

# *July 2017 Newsletter*



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## **Vacation Bible School 2017**

### **BUILD ON THE ROCK**

**July 10 – 14**  
**9:00 to 11:30**

*{Jesus said,} “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock.”*

*Matthew 7:24*

After 4 months of planning and preparation VBS is here. We now have 71 children registered. At our full staff meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2 mission projects were chosen. All offerings and the proceeds from the cupcake sales on Friday go to support these missions. They are **Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Earthquake Relief in Rancheria Nicaragua and Lutheran Hour Ministries**. Both of these missions relate to our theme of building on the firm foundation of God's Word. (Rock)

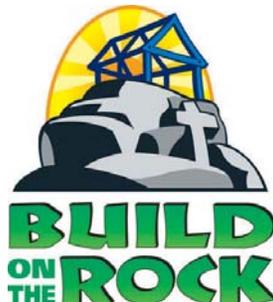
There is still a small window of time to register! Phone Delaine at 905 822 1432. Registration fee: **\$15.00**

Do you like to make cupcakes? If you would like to contribute a batch of cupcakes let Sharyn Thibault know. The more cupcakes we sell the greater the support for our mission projects. Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> is Cupcake Friday. We even have parents come at 11:30 with containers to buy the extras.

Don't forget to come to the **Family Night Celebration on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.

Please continue to pray for our VBS outreach. Pray that God will bless this ministry and that the children who attend will grow in faith.

VBS Planning Committee: Delaine Magwood, Kristine Coffin, Linda Parker and Sharyn Thibault



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*This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.*

*- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31*



As retirement day approaches and my ministry in your midst come to a close, I want to reflect on time and our use of time for the sake of the kingdom of God and the salvation of souls.

Often our favourite word is "tomorrow." After all, if the snow is all going to melt by 9 a.m., do I really need to shovel it, or can I just wait and let God melt it? One neighbour is just the opposite. He's of the opinion that if there's not enough snow for his blower, he'll shovel it together in piles and then use the blower.

Sometimes we look back and regret having put something off. Remember that freezing cold day when the wind was whipping up ice and snow and you were on the ladder putting up the Christmas lights? I'll bet you were remembering all those warm fall days when you thought about putting them up, but you didn't, because there's always tomorrow. You paid for not doing it in the nice weather with a case of frost bite. Or how about this: Did you use a warm winter day to take the lights down? Let me guess, you waited for another freezing cold day with the wind whipping up the ice and snow.

The real question I want to ask today is this: "What are the consequences of putting off spiritual things?" Scripture is very clear that in eternal matters, we dare not put things off. In 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, Paul gives this warning: *"As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, 'In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation."*

A man was asked, "Do you want heaven and eternal life when you die?" "Yes!" "Do you want to know how you can have it now?" "No!" If you think you'll worry about it tomorrow, how do you know that you will have a tomorrow? In Luke 9:59-62 Jesus said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

"Do you want to serve the Lord in his kingdom?" "Yes! There's that friend or family member or co-worker I've always been meaning to talk to about spiritual things." "Do you want to do it now?" "No, I'll do it tomorrow, or next week." How do you know they will have a tomorrow? How do you know you will? If you put it off, they may be lost.

Scripture warns against spiritual procrastination. Jesus says, "The time has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." The setting is Galilee. John the Baptist has been arrested and opposition to the Gospel is on the rise. The people who heard Jesus that day had no guarantee that they would have the same opportunity the next day. The day came when Jesus said this to the towns of Galilee (Matthew 11:21-24): *"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in*

*you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the Day of Judgment than for you."*

Think about the story of Jonah whom God sent to Nineveh. For Nineveh, the decisive time was at hand. God had decreed forty days for them to repent and return to the Lord, Not 41, not 42, but 40. There was an urgency for them to listen and believe and respond. There was also an urgency for Jonah to go to Nineveh because time was running out for them and the judgement of God was about to fall. The people of Nineveh did not have the luxury of putting off their spiritual self-examination. Jonah didn't have the luxury of time either. He must go and preach while there is still time for them to listen. God would not delay his plans just because of Jonah. God wanted him to go today.

Jesus came to the shore of the Sea of Galilee and called Peter and Andrew and James and John to come and follow him. John the Baptist's voice had been silenced, but the Gospel would still go out. Not only that, but the messengers would be multiplied. These four they had met Jesus before in Jerusalem, but the time had come for them to make spiritual things their priority. The good news of the Gospel had to get out. John had been arrested, so Jesus called them.

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 6:2: "Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation." Paul here pleads with his readers that they not put off spiritual things until it's too late. This same theme comes up many times in Scripture. Ephesians 5:15-16 says, "Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." The King James translation has remarkable translations for this verse. Instead of "make the most of every opportunity, it uses the phrase "redeeming the time." What exactly does that mean?

Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed tells us that Jesus has *"Redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death; that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him."*

By his suffering and death on the cross Jesus has redeemed your soul from hell. He has put his cross upon your soul and given you the forgiveness of sins. He has redeemed your body to be resurrected on the last day to eternal life. He has set it free from its inexorable return to dust. In the meantime the Holy Spirit has sanctified that body to be his temple, so that you might serve him. He has put his cross upon your body.

He has also redeemed the days of your life. He has set free your days and weeks and months from the curse of uselessness. He has put his cross upon your hours and days and years, redeemed them that they might be used in service to him. To redeem the time means to apply the cross to your hours and days.

The book of Ecclesiastes talks a lot about the futility of life apart from God. You work and slave and save and build up your riches, then you die and it all belongs to someone else. Why should someone invest an entire life in something that is decaying and will be destroyed? Jesus says (Matthew 6:20), "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Paul has some strong words for us here. Most of what we think is important and worthy of our time is temporary and fleeting. "This world in its present form is passing away." He says, "Those who had wives should live as if they had none, those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them." Did Peter have a wife? Yes. Did Peter and Andrew sell their fishing boat? No, but these things took on a new

perspective when Jesus called Peter and Andrew to follow him.

It comes down to this: in view of the shortness of the time, how should we live? Colossians 3:1 tell us, "Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Do not get so wrapped up in the ups and downs of life that you lose sight of what lasts beyond this life. In other words, keep a heavenly perspective on life. Colossians 4:5-6 says, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

For Paul, as he writes to the believers in Corinth, he is aware of the sinfulness of the city. The city and its inhabitants are "on the edge" and there is an urgency to bring the message of repentance and forgiveness to them. In our times 2000 years after Paul, our lives should have an urgency. We do not have "all the time in the world" because this present world will pass away.

There are essential attitudes that are at the heart and core of our Christian faith. These attitudes are so important that if they are not there, we'd better look and see if faith is there.

One of those attitudes is contentment. When we put on contentment, we put off worry. That means that trust in God and worry are mutually exclusive. Paul can say, "I have learned the secret of being content." If you are not content, if you worry about everything, instead of taking it to God in prayer, is faith still there?

Another essential attitude is love. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." How can you say you love God, whom you have not seen, when you don't love your neighbour, whom you have seen?

Another essential is joy in the Holy Spirit. "Be joyful always" Scripture says. David prays in Psalm 51, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." How can we have forgiveness, life and salvation and be sad? How can we have Jesus with us and the Holy Spirit in us, and not let it affect our face and our heart?

Now, is it an essential attitude to have zeal for the kingdom of God? Such zeal would include the willingness to leave behind the temporary for the sake of the eternal. What did Jesus do after John was put in prison? He went on preaching the good news and gathering disciples. A political advisor might suggest that the best course of action would be to lay low for a while, but Jesus was not easily dissuaded from the task.

Zeal for the kingdom of God means having a sacrificial love for the lost. At Mount Sinai, while God was giving Moses the Ten Commandments, the Israelites were building and worshiping a golden calf. God threatened to destroy the Israelites and start over again with Moses until Moses intervened and said, "punish me instead." Moses had a heart for the lost. So did Paul. In Romans 11 he wishes he could trade his salvation for the salvation of Israel. If his going to hell would bring them to heaven, he would do it.

Beloved, we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. All those wrong priorities, all those times when we have not kept God and his kingdom first, all those times when we have trusted in things have been forgiven. You have been redeemed, bought free. Your time has been redeemed by Jesus too, that you might use it for him.

Peace and Joy in Jesus,

Pastor Larry Flohr



The “Five Solas” that serve as Latin slogans which seek to summarize the steadfast confession of the Church— *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Gratia*, *Sola Fide*, *Solus Christus* (or *Solo Christo*), and *Soli Deo Gloria*— adorn not only many of the artistic banners that beautify our sanctuaries, as the phrases surround the petals on the white rose of Luther’s Seal, but also decorate what they delineate to be the core content of what was reclaimed through

the Reformation. Indeed, the Reformation was the rightful recovery of the Church’s confession that, on the authority of the Bible alone (*sola Scriptura*), it is by grace alone (*sola gratia*) through faith alone (*sola fides*) in Christ alone (*solus Christus*) that we are saved from sin and thereby made right in the sight of God— to Whom alone belongs all the glory (*solus Deo gloria*)! The “Five Solas” are the clarion cry which rallied the Reformers; however, these phrases, as such, were not presented by the Reformers *per se*, but are a popularized post-Reformation Protestant product. While these Latin phrases do indeed represent the theological thoughts of the Reformers, being found, both implicitly and sometimes explicitly, in their writings, they were never presented as the five brief bullets on the banner under which they challenged the powers of the day, namely, the Roman pontiff and the princes under his sway. No, these Latin slogans were listed much later. Much, much later. Indeed, even though the ideas were certainly being championed in the sixteenth century (for example, Philip Melanchthon had written, “*sola gratia justificamus et sola fide justificamur*”), it wasn’t until the twentieth century that these key principles were enumerated into such a list. It was Rev. Dr. Theodore Engelder, a Lutheran professor of dogmatics, in an article entitled, “The Three Principles of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Gratia*, *Sola Fides*”, who first recognized *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Gratia*, and *Sola Fide*, while the Reformed theologians Dr. Heinrich Emil Brunner and Rev. Dr. Karl Barth later added *Soli Deo Gloria* and *Solus Christus* respectively. Others have also sought to expand the list by recognizing secondary principles that suffused the writings of the Reformers; however, it is these five, with a particular emphasis on the first three, that remain most popular today as they best encapsulate the primary thoughts of the Reformation.

As we continue to prepare for the commemoration and celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, let us take a closer look at each of these “Sola” statements for, while they stem from the Reformation as a corrective response to the abuses of a corrupted Catholicism, they can serve us as the starting points of that firm foundation that God Himself first laid so as to build upon it His Holy Church. *Sola Scriptura* recognizes that it is God’s Word alone that is to be the normative authority for all Christians. *Sola Gratia* confesses that it is by God’s grace alone, by His disposition toward us and not any merit or worthiness on our part, in whole or in part, that the gift of salvation is given to this sinful world, in the person and work of our Saviour. *Sola Fide* emphasizes that salvation comes to us through faith alone, as the “amen” to how God has taken action in the world He so loves— not our acts, but His acting on our behalf in accord with His promise. *Solus Christus* sets our eyes solely upon the Saviour of our souls, Christ Jesus, alone, so that we would look nowhere else for, as it is written, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” *Soli Deo Gloria*, to God alone be the glory, affirms what the Scriptures attest, namely, that “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God,” as we rejoice and bear witness to all that He has done for us in Christ. The “Five Solas” comfort us because they summarize the truth that sustains us; and therefore, it behooves us to take a closer look at each one alone as we recall the good news that we have not been left alone, for in Christ “God is with us”, as His people, as His Church. After all, this is the Gospel that the Reformers sought and fought to reclaim as our heritage. So, let us then do just that, together, over the coming months. Amen.

*In nomine Christi,*  
Pastor Christi

## Evangelism and Radio Ministry

July 9 – Join the Radio Ministry and Evangelism team at the Fusion of Taste Festival at Albion Square in Etobicoke from noon to 6pm. Help spread the Word and invite other attendees to listen to our Radio Ministry – Masih ki Awaz (Voice of Christ) in Urdu on Sundays at 8-9am on AM770

August 12, 1-4 pm – the local Homelands Neighbourhood Association is holding a fun day at Thorn Lodge Park, 2470 Thorn Lodge Drive, and we have been invited to participate. We will have a booth at the event with the focus on letting members of the community know about all of our services and programs we have to offer. Sunday School, Nursery School, Kids' Club, Elders, and Evangelism will be there. Please come out to encourage our neighbours to make Christ Our King their church too. Contact Rob Jackman, Kanwal Dean or David Chant for more info.

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## Reformation 500

The Lutheran Churches in London Ontario, through their foundation, Lutheran Social Services (London) are sponsoring a festival event to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. The event will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in London on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3.30 pm. Organ and brass with timpani, the Amabile Youth Singers, and Prima will lead the singing of hymns reflecting the theology of the 5 Sola's of the Reformation. There will be sung and chanted, Psalm paraphrases based on Psalm 46. All will have familiar tunes! This is not a worship service; it is a Festival of hymns with a presentation on Martin Luther.

The presentation will be by Luther scholar Dr. Christine Helmer. Dr. Helmer is the Arthur E. Andersen Teaching and Research Professor at Northwestern University. She is also Professor of Religious Studies and German. She is one of the leading scholars of Luther in the world. She has published widely in the area of the historical Luther and the global Luther and is currently completing a book entitled *The Revisionist Luther* to be published by Westminster John Knox Press.

In this presentation Dr. Helmer will show how new ways of studying Luther can shed light on what he meant by "Gods truth" and "justification in Christ". She will explore how these insights into Luther's legacy can address urgent problems in our world today.

We have arranged for free parking in the London Life parking lot on Clarence Street, immediately behind the Cathedral. Any additional details will be sent out nearer the time. Please mark this date on your calendar and pass this information along to any others who may be interested.



# Bible Class Bits and Bites

## Jesus Christ – The Son of Man

The title 'Son of Man' is used frequently in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Sometimes it refers to a descendant of Adam and other times it could only refer to the Messiah. Although this title has often been misapplied by Jewish Rabbis to refer to the nation of Israel, they have sometimes conceded that it could refer to the promised Messiah. To properly understand what the title 'Son of Man' means, we need to look at its various uses in Scripture.

The phrase 'sons of man' occurs ten times in the Old Testament, (Psalm 11:4, 14:2-3, 33:13-14, 36:7, 45:2, 53:2-3, 107:8, 115:16; Ezekiel 31:14; Micah 5:7). The Hebrew words translated as 'sons of man' (בְּנֵי אָדָם *ben adam*) mean the sons or children of a human man (Adam). These verses present God, who is above, dealing with the sons of Adam, who are below. Psalm 115:16 is a typical example of these verses, "The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, but the earth He has given to the sons of men." The title 'sons of men' clearly refer to actual human beings. In contrast to the 'sons of men', the Old Testament also speaks of the 'sons of God' (בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים *ben he Elohim*). These are the descendants of Adam who remained faithful to the true God as opposed to the descendants who worshipped idols, (Genesis 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 32:8; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7). In the New Testament, we are told that, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God", (Romans 8:14). Believers in Jesus as the Christ are called 'sons of God', (Matthew 5:9; Luke 20:36; Romans 8:14, 19, 9:26; Galatians 3:26, 4:6).

Similarly the Hebrew words (בֶּן אָדָם *ben adam*) are translated eight times as a singular 'son of man', (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 8:4-6, 80:17; Ezekiel 2:1, 3, 3:1; Job 25:6; Daniel 8:17). In each of these verses, the phrase 'son of man' refers to a real human being in contrast to God and to all other created beings. Daniel 8:17 is a typical example of this usage, "So He came near to where I was standing, and when He came I was frightened and fell on my face; but He said to me, 'Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end'".

But there is another use of the title 'Son of Man' in the Old Testament. This is expressed by the Aramaic words (כַּף בָּר אֵנַשׁ *kaf bar enas*) used in Daniel 7:13-14, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a Son of Man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." This phrase would literally be translated as 'the Son of Man' or 'His Son, that of man'. In these verses, the 'Son of Man' cannot refer to only a human being. The person described here has both human and divine qualities. He comes with the clouds of heaven implying that His home is not normally on earth. This is a Semitic expression that denotes a single and unique member of humanity. As divine, this person is omnipotent while as human, He is a weak one. This person is both True God and True Man. Though He humbled Himself to be born of a virgin, He will return in absolute power and glory to judge both the living and the dead, (Philippians 2:8; Matthew 16:27-28). Daniel's prophetic vision of the 'Son of Man' being given dominion, glory and a kingdom provides the main Old Testament background to Jesus' understanding of Himself as the 'Son of Man'. This clearly identifies the promised Messiah to be both God and man. Daniel's use of the title, the 'Son of Man', emphasizes His eternal dominion and authority, and also, paradoxically, that this glory will be attained through the humiliation of the cross.



## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

*"The joy of the Lord is my strength." - Nehemiah 8:10*

On Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our Women's Group met once again to enjoy another fine evening of delicious food, warm fellowship, and the study of God's holy Word. What a great turn-out we had for this event, and in addition, several new friends! As always, we started our evening with a wonderful meal, and this time we were treated to curry chicken, meatballs and sauce, vegetable rice, a large variety of refreshing salads, and mouth-watering dessert and fruit to top it all off. We certainly are spoiled every time, and delight in the various dishes that the ladies within our group bring to our dinner table each month.

Once our meal was finished, we then enjoyed a few funny and serious moments based on love and marriage that served as a prelude to our Bible study afterwards. The ladies then had lots of fun participating in a Canada trivia game that demonstrated their impressive knowledge of this great land, and caused several to recall some oldie goldie centennial songs from way back. Never a dull moment within this group, that's for sure!

Once we settled down after our friendly competition, Mary Mulligan then led us in our Bible study for the evening, entitled *"Being Mindful of God's Plan for Marriage"*. Here we learned that the marriage of Adam and Eve was the first 'arranged' marriage, but ended in disaster after the fall into sin. And since that time, marriage between a husband and a wife has resulted in hard work with many imperfections. Our study talked a lot about the difficulties and challenges between Ken and Joni Tada along with those of Billy and Ruth Graham, and how God has helped them all through "thick and thin", and has blessed their marriage with respect, kindness and forgiveness. God shows us, too, that in our close walk with Him and committing our lives in love and service to the Lord, we can have a relationship with our spouse that is filled with love, appreciation, understanding and gratitude. There may be no such thing as a perfect marriage; but there can indeed be a great one if united in Christ!

After our Bible study, we then had the opportunity to bid farewell to Marjorie and to reflect on the many blessings that we have received in having her among us for so long. We certainly will miss her and all her many talents, but we also know that we will stay connected as sisters in Christ over the years. We send Marjorie up north with our best wishes and love, knowing that we will see each other again.

As always, the evening seems to fly by when having such a great time, and before we knew it, it was time to end our get-together with prayer and praise. We sang a beautiful marriage and evening hymn, followed by participating in an evening devotion before tidying up and leaving for home.

Our next Women's Group event will be taking place on **THURSDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup>**, starting with dinner as usual at 6:30 p.m. at the church. If you are not on vacation at that time and are still in town, then please come out and join us for another great evening of fun. Invite a friend or two – the more, the merrier! We'd love to have you there!

In His service, Donna Prusha

The title 'Son of Man' is the favorite self-designation of Jesus in the Gospels. It is used twenty-four times in the New Testament and most of them by Jesus speaking about Himself, (Matthew 8:20, 9:6, 11:19, 16:13, 8:11, 20:28, 24:27, 26:64; Mark 2:10-11, 8:31, 8:38, 14:62; Luke 5:24, 9:22, 18:8, 22:69; John 1:51, 5:27, 6:53, 12:23, 13:31; Acts 7:56; Hebrews 2:6-9; Revelation 1:13). The use of this title by Jesus is especially frequent and striking in passages referring to His future coming in judgment, in which there is necessarily a certain resemblance to the apocalyptic scene in Daniel. In such passages, the Messianic consciousness of Jesus is most emphatically expressed; and the passage in Daniel is also obviously Messianic. In the New Testament, the person foretold by Daniel is usually identified as Jesus. The Greek words translated as 'Son of Man' in the New Testament, (υἱός τοῦ ἀνθρώπου huios tou anthropou) have the same understanding as the Aramaic words (כַּבְּרִי אֱנִישׁ kaf bar enas) used in Daniel 7:13-14. The description 'Son of Man' was a Messianic title. Jesus is the One who was given dominion and glory and a kingdom. When Jesus used this phrase, He was assigning the 'Son of Man' prophecy to Himself. The Jews of that era knew the Scriptures and would have been very familiar with the phrase. While most understood the title 'Son of Man' to refer to the nation of Israel, some would have understood that it actually referred to the promised Messiah. When Jesus used this title, He was proclaiming Himself to be the Messiah.

Why would Jesus have referred to Himself as the 'Son of Man'? The Old Testament usage of this title fit Jesus perfectly. First, He was truly (בְּנֵי אָדָם ben adam) a physical descendant of Adam. Jesus was True Man born of the virgin Mary and, as such, did not always use His divine powers. "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross", (Philippians 2:8). This may help us better understand Jesus' references to Himself as the One who came "to seek and to save the lost", (Luke 19:10). His eternal glory, temporarily overshadowed by incarnation, will be fully and publicly revealed at the end of time, (Matthew 16:27). Second, Jesus is truly God. Compare the words from Daniel's prophecy with the words of Jesus to the high priest during His trial, "Henceforth ye shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven", (Matthew 26:64). There can be no doubt that Jesus knew He was the promised Messiah. Though this was both hidden and revealed during His ministry on earth, Jesus knew He was the Messiah. Jesus knew the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah, and He knew He was the Messiah. Of all the direct names for the Messiah, none were openly used except the 'Son of Man'. He did this because the Jews were not prepared for and would not accept an open declaration of Himself as the Messiah. All during His ministry, Jesus called Himself the Son of Man without hesitation. This title both hid and revealed His Messiahship because the majority of Jews considered that the prophecies in Daniel referred to the nation of Israel rather than a singular person. So Jesus could freely use this title and only those who were given discernment by the Holy Spirit would realize that He was equating Himself with the Messiah. The third reason Jesus used the title 'Son of Man' was that it clearly connected Him with the suffering, pain, and hardships of those He came to save. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin", (Hebrews 4:15). He identified Himself with us as our brother, our fellow-sufferer, our representative and our champion. In some respects, the most revealing words Jesus ever spoke were, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many", (Mark 10:45). Jesus is the 'Son of Man' in every respect. He is True God and True Man and has paid the full price for all our sin.



## LWML NEWS

Although our activities for the 2016-2017 year have been completed, we should like to tell you about the ones held during this past month of June and another one taking place in the Fall of 2017.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we held our last Bible Study with Pastor Flohr. Our topic, "What happens between our death and our Lord's Second Coming?" was interesting and a lot of our questions were answered in this Bible Study, centred on the book of Revelations. Thank you again, Pastor Flohr, for leading us in all of your Bible Studies over the years!

On Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> some of us had the opportunity to join with sixty-five of our LWMLC Ontario District sisters in Christ at Peace Lutheran Church in Tillsonburg. Not only did we learn about how we can better serve our Lord in the situations in which God has placed us, (by the means of skits, Bible Study and songs), but we were also able to use our hands to complete 20 tied blankets which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. The highlight in the middle of the day was the super lunch prepared and served to us by the men of the congregation. What fun!!

We now look ahead to Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> - Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> when we will meet at the Holiday Inn in Hespeler-Galt for an overnight retreat. The topic for this event will be "Women of the Reformation". Should you be interested in joining us for this event, please fill out a registration form (found on the LWMLC bulletin board) and mail it to the registrar, Doris Schaeffer. This event is both an educational and fun way to help celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther.

Now that summer is upon us, remember that we never stop thinking about and praying for the success of the many mission projects of the LWMLC, so please continue to keep saving your mites throughout the summer months.

### **Board of Trustees July 2017**

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**Erinview (Parking Lot):** We are in the final stages of coming to a suitable agreement for the use of our parking lot.

**Main Entrance Door:** We have had problems with opening the door which was sticking. At this time it is working okay. The cost to replace the Vertical Panic Bar is approx. \$1,575 + HST.

**Carpeting:** Still ongoing to get quotes.

**Furnace:** Will be contacting suppliers for quotes to replace the three furnaces.

## Nursery School News

School is out for the summer. We had a great year starting with 10 children in September and ending with 18. Our Graduation Celebration on June 28<sup>th</sup> was very entertaining. 16 of the 18 children were present. This year's children loved to sing and move to music. What a show they presented with great enthusiasm and confidence. We also had the opportunity to wish Pastor Flohr a Happy Retirement. The children had one last opportunity to sing with Pastor as he played the guitar. The staff will miss having Pastor Flohr sing with the children and just come downstairs and say, "Hello." Pastor is also their "go to person" when they need help.

Sadly, 14 of the 18 children will enter Kindergarten next fall. We will miss them and their families. Some of these children have been with us for up to 2 years. The good news is many of these children have younger siblings and the parents are already talking about when they can enroll them.

We are having 2 Open Houses on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you know any family, friends, neighbours who have children ages 2 to 3 1/2 years of age tell them about our Nursery School. Most of the children come to us because someone has recommended us.

We thank you for your prayer and financial support. Both Evelynne and Lynda enjoy meeting and talking to members of the congregation whom they meet. They are so very appreciative of all you do for the Nursery School.

# HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!



## New to the Library in July

### Books for Children

#### **Creation for Kids: Days 1 - 7** by Russell Grigg

This magazine for children talks about each day of creation and is peppered with 'Did you know?' facts, activities to do, cartoon illustrations and excerpts from Genesis. *Recommended for ages 5 - 10.*

#### **The True Story of the World from Beginning to End** by Russell Grigg

This is the true account of the seven most important events in the history of the world, revealing God's plan for the world and for us including: Creation, the Fall, the Flood, the Tower of Babel, God's Promises, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and God's plan for the future. *Recommended for ages 5 - 10.*

#### **You Are Special** by Max Lucado

Everyday the small wooden people called Wemmicks do the same thing: stick either gold stars or grey dots on one another. The pretty and talented Wemmicks always get stars. Others, who can do little or who have chipped paint, get ugly grey dots. Like Punchinello. In this heartwarming tale, Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello understand how special he is - no matter what other Wemmicks may think.

#### **Because I Love You** by Max Lucado

A long time ago, a wise man named Shaddai built a wonderful village for children to live in. And with his own hands, Shaddai built a protective wall around their village, rock by rock. He did all of this for just one reason - because he loved the children. One day, Paladin, the village's most curious child, discovers something troubling about the wall...

### Books for Youth

#### **The Action Bible: The Battle Begins - The Story of Creation**

Even as God walked through the beauty of His new creation and breathed life into Adam, His masterpiece, a warrior-angel gives into his pride - and commits the ultimate betrayal. Volume One of this brand-new graphic novel series opens with Adam and Eve falling into Lucifer's trap as the battle for eternity begins in this brilliantly presented retelling of Creation, the Fall and God's promise of redemption.

### Books for Adults

#### **Eye Witnesses: 40 Devotions**

See. Hear. Read. Remember. Believe. Forty eyewitnesses. Forty viewpoints. Forty people who heard Jesus teach, experienced His miracles, travelled with Him and witnessed His arrest, trials, death, burial, and resurrection. This booklet contains the message of 40 eyewitnesses to serve a specific purpose: "So that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

#### **The Executioner's Redemption: My Story of Violence, Death and Saving Grace** by Rev. Timothy R. Carter

This is the wrenching account of one man's journey from executioner to pastor. In these pages, you'll walk with Carter into the violence and through death row. You'll stumble with him through God's crushing judgement and into his tender love. And you'll learn that even in the darkest places, God is still there.

#### **How to Share Christ Confidently: A Guide to Comfortable and Effective Personal Witnessing**

by Milton L. Rudnicck

This short booklet discusses aspects of evangelism including: Dealing with our fear of witnessing; Growing our desire to witness; Opportunities for demonstrating Christlikeness; and Knowing what to say among other topics.

#### **Season of Blessing** by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock

Cancer is a short word for something that has such a devastating impact. Why would God allow it to strike Sylvia Bryan - and why now, of all times, when her mission work back in Nicaragua is bearing such fruit and beset by such needs? Read this novel to discover as Sylvia does that some of God's greatest gifts come in life's darkest wrappings.

# July

# Partners in Prayer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Praise The Lord</i></p>  <p><i>Sing A Joyful Song</i></p>						<p><b>1</b> LCC Pastor Christi Barbara Robichaud</p>
<p><b>2</b> LWML Pastor Flohr Andrew Rode; Alex</p>	<p><b>3</b> CLWR Karola Rode; COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>4</b> LLL Robert Ruttkay COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>5</b> CLTS David &amp; Shona Sacha; Calum, Aiden COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>6</b> CLMS Rudy &amp; Ursel Sacha COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>7</b> CLS Pastor Luke Stephen &amp; Victoria Sacha; Alexandra, Christina, Julianna</p>	<p><b>8</b> LFL-C Pastor Christi Marcus &amp; Sang Soon Santos; Tiago, Alina, Nyla, Livia</p>
<p><b>9</b> LBT Pastor Flohr John &amp; Madolyn Scharrer; Juliana, Valerie, John Jr.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Our Saviour, Etobicoke Wanda &amp; Henry Schnobel</p>	<p><b>11</b> Good Shepherd, Barrie Michelle &amp; Mark Shannon; Scott, Kelsey, Brittany</p>	<p><b>12</b> Risen Christ, Mississauga Edgar Schink COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>13</b> Immanuel, Georgetown Rob Sinclair; Emily, Erin</p>	<p><b>14</b> Holy Trinity, Bradford Rudy &amp; Norma Singh COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>15</b> Redeemer, Brampton Pastor Christi Brian &amp; Hazel Steiss</p>
<p><b>16</b> Grace, Oshawa Pastor Flohr - <i>blessings on your retirement</i></p>	<p><b>17</b> Clarington Lutheran, Bowmanville COK Shut-ins Joanne Tate</p>	<p><b>18</b> St. Paul's, Cobourg Roberta Terzolo &amp; David Raine COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>19</b> Trinity, Toronto Barbara &amp; Ushnish Tieman-Sengupta COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>20</b> Toronto Korean Sharyn &amp; Paul Thibault COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>21</b> Loving Saviour, Barrie Pastor Luke Bodo &amp; Helga Thormeyer</p>	<p><b>22</b> Living Faith, Orangeville Henry &amp; Joanne Ulozas; Michael, Jeffrey</p>
<p><b>23</b> Rev. Paul Zabel, East District President Pastor Christi</p>	<p><b>24</b> Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, LCC Pres. Donna &amp; Jerry Vacl; Suzanne, Andrea</p>	<p><b>25</b> LCC Mark &amp; Ruth Verlinden; Peter, Yvonne, Paul, Rebecca</p>	<p><b>26</b> LWML Susan &amp; John Vernon; Joshua, Christina</p>	<p><b>27</b> LLL Vicki &amp; Bill Vopni; Ryan, Sarah COK Shut-ins</p>	<p><b>28</b> CLTS Dorothy &amp; Brian Walsh; Kevin, Caitlin March</p>	<p><b>29</b> CLMS Brian &amp; Lisa Wernham; Andrew, Nicole</p>
<p><b>30</b> CLS Pastor Christi Elfriede Wendland</p>	<p><b>31</b> LFL-C COK Shut-ins</p>					

LCC – Lutheran Church Canada  
 LWML – Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
 CLWR – Canadian Lutheran World Relief  
 LLL – Lutheran Laymen's League  
 CLTS – Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary–St. Catharines  
 Our sister congregations in the Toronto circuit and our synod and district presidents

CLMS – Concordia Lutheran Mission Society  
 CLS – Concordia Lutheran Seminary-Edmonton  
 LFL-C – Lutherans for Life-Canada  
 LBT – Lutheran Bible Translators

# 2017

## **God Is Never Beyond Our Reach**

No one ever sought the Father and found He was not there,  
And no burden is too heavy to be lightened by a prayer.  
No problem is too intricate and no sorrow that we face  
Is too deep and devastating to be softened by His grace.  
No trials and tribulations are beyond what we can bear  
If we share them with our Father as we talk to Him in prayer.  
And men of every colour, every race, and every creed  
Have but to seek the Father in their deepest hour of need.  
God asks for no credentials, He accepts us with our flaws.  
He is kind and understanding and He welcomes us because  
We are His erring children and He loves us everyone,  
And He freely and completely forgives all that we have done,  
Asking only if we're ready to follow where He leads,  
Content that in His wisdom He will answer all our needs.

## **Listen in the Quietness**

To try to run away from life is impossible to do  
For no matter where you chance to go your troubles will follow you.  
For though the scenery is different, when you look deep inside  
You'll find the same deep, restless longing that you thought you left behind.  
So when life becomes a problem much too great for us to bear,  
Instead of trying to escape, let us withdraw in prayer.  
For withdrawal means renewal if we withdraw to pray  
And listen in the quietness to hear what God will say.

## **A Friend Is a Gift from God**

Among the great and glorious gifts our heavenly Father sends  
Is the gift of understanding that we find in loving friends.  
For in this world of trouble that is filled with anxious care  
Everybody needs a friend in whom they're free to share  
The little secret heartaches that lay heavy on the mind,  
Not just a mere acquaintance but someone who's just our kind.  
For somehow in the generous heart of loving, faithful friends,  
The good God, in His charity and wisdom always sends  
A sense of understanding and the power of perception,  
And mixes these fine qualities with kindness and affection.  
And often just without a word there seems to be a union  
Of the thoughts and kindred feelings for God gives true friends communion.

# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Worship Service	3 	4	5	6	7 7:00 Urdu Service	8
9 10:00 Communion Service	10 VBS week ----- 9:00 - 11:30 	11 	12 	13 7:00 VBS Celebration Service 	14 	15
16 <i>Happy Retirement</i> 10:00 Worship Service followed by a bbq & picnic <i>(sign up on the poster by the office)</i>	17	18	19	20 6:30 Ladies' Night	21 7:00 Urdu Communion Service	22
23 10:00 Communion Service	24	25	26	27 6:30 Men's Bible Study Supper	28	29 
30 10:00 Worship Service	31					

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Our celebration service for  
**Pastor Flohr's retirement** is on  
**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** .

Please save the date and plan to attend!

Also, please sign up for the BBQ that follows. The poster is located near the office door.

The menu includes hamburgers, chicken on a bun, veggie burgers and hot dogs.

You are invited to sign up and bring some salads and finger desserts. See you there!



Church  
Picnic