

May 2017 Newsletter



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Beloved in Christ Jesus,

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace ...”

Philippians 1:3-7



There comes a time when what your spirit wants to do and what your mind and body will let you do start to come into conflict. My wife and I have been in your midst for 21 years. We have raised our children here. God has been gracious to you and to us through all this time. I am thankful for your patience and understanding as both my wife and I have gone through some health challenges over the last few years. I am also thankful for the many ways that all of you have shared the load and picked up more and more responsibilities, when health has kept us from operating at full speed.

Having said that, I want to write to you about my retirement. My wife and I have thought about it and prayed about it for a while now and have come to the decision to retire at the end of July. I brought this to the Elders last week so that we might begin the process to review the things that I do and to prepare interim transition plans. The elders will also meet with both Pastor Christi and myself to look at where we are now and to make recommendations concerning future church worker options for the congregation as you move forward.

Having made this decision and now sharing it with you, it is becoming clear that it will be hard for us to leave a place where I have been for more than half my ministry. It will be hard for you to adjust as well. In the midst of a life that is full of changes, we are reminded that God's love and God's promises and God's grace do not change. He will continue to be with you, even as my wife and I know that he will also be with us as we prepare to turn the page and start a new chapter of life.

In the meantime, we have some good things to look forward to in the next three months. We have an exciting class starting Wednesday on May 17th at 6:30 pm. "The Case for Christ," will be led by Pastor Christi. We have a confirmation class to honour in June and Vacation Bible School in July. As we make our way through these next three months we will continue to pray for you, even as we ask you to continue to pray for us.

In Jesus' name,

Pastor Larry and Marjorie Flohr

LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

yes, establish the work of our hands!

Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 16-17



The Reformation was readily resisted by both political power and papal pertinacity. In regard to the former, the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, rejected the Augsburg Confession (*Confessio Augustana*) and refused to allow the Lutheran reformers to present their defence against the The Confutation (*Confutatio Pontifica*), not even permitting the reading of The Apology of the Augsburg Confession in his presence. In the case of the latter, the papists' approach was to place the Lutherans in the position of being put on trial, refusing to convene a proper Church Council to debate Lutheran teachings. At the Diet of Worms in 1521 and the Council at Augsburg in 1530, the Lutherans weren't impartially afforded the opportunity to present their concerns regarding doctrine and practice because they were denied any debate that would appeal to the authority of Holy Scripture; and therefore, they found themselves at an impasse whereby they remained outlaws under the very real threat of violence. Nevertheless, for the next seven years that followed the emperor's rejection of the confession submitted at Augsburg, the Lutherans continued with their work on expanding the Reformation and also pressed for a fair and just Church Council to be called by the pope so that they could be rightly heard. In 1536, given the desire of both the emperor and the pope to tend to the matter decisively, yet cautiously, a Church Council was set to meet in Mantua on the 8th day of the month of May.

Although the Lutherans wanted the pope to exercise his authority to call for a Church Council, many were divided as to whether or not to accept this invitation because they did not believe that it would be fairly conducted, asserting that this would be used as ploy to force the Lutherans to recant and return to the ways and sway of Rome and her pontiff. Martin Luther and the elector of Saxony, John Frederick, were leery of participating because of what had happened at Augsburg and the fact that the pope had not established any rules for the council. Philip Melancthon, along with a number of other Lutheran theologians, asserted that if the Lutherans refused to attend the council, the emperor would see that as rebellion and then use this slight as a justification for employing military might against the Lutheran churches. Indeed, for a Church Council to function with any semblance of fairness, rules guaranteeing a free and impartial meeting needed to be put in place. Prudently preparing for the possibility that participation would inevitably serve as the best course for the efforts of the Reformation, Frederick commissioned Luther to draw up articles to plainly present the Lutheran position in its purest form, free from addressing any areas where a Christian in good conscience could yield to Rome. In effect, Frederick requested Luther to personally provide those essential elements that were gleaned from Holy Scripture and about which Luther would be willing to

lay down his life. With this in mind, Luther assembled a clear and sharply worded confession which stood in contrast against not only the papists, but also the Reformed and many so-called “false brethren” found among the Lutherans. After accepting these articles from Luther, Frederick then called for a confederation of Lutheran princes to meet at the city of Smalcald so that, by signing these articles, they could be present before both emperor and pope as a united front at Mantua. Regrettably, unity was not to be found as dissent from the southern parts of the German territories was brought to bear against Luther’s unambiguous stance on the Sacrament of the Altar (they sought a more ambiguous “spiritual presence”, rather than real presence, to be put forth). As a result, discussion was severely stalled.

Luther, being quite ill, was unable to attend the sessions at Smalcald to present the articles produced by his pen. Yet, his works’ perspicuity, even without the force of his personality, still won many supporters as they circulated among the Smalcald League’s delegates. As a result, many theologians and many princes signed them in support of their content. Since there was also some strife surrounding the nature of the papacy itself, Melancthon, upon request, composed a tract— *The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (Tractatus de Potestate et Primatu Papae)*, also simply referred to as the Tractate— to further define Lutheran stance. This work was appended to Luther’s articles, which came to be known as The Smalcald Articles, and became a part of the Lutheran Confessions even though Melancthon would eventually fall from favour as his position would eventually weaken in a number of areas (leading him to alter even the Augsburg Confession). The Smalcald Articles and Tractate, sadly, were never used for the purpose for which they were written because the general council did not convene; however, in the years that followed immediately after Luther’s passing, Luther’s clear confession, alongside Melancthon’s reiteration of Luther’s article on the papacy, served as a sound rudder to steer the Lutheran ship through the stormy seas of the Reformation as each successive wave of internal and external strife threatened to capsize her by taking her off her course and towards the jagged rocks that are the errors of Rome or the Reformed.

Luther’s work clearly presented Luther’s position— those articles from which he would not budge or dare to give ground— even though they were never presented. While our ancient creeds presented the confession of the ancient Church, Luther’s catechisms became the confession of Lutheran households, and the Augsburg Confession became the confession of the Lutheran princes, the Smalcald Articles could rightly be called Luther’s own confession because they were prepared by him solely as his soul’s clear and forceful statement of what constituted those chief articles from which there could be no compromise. Frederick had, for all intents and purposes, asked for Luther to produce his last will and testament, to give what he knew to be true from God’s Word and for which he would give no quarter to any opposition, irrespective of any threat to his person or property, or whether the result would be a call for peace or war. Hence, Luther’s confession in the Smalcald Articles serves as a clarion call from the Reformer that even though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo God’s people as they rally around God’s Word, it is here, upon these articles, that we still stand as he stood... with God’s help. Amen.

In nomine Christi,
Pastor Christi

Bible Class Bits and Bites

True Israel – The Christian Church

In Genesis 12, God established His covenant with Abraham. "Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name [Abraham] great, so that you [Abraham] will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed", (Genesis 12:1-3). God promised to bless Abraham so that through his descendants the Messiah of the world would come to be the blessing to the whole world. Most Jewish people have distorted Abraham's blessing to include all Jews, so that they, as a nation, are this blessing to the world. But this promise was to a singular YOU – Abraham, and singular to one of his seed - Jesus.

Jesus confronted the Jews about their distortion of the Messianic promise which would fulfill the covenant that God had established with Abraham. The covenant with Abraham was a spiritual covenant with physical enablers. The blessings were enablers to ensure that the promised single seed of Abraham, who would be a blessing to the world, would be born. Jesus told the Jews that they are not the true Israel because they lacked the faith in God that Abraham had. They were physical descendants of Abraham but not spiritual descendants. In John 8:37-40, Jesus said, "I know that you are [physical] offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you [children of Satan]. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's [spiritual] children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did." Jesus said they were children of the devil. In John 8:41-45, Jesus said, "You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father — even God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me."

This distinction between being a physical and a spiritual descendant of Abraham was later explained by the Apostle Paul. He told the Jews that a person is not a Jew who only keeps the Law outwardly. Circumcision is a matter of the heart not just a physical cutting. The outward sign of the covenant which God established with Abraham was not about a physical act of cutting but about spiritual separation from sin and admittance into the spiritual family of God, the true Israel. In Romans 2:24-29 the Apostle Paul wrote, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you [Jews]. For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. So, if a man who is uncircumcised [Gentile] keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God."

The Apostle Paul said that true Israel is not the physical descendants but rather the spiritual descendants of Abraham. In Romans 9:6-8, He wrote, "But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are [physically] descended from Israel belong to [spiritual] Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his [physical] offspring, but 'Through Isaac shall your [spiritual] offspring be named.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring."

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus called the unbelieving Jews members of the synagogue of Satan because they had rejected Him, the true God and instead were worshipping a false god made up by their distorted understanding of Scripture. In Revelation 3:9-11, the Apostle John wrote, "Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown." The Apostle John called everyone liars if they deny Jesus is the Christ. He called them antichrists. They are looking for a different Messiah and will find the Antichrist. The Apostle John also wrote, "Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us - eternal life", (1 John 2:22-25).

The Jewish expectation of the Messiah is that He will, 1) Establish world peace for a thousand years; 2) Fight all wars for Jews and give them dominion over the earth; 3) Bring prosperity to Jews; 4) Rebuild the Temple and reestablish the sacrificial system; 5) Be a charismatic leader and lead all nations to Jerusalem; and 6) Unite all Jews from around the world with all Gentiles as proselytized Jews. These expectations of what the Messiah will do are what Scripture says the anti-Christ will do. The messiah the Jews are looking for is actually the antichrist. The antichrist will be charismatic and unite the world under one world government and one religion. Satan would relish renewing the sacrificial system because it would be a public denial that Jesus is the true Messiah who fulfilled God's plan of redemption on the cross. The Messiah, whom the Jews are expecting to come for the first time, is the Antichrist, for the true Messiah has already come and they rejected Him. When Jesus the Christ does come to earth it will be His second, not His first, coming. He will come, not to set up a Jewish state and establish world peace, but He will come in judgment of the idolaters and their false god – Satan.

The Apostle John warned Christians that those who do not abide in the teaching of Jesus the Christ are of Satan. True Israel is not the physical descendants of Abraham. True Israel is Abraham's spiritual descendants, those 'called out from the world' [ἐκκλησία ekklesia = church] who believe in Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Messiah. True Israel is the Christian Church. The true Christian church has existed since God promised Adam and Eve that He would send a Messiah to restore humanity to fellowship with Him. All true Israel in the Old Covenant was actually the Christian Church without knowing the Christ's name. They were saved by faith in the promised Savior who would come just as we are saved by faith in the Savior who has already come. All true Israel will be saved because all true Israel is the Christian Church, the invisible Church, the Communion of Saints.

Jim Mulligan
Bible Class Teacher

CHRIST OUR KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY May 13, 2017

9:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M

Morning or Afternoon or even for an hour!

Here are some things we want to get done on Saturday during our cleanup day. There are lots of things to do ... some big ... some small ... some inside ... some outside ...

1. Clean out Flower Beds and Plant Flowers.
2. Replace burnt out light bulbs indoors and outdoors
3. Bring out the water hoses
4. Wash Indoor & Outdoor Windows
5. Trim Shrubs
6. Straighten up the stones by the side nursery flower bed
7. Clean up Nursery Playground Area
8. Dust and cobweb hunt around hanging light fixtures and tall furniture
9. Clean the furnace room and tidy up the Chair room.
10. Paint the driveway entrance door if needed
11. Parsonage side entrance door need to be painted.
12. Outdoor railings need to be cleaned and painted.
13. Check the balcony for any materials that need to be scrapped. We want to encourage you to come for whatever length of time you can, even if it's for just a couple of hours!

We will also be looking for volunteers for our Summer Watering Schedule.



Vacation Bible School 2017 - July 10-14

BUILD ON THE ROCK

Theme Verse: {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

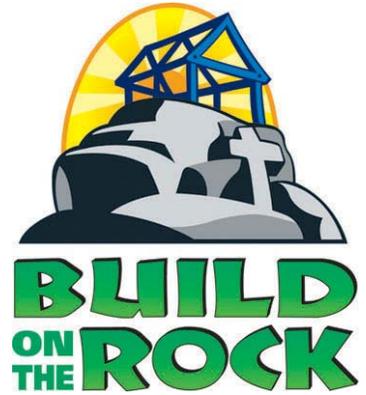
This year's lessons are:

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| • Jesus Tells About the Two Builders | Matthew 7: 24-29 |
| • The Holy Spirit Comes to Jesus' Followers | Acts Chapter 2 |
| • God Saves Noah | Genesis 6: 1-9.17 |
| • Two Prisoners Show Their Faith | Acts 16: 16-24 |
| • Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead | John 11: 1-45 |

The VBS planning committee has met three times in the past two months in preparation for this year's Vacation Bible School. We looked at the key truths of the five lessons to write our mission statement.

Mission Statement

At VBS we learn that Jesus is our Rock and foundation. God's Word builds and strengthens our faith. We show love by serving Him and others. We have a God who gives us peace, keeps us safe and will help with any problem. He has built for us a home in heaven to live with Him forever.



Registration Fee: \$15.00

How Can You Help?

- Pray a prayer of thanks that God has provided many willing volunteers again this year.
- Pray that God will provide a few more classroom helpers and playground supervisors.
- Pray that children from our church families and the community will attend.
- **Fliers will be available this month to deliver in your neighbourhood.**

Register your child/children now. You can use the form on the back of the flier, you can register on the church website or you can call Delaine Magwood at 905 822 1432.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled week at VBS.

Nursery School News

Although the school year is winding down, the activities this month are ramping up. We will continue our visits to The Erinview on May 4th and May 18th. Other events this month are: Mother's Day Tea on May 11th, Fire House visit on May 16th and police cruiser visit at the school on May 25th. Many of our children will also attend the Kids' Club on May 27th.

Good News! A younger sibling of one of our current children will join us this month. That will bring us back up to 17.

Our next Nursery School Board meeting is on May 15th.

Join us June 28th at 6:30 pm for our **GRADUATION CELEBRATION!**

LWMLC NEWS

They tell us that the consistently warm spring weather is coming soon!!

We invite all ladies to celebrate the arrival of Spring as we get together for a combined Women's Fellowship group and the Ladies of the LWMLC. We will get to enjoy good food , Bible Study and fellowship together right here at COK. . This "Spring Fling" will take place at 6:30pm on Thursday May 18th.

Next Sunday, May 7th, is the date of our Mite Collection and Dedication. Please be generous in your gifts, so that together we can fund the mission grants that enable us to bring the Good News of Jesus to many parts of the world.

This past Saturday, we enjoyed visiting with the ladies of the Toronto Zone at St. Paul's , Cobourg. As a former chaplain with the Armed Forces, Rev. Harold Ristau made a great presentation telling about the effects of posttraumatic stress syndrome(PTS) upon the men who have fought for our country and how he has provided spiritual guidance for these individuals. Pantry items for St. Catharine's Seminary were brought by our ladies for the ingathering at this event..

Speaking about the St. Catharines Sem, a few of us had the opportunity to visit there on April 22nd, Guild Day. Many of the 19 seminary students were there; they introduced themselves and their families as well as thanking the churches who have been supporting them. Later, we were able to eat lunch with our adopted Sem Student Matthew Fenn , his wife Laurin, and 10 month year old Isaac. As many of you may already know, Matthew and Laurin are expecting another little one in August and by that time will already be in the midst of preparing for Matthew's vicarage placement. We wish them well with the busy days ahead! .

Please circle Saturday June 24th on your calendar. This is the date of LWML-C 's seminar presentation in the Ontario District entitled "Always Called to Serve". Details about the location of this seminar as well as registration forms for those planning to attend are posted on our LWMLC bulletin board

Our mission project focus for May is that of supporting Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener as it continues its food and clothing shop and community outreach to those in need in downtown Kitchener. We pray:

Lord Jesus, remember in mercy our sisters and brothers in Christ who are reaching out to the people in downtown Kitchener. Help the people there to be inspired by this loving concern. Enable us, through mites, to support the leaders as they reach out to them and encourage relationship building .May the Holy Spirit open up the hearts of people to receive Your message of love .In Your Name we pray. Amen.



Mites for Missions

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at home and around the world through
financial grants for mission projects**

Encouraging and equipping women to

- grow in God's Word
- serve God's people
- share God's Son

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www.lutheranwomen.ca

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

"As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103:12



On Thursday, April 20th, our Women's Group had another very enjoyable evening as we shared the friendship and fellowship that we have together because of the great love that God has for us. Every month we share so many blessings: delicious food, good friendship, hearty laughter and fun, and the blessing of His Word in a Bible study, prayers and hymns.

We enjoyed each other's company as we shared a delicious supper of chicken, fiesta rice, a variety of salads, fresh fruit, and home-baked carrot cake and chocolate chip cookies. We had a few good laughs when Donna shared some funny but yet thoughtful Christian jokes.

A devotional 'serious moment' was read from Joni Eareckson Tada's book 'Diamonds in the Dust' which encouraged us to show consideration and kindness to each person we meet.

During a 'getting to know you better' game, we each received an impromptu little question which encouraged us to share an interesting and usually funny little tidbit about ourselves. The questions were often silly ones; the answers and stories we shared were great fun!

These words are read when we start our Bible study: "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God." (**Joshua 3:9**) Joshua spoke these words to the people of Israel before they crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land to conquer the city of Jericho. God's people were to follow His instructions, and He would make Jericho's walls come tumbling down. This verse pictures for us how important it is to come to God and listen to His Word.

The Bible study was 'Being Mindful of Truth and Error... part four'. We accept that God's ways are, at times, beyond all human understanding. Human logic and reasoning are not able to 'figure out' the ways of God. In His Word, God has revealed what we need to know, and we, in faith, believe and trust His Word as truth. It is so very important to discern spiritual truth from spiritual error; to discern between the lies of the world, the lies of society, and the truth according to the Word of God. We trust that His Word is true and that His ways are good, therefore, we accept His Word in faith, for "He is good!" **Psalm 118:1**

We close our Bible study with a prayer and a hymn, and then we close our get-together with a short little evening devotion, prayers, and a parting evening hymn. This time we closed with one of our favorite evening hymns, 'Abide with Me, fast falls the eventide'.

Our next get-together is **THURSDAY, May 18** at 6:30 pm. A delicious meal will be prepared by the women in LWML. A special opportunity in our May get-together is that all monies donated for the meal will be given to support Medical Missions, a program run by the Ontario District of LWML - Canada and Canadian Lutheran World Relief. We also look forward to the second part of Barb Jurgens' Bible study which she helped present to other Lutheran women in Nicaragua during the Sister-to-Sister program this year in January.

In His service,
Mary Mulligan

New to the Library in May 2017

Books for Children

Arch Books

Several new Arch Books have been added to our library. These colourfully illustrated tell Bible stories in rhyme for children ages 5 - 9. Some of our new additions include:

- **Old Testament:** *The Story of Creation; The Ten Plagues; David and His Friend Jonathan; Moses and the Long Walk (The Journey to the Promised Land); Joshua and the Fall of Jericho.*
- **New Testament:** *The Christmas Connection; Born on Christmas Morn; Jesus and the Family Trip; Hungry Mouths, Hungry Hearts; Zacchaeus; Good Friday; He's Risen! He's Alive!; Jesus Returns to Heaven; Jesus Christ is Risen Today; The Pentecost Story; Peter Surprises Rhoda; Philip and the Ethiopian.*

Icky, Sticky, Hairy, Scary Bible Stories: 60 poems for Kids by Jonathan Schkade

The stories in the Bible are not always nice and happy. Some are messy. Some are dangerous. And some are filled with foolish, strange, awful, and lovable people. But best of all - all Bible stories show that God loves us and is willing to sink down in the disgusting muck with us to lift us up and set us free.

Fox Walked Alone by Barbara Reid

"Fox woke up. Slipped out of his lair. Looked. Listened. Sniffed. There was something in the air..." Travel with Fox as he joins the bears, the leopards, the ravens and the doves on an amazing journey to the ark. Children will enjoy Barbara Reid's beautifully unique Plasticine illustrations and the rhymes in this version of the famous Noah's Ark story.



Books for Youth

Moses in Egypt: A novel inspired by The Prince of Egypt & The Book of Exodus by Lynne Reid Banks

Most of us are familiar with the story of Moses, who as an infant was placed in a basket by his mother and hidden in the tall grasses of the river in order to survive Pharaoh's decree. This book is a fictional retelling of that story based on the animated DreamWorks film.

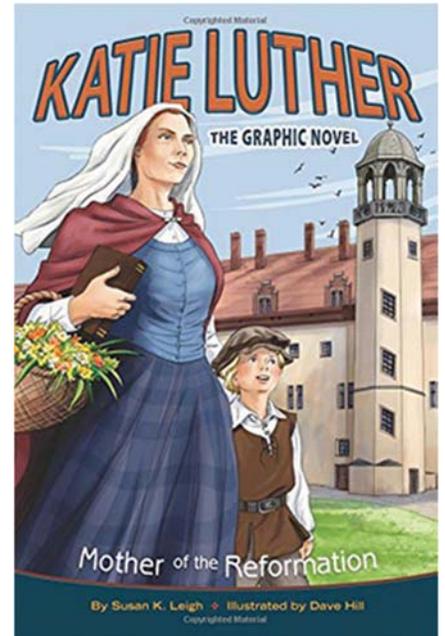
Katie Luther: Mother of the Reformation - a Graphic Novel

Katie Luther blazed her own trail at a time when there were very few options for women. This is the dramatic story of an extraordinary woman whose life amid religious, political, and cultural upheaval still inspires.

Books for Adults

Dreams Dawn in Africa narrated by Bernice Bunkowske and coordinated by Louise Mueller

What is it like to drive your car across a rickety plank bridge while a swollen stream bed bubbles fifteen feet below? To follow a maze of dusty trails winding between scrub trees and elephant grass? To watch an army of ants march right through your living room? Find out in *Dreams Dawn in Africa*. Experience Africa through the eyes of women who lived there, whose dream it was to bring the light of Christ to all the world. Read their stories. Join in the wonder of seeing God's promises fulfilled - *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light* (Isaiah 9:2a).



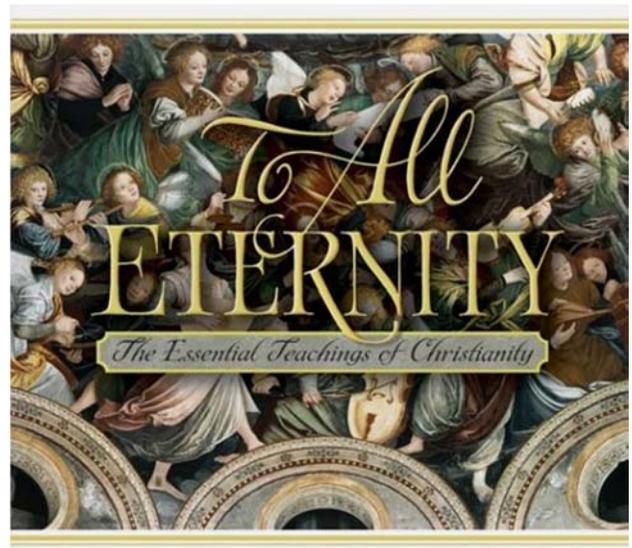
One Cup of Water: Five True Stories of Missionary Women in China edited by Janice Kerper Brauer
Political upheaval, marauding bandits, riots, bombing raids, floods. The people of China experienced all this and more in the 20th century. What could be done to bring the love of God into the turbulence and destruction? *One Cup of Water* is the story of women missionaries who made a difference, one person at a time, as they followed Jesus' command to care for "the least of these."

A Rainbow of Saris edited by Janice Kerper Brauer

Like the saris they wore - some colourful and bright, some plain and drab, some of finest silk, others or coarsely woven cotton - missionary women in India made up a rainbow of personalities, lifestyles and ministries. This book tells four true stories of women missionaries in India and the lives they touched through their dedication, service and love.

To All Eternity: The Essential Teachings of Christianity edited by Edward Engelbrecht

In *To All Eternity*, fine works of art and stirring meditations will help you embrace and understand the eternal truths of the Bible. Each devotion begins with a central aspect of Christian belief such as the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. As you turn each page, fine works of art will intrigue your eyes and enrich your understanding of Christian teaching.



Sebastian Krewdel's Easter Message at Erinview Lodge



Every Easter we gather here at Erin Mills Lodge to sing and chat. Apart from the act of doing those things, we must also realize the deep meaning beyond what we are singing or chatting about. Easter is all about the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins.

Many years ago Jesus was arrested and judged by Pilate, only because his power to judge Jesus was given to him through God. Through pressure by the Jews, Pilate had Jesus flogged and beaten, and forced Him to wear a crown of thorns and a purple robe. Except, through all this, never once did Jesus stop proclaiming the truth, the truth that His kingdom was not of this world and that He came into this world to testify to the truth. Jesus was then given to the Jews to be crucified and was forced to take His very own cross up Mount Golgotha. He was hung on the cross and suffered until He died, saying, "It is finished." At that very moment, all of our sins were lifted onto His shoulders and Jesus then descended into hell for three days. On the third day Jesus rose up from the grave and appeared to Mary and then the disciples. This miracle was incredible and shows the true power of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to Him through our God.

Now, above the miracle itself, we must also realize that Jesus went through all of that suffering and pain leading up to His death for a reason. He could have easily backed out and judged all those who judged Him, but out of His deep love for us Jesus let Himself be crucified so that we would be forgiven of all of our sins, and so that one day we may be with Him in heaven and live for eternal life. Jesus died, descended into hell, rose again, and then ascended into heaven, and currently acts as a guide in our life, leading up to our eternal life!



May

Partners in Prayer

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 LCC COK NS Linda Hummel	2 LWML Shut-ins Elina & Richard Isic; Lara; Emma	3 CLWR COK NS Rob & Judie Jackman; Shane	4 LLL Pastor Luke Ruby & Khurram James	5 CLTS Pastor Christie Rev. Javed & Catherine Jamil	6 CLMS Pastor Flohr Ted & Barb Jurgens
7 CLS COK Sunday School Heidi & Max Kazman	8 LFL-C COK NS Larry & Sharon Kelln	9 LBT Shut-ins Cathy & Pat Kelly	10 Christ Our King Lutheran Church COK NS Marie Kihn	11 Good Shepherd, Barrie Pastor Luke Sonja Klose- MacDonald; Alexa	12 Risen Christ, Mississauga Pastor Christie Rose Knecht	13 Our Saviour, Etobicoke Pastor Flohr Caitlin & Michael Kostiuk
14 Immanuel, Georgetown COK Sunday School Darren & Englee Kral; Caitlin, Ryan	15 Holy Trinity, Bradford COK NS George & Milka Kral	16 Redeemer, Brampton Shut-ins Michael & Anamae Kral; Angela	17 Grace, Oshawa COK NS Bill & Wendi Krewdel; Sebastian, Katrina	18 Clarington, Bowmanville Pastor Luke Tom Krewdel	19 St. Paul's, Cobourg Pastor Christie Jeff & Christine Kriwetz; Samuel, Benjamin, Matthew	20 Trinity, Toronto Pastor Flohr Desiree Kroppmanns
21 Toronto Korean COK Sunday School Debbie LaPlante & Mark Hinkman; Lorelei	22 Loving Saviour, Barrie COK NSJanet & Alexander Lopez; Renee, Alexis	23 Living Faith, Orangeville Shut-ins Ruth & Ron Luckhoo; Nerissa, Theresa	24 GTA Mission COK NS Rev. James & Rehana Luke	25 Rev. Paul Zabel, East District President Pastor Luke Alison Lutz	26 Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, LCC Pres. Pastor Christie Randi & Don MacNeil	27 Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Pastor Flohr Richard & Delaine Magwood
28 Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton COK Sunday School Ronald & Blanca Marcell	29 LCC Lay Missionaries COK NS Nancy & Alister Mathieson; Rachel	30 LCC Shut-ins Michael Mathieson	31 COK NS Carol Matthiesen			

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

What More Can You Ask

God's love endures forever. What a wonderful thing to know
When the tides of life run against you and your spirit is downcast and low.
God's kindness is ever around you and always ready to freely impart
Strength to your faltering spirit, cheer to your lonely heart.
God's presence is ever beside you as near as the reach of your hand.
You have but to tell Him your troubles. There is nothing He won't understand.
And knowing god's love is unfailing, and His mercy unending and great,
You have but to trust in His promise. God comes not too soon or too late.
So wait with a heart that is patient for the goodness of god to prevail.
For never do prayers go unanswered and His mercy and love never fail.

After the Winter God Sends the Spring

Springtime is a season of hope and joy and cheer.
There's beauty all around us to see and touch and hear.
So no matter how downhearted and discouraged we may be,
New hope is born when we behold leaves budding on a tree
Or when we see a timid flower push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise its petals eyes to God.
For this is just God saying, "Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit like the budding springtime tree,
Will lose its wintry darkness and your heavy heart will sing."
For God never sends the winter without the joy of Spring.

Learn to Rest

We all need short vacations in life's fast and maddening race,
An interlude of quietness from the constant jet-age pace.
So when your day is pressure-packed and your hours are all too few
Just close your eyes and meditate and let God talk to you.
So when your nervous network becomes a tangled mess
Just close your eyes in silent prayer and ask the Lord to bless
Each thought that you are thinking, each decision you must make,
As well as every word you speak and every step you take.
For only by the grace of God can you gain self-control.
And only meditative thoughts can restore your peace and soul.

May

VBS July 10 - 14 9:00 - noon
 Register at www.christourking.ca
 or 905-822-1432

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	1	2 Noon - Knitting at Joanne Tate's 6:30 Confirmation	3 1:00 Bible Study	4 7:00 Choir	5 7:00 Urdu Service	6 11:00 Memorial Service for Klara Krewdel
7 Mite Box Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School & Bible Class	8	9 Circuit Pastors' Meeting in Barrie 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Elders' Meeting	10 1:00 Bible Study 7:30 PPC Meeting	11 7:00 Choir	12 5:00 LBT Meeting & Banquet at Faith, Kitchener	13 9:00 Clean-Up Day 
14 Mother's Day  8:30 & 11:00 Communion Service 9:45 Sunday School & Bible Class	15 7:00 Nursery School Board Meeting	16 6:30 Confirmation	17 1:00 Bible Study 6:30-8:30 Case for Christ	18 6:30 LWML Ladies' Banquet and Spring Fling	19 7:00 Urdu Communion Service	20
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June 4: Confirmation Sunday at 11:00 a.m. service
June 11: Single service at 10:00 begins for the summer

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— INVESTIGATE THE EVIDENCE! —

- SIX-SESSION STUDY -

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

MAY 17 - JUNE 21

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.



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