”

****THE KING LIVES ON!****

Featuring Brent Freeman

Join us for a night of rock 'n' roll magic as we celebrate the legendary Elvis Presley!

Thursday November 26, 2026 at 7pm

Lakeside Church

7654 Conservation Road. Guelph, ON

Tickets \$40

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Don't miss the ultimate Elvis experience!
Grab your blue suede shoes and get ready to be

"All Shook Up!"

Reflection by Rev. Nigel Bunce

I have often said that I believe that the eleventh commandment should be “Thou shalt not waste food”. Perhaps this comes from my experience of food rationing, while growing up in England after World War II. However, I have been musing on this theme in recent weeks and have come to realize that food should be regarded as sacred, more than merely something not to waste or throw away.

Think about the song that we are presently using at All Saints during the offertory:

1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.



2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew at your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
becomes a holy treasure.

3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

Verse 2 encapsulates my meaning, though not completely: “What once was common, daily food, becomes a holy treasure.” The grape vines and the wheat seeds were indeed the sources of the communion wine and the communion bread. But we make them sacred by saying special prayers over them for the specific purpose of Holy Communion.

What I want to say is that they were sacred (though perhaps in a different way) when we decided to use them as food and drink – that is, to nourish our bodies. I say this because every one of us depends on consuming other creatures, whether we are carnivores, vegetarians, or vegans. We make our choices depending on how we view these potential food sources.

The vegetarian, for example, probably considers the carrot as less sentient than the cow or the chicken. I have even heard a member of this congregation justify eating shrimps by classifying them as “a walking vegetable”. Which made me think of the song “The reluctant cannibal” by the 1950s comedy duo Flanders and Swann.

I don't eat people
I won't eat people
I don't eat people
Eating people is wrong.

To which the regular cannibal replies:
But people have always eaten people
What else is there to eat?
If the Juju had meant us not to eat people
He wouldn't have made us of meat!

Thus, the problem for every one of us is where to draw the line between what seems acceptable versus unacceptable for each of us. I have a sneaking regard in this matter for the Indian group known as Jains, who follow a path toward spiritual purity and enlightenment, based on the principle of *ahimsa* (disciplined non-violence). The Jain diet is structured to incur the absolute minimum *karmic* harm by permitting only the consumption of plant material. Eating all other life-forms is explicitly forbidden; therefore, Jains follow a strict vegetarian diet that avoids all animal flesh (including shrimps!!), eggs (as a potential source of life), and honey (because gathering it harms bees), as well as root vegetables that grow underground, such as potatoes, onions, and garlic, because harvesting them destroys the entire plant and also harms tiny soil microorganisms. The strictest Jains do not eat after dark, so as not to accidentally swallow insects that they cannot see.

To summarize: I see the sacred aspect of food because we, and all other creatures (or at least all other animals) depend on other living beings for nourishment – our very lives. Our choices depend on how much we value – or consider sacred – the other creatures with which share this planet.



September Market Update

It's summer and the kids are out of school – it's been very lively at the Market!

School snacks will be in high demand as the kids return to school. We try to give out one lunchbox item per child (at each Market, all year) so suggestions would be individually wrapped granola bars, rice crisps, crackers etc. We have really pared down our list of non-perishable items so that we can better meet the need to have one item per family. Since on average 75 families attend each Market, the challenge is to have 150-160 of these items each month. To help you plan ahead, here is the list for the next four months:

September: School snacks, peanut butter

October: Canned meat/fish, soup

November: Pasta and pasta sauce

December: Cooking oil, canned legumes



We also give out rice and red lentils at each Market. Large bags are repackaged into 3 cup portions. We are currently out of rice and lentils so please consider buying extra if you see them on sale. Thank you for your support over the summer months, this is usually the time supplies are at their lowest with people being away on holiday etc. We also welcome anyone who wants to volunteer – give Julianna Stephens or the office a call – or just come and check us out!

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Total
# Families	153	143	152	156	169	152	115	
# Adults	404	359	396	415	444	402	308	
# Children	275	279	278	267	311	298	213	
Total People	679	638	674	682	755	700	521	4128

Thank you for your support!
Michele Altermann (she/her)
Outreach Chair.



Lutherans Connect Devotions – Season of Creation

September 1 – 12, 2026



LC† The Winged Word, a devotional for the Season of Creation, explored the birds of the bible, alongside a reflective look at birds that are critically endangered today. How can a deepened appreciation for the Christ who dwells in all creatures lead us to actions that help protect at-risk species? As always, devotions will be posted to the [Lutherans Connect Facebook page](#). You can also [bookmark this link](#) (<https://lcthewingedword.blogspot.com/>) and check back on September 1st, or join the Lutherans Connect email list by writing to lutheransconnect@gmail.com.



September 27 - Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

We will be recognizing National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30, 2026), or Orange Shirt Day, on **Sunday September 27**. Please consider wearing your Orange Shirt that day. In case you still need to purchase one, the information from the Eastern Synod mailer about the design and designer is included below. Lana's father was a residential school survivor. She will be joining us on October 4 to facilitate the Call 30 Activity.

Shirts cost \$18 and come in men's, women's and youth sizes. Two dollars from every purchase is donated to the Orange Shirt Society.

From the Orange Shirt Society website: (<https://orangeshirtday.org/>)

"Inspired by Phyllis Webstad's story of having her orange shirt taken away on her first day at Indian residential school, we uplift the voices of Survivors and invite all people in Canada to walk the path of truth & reconciliation together.

The Orange Shirt Society was established in 2015 to:

- Support Indian residential school reconciliation
- Create awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of Indian residential schools through Orange Shirt Society activities
- Create awareness of the concept of "Every Child Matters"

Phyllis Webstad's book is available in the church library, as well as a book to read to children about Orange Shirt Day.

From the Eastern Synod Mailer: Get ready for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with the new Eastern Synod Orange Shirt Day apparel!

Designed for the Eastern Synod by Lana Moses, an artistic creator from Kitchener-Waterloo, Lana draws inspiration from her Indigenous and German heritage. She manages the Feather & Cross organization's hub at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, promoting Indigenous perspectives within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Her design, "Every Child Matters: The Tree of Life," features hands as the trunk and roots nurturing a nest of birds, symbolizing the duty to protect life and also representing the Holy Trinity. The design incorporates a central heart, heart-shaped leaves, seven feathers honouring the Seven Sacred Teachings, and fish-shaped leaves representing interconnectedness and the importance of water. Anchored by the "EVERY CHILD MATTERS" banner, it highlights the collective responsibility to support individuals in a values-based community. Shop the full collection here:

<https://design.tshirtelephant.com/EasternSynod/shop/products/all?page=1>

Submitted by Michele Altermann
(she/her)



Strawberry Social (Women of Faith)



The Women of Faith started off the summer with a **Strawberry Social** after the service on Sunday, June 28th.

Family and friends joined us for delicious cake, strawberries and whipped topping for free-will donations.

Thank you to Ena Sookraj and Farmer Joe for his delicious bright red and ripe strawberries!

It was not meant to be a fund-raiser; however, we did make \$400 for the Women of Faith's Discretionary Fund. This fund makes money available for Pastor Brian's discretionary use.

On August 16th, we had a **Sundae Sunday**. We enjoyed vanilla ice cream with toppings shared by members of the congregation!

Submitted by Marilyn Coleman



God's Green Earth

All Saints Garden Photos: Peter West



The 3rd Annual All Saints Fund Raiser to Support
the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph



SCOTCH Whisky Tasting

Choose from 24+ Single malts aged in barrels from 8 to 18 years
Donated from the Private Collection of Canon Bill Thomas

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 2 – 5 pm
at the Home of John & Deborah Szymanski
BRING CASH OR CHEQUE

For \$ 50 you'll get:

- A listing of the 24+ Single Malts, classified by region, taste, and years in the barrel
- A map of the Whisky Regions of Scotland
- A chart for recording your selection of **three single malt** Samples
- Palate cleansing snacks between the 3 Rounds of Sampling
- A reminder that you need to schedule a ride **To** and **From** the event
- A chance to find out about the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Guelph

Sign-up list for the 24 spaces available will appear in the Narthex
after the services at All Saints on Sunday, August 23, 2026

Call 30 Activity:

Dismantling the Prison Pipeline Indigenous Women Face in Canada

**Sunday October 4, 2026,
from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

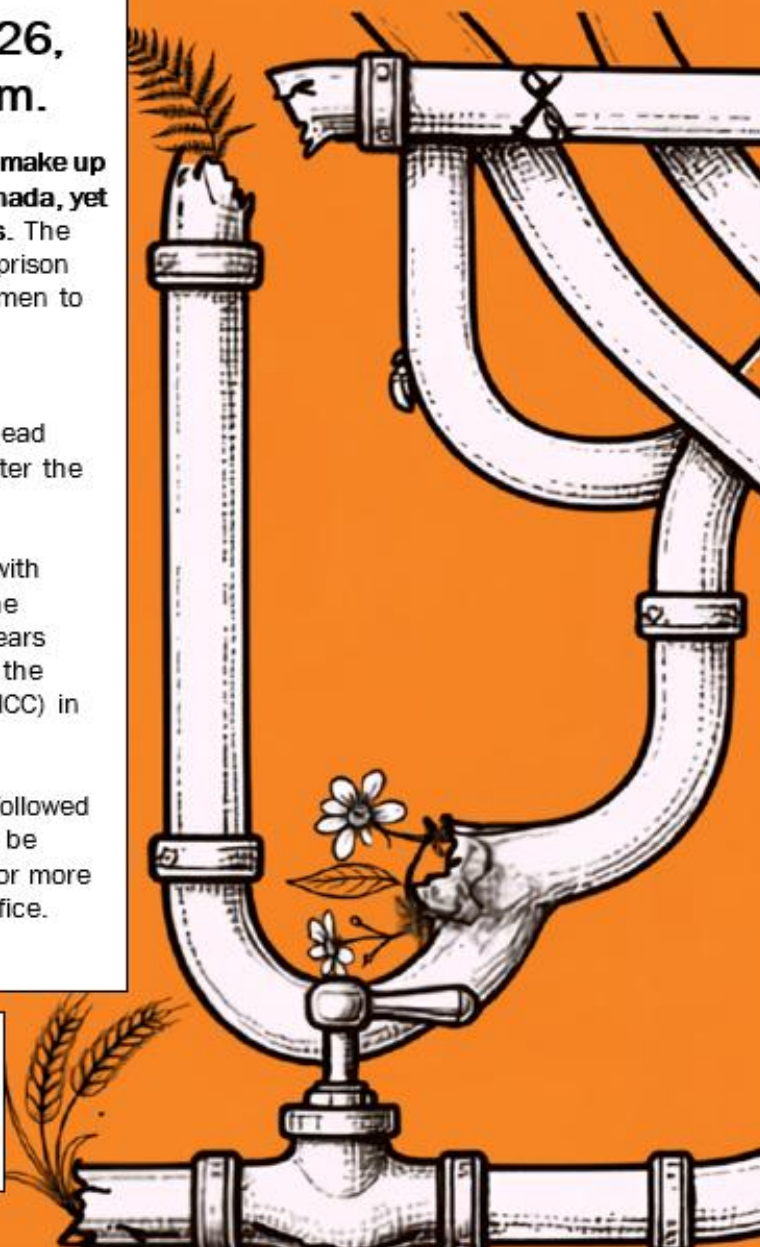
A startling statistic... **Indigenous women make up 5% of the adult female population in Canada, yet 50% of women in prisons are indigenous.** The activity unpacks the factors behind the “prison pipeline” that leads many Indigenous women to harm and criminalization and highlights Indigenous led solutions.

The Call 30 Activity will be held in Rose Head Hall, preceded by a potluck lunch right after the 10:00 a.m. service.

This activity is being held in partnership with Kairos Guelph. It is a similar format to the Kairos Blanket Exercise that was a few years ago. The **Call 30 Activity** was initiated by the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario (MCC) in response to the TRC Call to Action 30

The activity takes 45-60 minutes and is followed by a time of sharing. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex in September. For more information contact Jan Nielsen or the office.

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Parish Care Workshops

Welcome back to Tuesday's educational events! September has us gathering on **Tuesday, September 15th** for the **Parish Care Workshop** from **1:00 till 2:30 p.m.** We are starting the autumn season with an early warning question: "Are your affairs in order?"

Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home will be hosting a Complimentary Educational Workshop. Guest speaker, Michael Labelle, will show you how to properly prepare an estate and how to organize your important documentation. You will learn the essential duties of an Executor and how to choose one, the importance of an up-to-date Will and Power of Attorney. Learn how advanced planning is key to protecting your loved ones by diminishing the emotional and financial stress placed on families at time of loss. Discover the peace of mind that "Being Prepared" brings. And yes, there will be handouts. No sales pitch, just good information.

Hope to see you then. Please invite and welcome any of your friends.

Connie Shaw

Coffee Hours

Over the summer, our "refreshment hours" have consisted mainly of cold drinks and cookies, pretzels, crackers, cheese and celebratory cake.



In September, we will return to coffee and tea.

Sign up with a friend or group on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

If you need assistance, call Marilyn C. or anyone else in the Women of Faith.

Coffee Hours provide an opportunity to enjoy chatting and greeting visitors to All Saints Church.

***Thanks to all of you who provide goodies and to those who help to clean up.*

Many blessings,
Marilyn Coleman (519-827-5127)
Women of Faith

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

210 Silvercreek Parkway N, Guelph

Making our Spaces Safer

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026
from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Please join us for a Caring Conversation.
Please use the doors at the front of the
building. Refreshments will be served.**

We are located in an accessible building.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Michele at (519) 821-7710 or email allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca
Thank you

Leader of the Iona Community, Scotland, comes to All Saints

On Saturday September 26 at 7pm the leader of the Iona Community in Scotland, Ruth Harvey, will be speaking at All Saints on the theme *Hope and Resilience: Lived in Community*.

The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. It was founded in Glasgow in 1938 by Rev George MacLeod. A visionary and a social reformer, MacLeod was driven by a belief that faith is grounded in action. In rebuilding the ruins at Iona Abbey, trainee ministers and unemployed workers lived, worked and worshipped together.

lreid08@gmail.com'. On the right, it says 'Led by Ruth Harvey' with a person icon."/>

Rooted in Hope
with Ruth Harvey,
Leader of the Iona Community

Canadian Pilgrimage: Southern Ontario
September 26 - October 4, 2026

Saturday, September 26 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm
Hope and Resilience: Lived in Community
All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church - 210 Silvercreek Pkwy N, Guelph, ON
Contact - The Reverend Canon Lucy Reid, lreid08@gmail.com

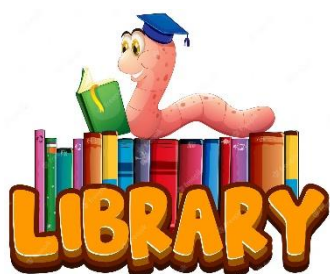
Led by Ruth Harvey

There are now about 280 Members and more than 2,000 Associate Members, Young Adults and Friends across the world. The founding vision remains true – sharing common work and community in the pursuit of justice and peace, in Scotland and beyond.

Leader Ruth Harvey is a mediator, writer, and lifelong practitioner of intentional Christian community. Drawing on her deep experience in conflict transformation and faith-based leadership, she brings a grounded and thoughtful perspective on navigating complexity and change in today's world.

This event is co-sponsored by the Guelph Seminar and the Canadian Associate Members of the Iona Community. Admission is free, with donations welcome.

Submitted by Lucy Reid

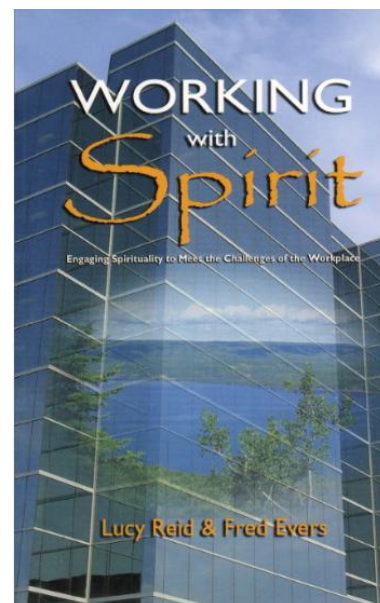


What's New in the All Saints Library?

Working with Spirit – Engaging Spirituality to Meet the Challenges of the Workplace.

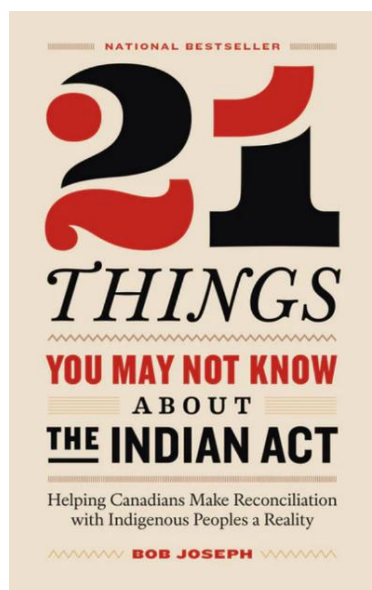
By Lucy Reid and Fred Evers

Coauthored by our own Lucy Reid, this book looks at the question of how to bring a more spiritual focus with us in the everyday world of the workplace. While many people claim to be “spiritual” the numbers who participate in “organized” religions continues to decrease. Maybe if we could find a more spiritually satisfying aspect to our work life, people would have less of a disconnect between different aspects of their public and private lives. The book is an engaging combination of discussion, stories, offers questions for us to reflect on and some suggestions for how to get started.



21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act - Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality

by Bob Joseph



This 178-page book is an essential guide to understanding the legal document and its repercussion on generations of First Nations, written by a leading cultural sensitivity trainer. Bob Joseph is a member of the Gwawaenuk Nation and founder of Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.

Passed in 1876 and still in force today, this Act has shaped the lives of multiple generations of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. And not in a good way. From birth to death this Act controls and constrains the lives of First Nations people but very few Canadians have read it or possibly even heard of it. Originally written as an article, it has been expanded to include quotations, additional explanations and examples. A chronology of Residential Schools and the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Report is also included.

Very clearly written, with humour, and using language that is accessible to everyone. A great introduction to this significant legislation and a much needed resource to have in every library.

Respectfully submitted
Michele Altermann (she/her)

What Autistic Loneliness Can Look Like is submitted by Kathryn Ssedoga



September 2026

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.						
7:00-9:00 pm — Rose Head Hall, NA Never Alone	9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun) 6:00-8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, AA (Flying Blind), 8:00 – 9:00 pm – District Meeting 3 rd week 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gambler's Anonymous	4:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, Order of the Eastern Star 2 nd Tuesday of the month	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 10:00 – 11:00 am – Choir Rm Good Morning Al Anon, 6:00-8:00 pm – Nave, Guelph Male Choir (Sept – May) 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room, Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – RHH, 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 – 5:00 pm Rooms A&B, Children's Reading Room 9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun)	
RHH – Rose Head Hall		1	2	3 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market	4 Office open 11:00 – 12:00 – Nave. Sanctuary of Music	5
6 Season of Creation 1 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	7	8	9 Office closed 6:30- 8:00 p.m. – Pastor's Office, Confirmation Class	10 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Choir Room, GRMA mtg. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Parlour, Chi Rho Fellowship 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	11	12
13 Season of Creation 2 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	14 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, All Saints Affirming People	15 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Parlour, Parish Care 5:00 p.m. – RHH, Men's Fellowship	16 12:00 p.m., Parlour, Women of Faith	17 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	18	19 1:00 -5:00 p.m. – RHH, Eastern Star rental
20 Season of Creation 3 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion Deadline for <i>Connections</i>	21	22 2:00 p.m., Parlour The Associates 7:00 p.m., Nave – <i>Making Our Spaces Safer</i> (ASAP workshop)	23 10:00 a.m. Executive 6:30- 8:00 p.m. – Pastor's Office, Confirmation Class	24 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Choir Practice	25	26 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – RHH, rental 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., ECM Scotch Tasting 7:00 p.m. – Nave, Guelph Seminar Event
27 Season of Creation 4 -Truth and Reconciliation Sunday 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	28	29	30 7:00 p.m. – Church Council, meeting off site			

