

St. Ansgar Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Grace and Peace to you!

I pray that each of you are safe and healthy during this time.

It is now the first week of May and trees are budding, leaves are starting to appear creating a green ... lifegiving background to our surroundings. Many flowering trees are in bloom and the tulips and daffodils give a pallet of colour to creations canvas. The birds are busily tending to their young and creatures scurry about within their daily lives... God is at work within, lovingly creating, renewing, and nurturing all!

This past week I have heard people mention that love and peace are so important, especially now, during this pandemic! We hear in one of the Beatles songs, "Love, Love, Love, All you need is love, love, love is all you need!" People are also communicating that they look for Christ's light and love in action and at work around them each day, and they see it! Sometimes within very small experiences and sometimes within larger experiences. People have mentioned they need to be part of spreading that love and light to others during this time. This is what brings true joy, meaning to their existence in our present time.

The Gospel text for this week is John 15:9-17 [Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Within this scripture we hear Jesus communicating to us about the love given freely with no strings attached to bring us joy, give us life within each day and for us to lovingly give to other people and creation. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Pamela

Treasurer's Report

March 2021, 2020 and 2019 Offerings:

March 2021 Offerings: \$6,098

March 2020 Offerings: \$8,081

March 2019 Offerings: \$12,388

March 2021 External Income: \$14,085

March 2020 External Income: \$16,443

March 2019 External Income: \$16,904

March 2021 Total Income: \$20,263

March 2020 Total Income: \$24,614

March 2019 Total Income: \$29,642

Our year to date Total Income for the 1st quarter of 2021 is: \$71,656

Last year's year to date 1st quarter Total Income was: \$76,038

This is a 5% drop in Revenue for the 1st quarter of 2021 versus 2020's 1st quarter.

1st Quarter 2021 Expenses:

Expenses continue to be lower than budget.

1st Quarter TOTAL EXPENSES is \$74,954 and budget Year to Date is \$91,576

Balance Sheet:

Total Fund Balance: \$213,585 as at March 30, 2021.

Comments from your Treasurer:

Our offerings continue to decline year over year. External income has also declined due to the pandemic as renters of our fellowship hall, parking lot and sanctuary (Joyful Korean Church) have been unable to utilize our facilities.

Our St. Ansgar website is regularly updated with our on-going programs, reference items and the link to our virtual 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service followed with our Coffee House. We hope you will take the time to explore it and consider joining in any number of our programs. With worship services being held online during this crisis, donating your offerings on our website is easily done through Interact E-transfer auto deposit or Canada Helps. Cheques mailed directly to the church are always welcome along with joining our PAR program. We very much appreciate your support during these challenging times.

St. Ansgar 2.0

The SA 2.0 committee has been working diligently since the last update.

- Nicole Paroyan has joined the committee
- On the building front - if you drive by the church you may that 2 more panels have fallen off the building. Currently, the committee is looking into options to protect the exposed brick so that the building remains safe.
- The partnership committee is continuing in its outreach and relationship building with other churches in the area through activities such as extending invitations to our virtual Sunday School and sharing of Confirmation resources.
- On the community front, hopefully everyone had a chance to submit their responses to the survey that was sent out. An anonymized report of the responses should be on their way very shortly.

Please keep an eye out for the response summary and an invitation to a meeting to discuss the survey together.



Care Committee

Happy First Birthday. We strive for regular contact to share conversation and joy with St. Ansgar's older parishioners, nearly all of them over 80 years old. Over the next few days and weeks we will monitor for situations requiring help with the registration process for **COVID vaccination.**



Outreach & Evangelism

What I Witness One foot forward

My alarm goes off at 6:30am and I struggle to open my eyes. Good thing it is a radio alarm, so having the news and DJ banter going on in the background is not as disturbing as a buzzer alarm that you MUST turn off. These days, I struggle a lot more to wake up in the mornings. Mind you, before the pandemic I wasn't jumping out of my bed to get ready for work each day either, but there isn't the same struggle that I have now. Why do I get myself out of bed each day? There is not a lot of meaning these days to make me want to get up.

Of course, I am paid by my company to work, but I no longer need to drive into the office. My office is now a short walk to the guest bedroom at the end of the hall. My job is project based and is not confined to a specific work schedule like 9:00am to 5:00pm. At the end of the day, I just need to get my projects completed according to the project schedule. I also must attend scheduled meetings with the project teams and customers. These meetings are the closest things I have that are confined by time.

What do I dread about getting up these days? When I think more about it, it probably has something to do with purpose and meaning. What is it all for? What is the meaning of life? That type of question lingers around and pretty much weighs more on my mind in recent months. When I could go into the office, I could see friends and coworkers. I can physically be around someone else and talk about all sorts of things – work related or not. These days, it is only family. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but family has always been here. I have always been and always will be there for family. However, the varied environment of coworkers and friends adds an additional sense of meaning for me.

Finding meaning to get up for me has now become – Who can I reach out to today? It isn't possible to go out for a coffee with friends like I used to. I miss my high school friend gatherings or fishing trips with friends as well. I know life has changed in terms of how we do things. Just reaching out in a chat message is not really the same thing as coming out for lunch, coffee, or excursions. However, it still reaches out to others and allows conversations to take place. This becomes meaningful in a new way.



I remember when I was in junior high, I went back to Hong Kong for the summer to visit family. During that time, I made some new friends. After I came back to Canada we kept in touch through mail. Not e-mail, but snail-mail...stamps and all. Back in the days when you needed to pick up a pen and physically write a message on lined paper, fold it, stuff it into an envelope and send it off. Mail would take a week or two to make it to Hong Kong. My friend would read it, then write a reply and mail it back to me. The whole process could take a month or more before I got a reply. At least messaging today is quite

instantaneous, even if I am chatting with someone in Hong Kong.

Finding meaning by reaching out to others should not be that difficult. It should not be a problem for me to wake up each morning...because there are really a lot of people out there that I can reach out to. Meaning is everywhere if I really look for it. I hope no one is lacking in meaning during this time. If you are, just take that step forward and look. You will find that the meaning you seek is out there.

Alexander Mak

COVID-19 Emergency Appeal for India



India's total number of COVID-19 cases has dramatically risen to over 20 million as of May 2, with more than 300,000 cases reported for 10 straight days and with no immediate signs of slowing down - and medical experts believe that the numbers are even higher with many cases not reported from rural areas. The reported national fatality rate is at 1.11%, with an acute shortage of medical supplies including oxygen. Hospitals and crematoriums alike are overwhelmed, and hotels and railway coaches are being converted into critical care facilities to make up for the shortage of hospital beds.

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#)'s partner [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) is accepting donations to assist with this crisis. Donations will provide emergency medical support to those faced to be sick at home, and help support critical advocacy and public awareness efforts to keep as many people safe as possible.

Individuals and congregations wishing to support relief efforts can donate as follows:

- Make a designated offering donation for "India Covid Crisis" through any ELCIC congregation.
- Send a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "India Covid Crisis."

Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 (locally at 204-694-6502) to donate by credit card or go online at: clwr.org/india

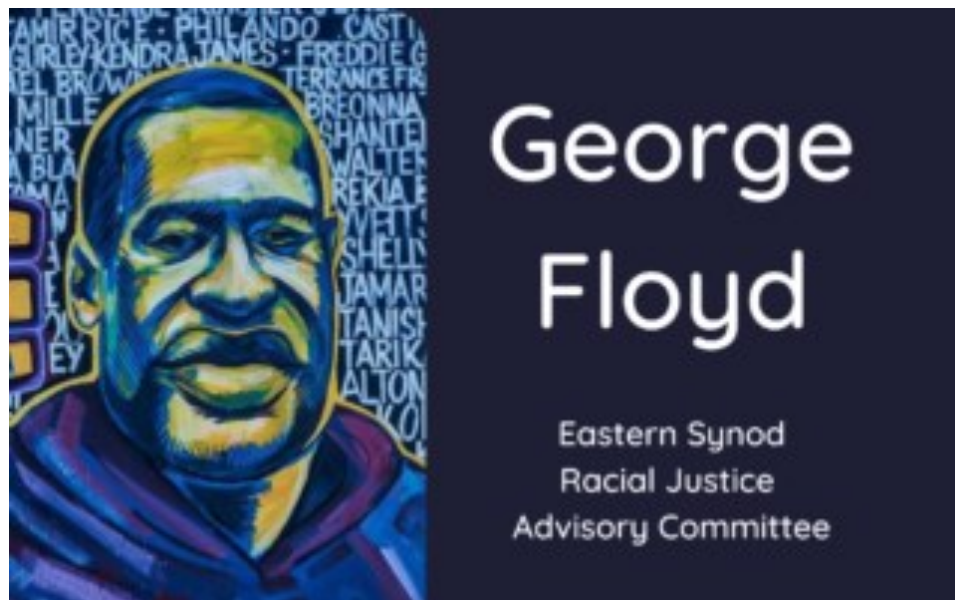
George Floyd Anniversary & Verdict

It's been a year.

It has been a year, and what has changed?

A year since a man begged for his life from an officer of the law. A year since a woman was shot in her bed. A year since national sports leagues boycotted games. A year since we saw #saytheirnames trending on social media. It has been a year since George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Regis Korchinski-Paquet.

What has changed? There's an argument to be made about the awareness we, as a society, have brought to issues of racism within our community. Would the fishery fires in Nova Scotia, specifically targeting Indigenous fishers, have gotten as much coverage if it weren't for worldwide marches and protests against racially-motivated violence? Would we have had important conversations about different ways the Capitol riot would have been covered if it were People of Colour versus White people? Would we be as outraged, again, about the death of Duante Wright because an officer "couldn't distinguish between" her taser and her gun?



It's encouraging to see the beginnings of discussions happening in our communities regarding racism and discrimination based on ethnicity and/or culture. It is encouraging to have people actively engaging with and responding to the Racial Justice Advisory Committee's (Eastern Synod) Black History Month Challenge. It's encouraging to be in meetings that specifically call out needing budgetary support to address these issues.

But it's not enough.

It can't be enough.

We cannot call it enough.

It's not enough when the Ontario government doesn't see anything wrong with the idea of granting extra powers to police to stop people on the road and fine them for leaving their house. It's not enough when young men in Canadian provinces feel like they cannot wear a hoodie because they're afraid of what it might incite. It's not enough when we blame an entire race for a pandemic when we are all responsible for the ongoing health, care and herd immunity to protect one another. We do not live in a siloed community. We live in a community: "an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (such as species) in a common location".(Merriam-Webster)

What have we done in a year?

We have taken steps. Encouraging steps. Worldwide protest marches, public outcries and engagement with political leaders and other decision makers have taken place. But we can do more. We can continue to challenge the status quo, we can continue to ask questions about representation and covert racism that exist by nature of the way our systems and policies are built. We can continue to ask for more from our Councils, our Synods and our ELCIC with respect to addressing and drawing attention not only to overtly racist acts, but also in covertly racist actions like terminology, word choice, or simply passing over a Person of Colour in selection processes. We can continue to learn, advocate, grow and ask questions in ways that support relationship building and personal growth. This is a lifelong endeavour; accept that mistakes will be made and move on, then re-charge and re-engage. It is not a path we walk alone.

We can make dismantling racism and colonial attitudes a 365-day-a-year job, rather than one pulled out in recognition of calendar milestones (Black History Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, etc).

As of this writing, Derek Chauvin's trial jury has just returned guilty verdicts on all three counts in the murder of George Floyd. We join in the collective sigh of relief, hoping this becomes a beacon of positive change. We commit ourselves to continue the work to dismantle oppression – to have the difficult and courageous conversations, to name racism when we see it, to honour the lives of all of our Black Indigenous and People of Colour siblings.

Acts 10:34-36 says, "Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts (people) from every nation who fear (God) and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.' "

Hear Me Out: Anti-Asian Racism and Identity

An online Zoom event titled "**Hear Me Out: Life as a 2nd Generation Chinese/Japanese-Canadian Lutheran**" will be held on **Sunday, May 23, 4:00-5:30 p.m. (MDT)**. This discussion brought to you by [Lutheran Campus Ministry Calgary](#) will be conducted in a "living room" style conversation among four guest panelists sharing their personal experiences as Asian-Canadians people of faith in the ELCIC. The panel will include Enoch Mok, Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Rev. Margaret Propp, and Rev. Nathan Fong. To attend this event, please [register here](#). A link to join the event will be emailed after registration.

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HEAR ME OUT

ANTI-ASIAN RACISM & IDENTITY

Life as a 2nd-Generation
Chinese/Japanese-Canadian
Lutheran



PANEL GUESTS

ENOCH MOK
DIGITAL COORDINATOR FOR LUTHERAN/YWC CAMPUS MINISTRY
CALGARY, AB

REV. DR. KAYKO DRIEDGER HESSLEIN
FACULTY OF LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SASKATOON, SK

REV. MARGARET PROPP
CHAPLAIN OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
CALGARY, AB

REV. NATHAN FONG
PASTOR OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
BURNABY, BC

Climate Justice – Call to Action

The ELCIC is building a network of young adults and youth who would like to engage the church in some climate discussion and assist the ELCIC in working towards the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. If you are a youth (children and families are welcome, too!) or young adult who is passionate about the environment and climate change, please see the infographic below and click below to participate in a brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDT8VPM?>





**Calling all youth
age 30 and under!**

**The Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada needs **YOU!****

The YAYA Committee is putting together a group of youth to help inform the Church on climate action to reach our goal of being carbon-neutral by 2050!

**Are you passionate about
the world around you?**

**Do you see yourself as someone
who wants to make change?**

**Is being creative an
important part of your life?**

If you answered **YES** to the above questions, check out the Survey Monkey linked in the description!

Virtual Bible Circle

Monday from noon to 1pm each week you are invited to gather virtually on Zoom with a group of people for Bible Circle. This is a group conversation! We may start with a hymn or by sharing what is happening in our life. We read through the upcoming Sunday's Gospel text together and then join in a group conversation which is sparked by questions regarding the scripture and this often takes us on a incredible journey with peoples different thoughts. Everyone has something to offer to the conversation! We end the time together with a prayer and sometimes a hymn. All are welcome!



Virtual Devotions

Each **Tuesday** morning from 8:45- 9:15am a small group of us gather virtually on Zoom to read a short piece of scripture, have some conversation regarding how the text speaks to us and how we see Christ at work in the world. We read the devotion from “Eternity for Today” and then pray together. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, then please be in touch with us to receive an invitation with a link for the zoom gathering. All are welcome!



Bible Quiz

Word Search: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) of the (66) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below.

Good Luck!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

ANSWERS WILL BE DISCLOSED ON PAGE 21



GOOD NEWS POSITIVE NEWS STORIES

How wonderful that we have our first submission of a Good News Story for this Family Doings! I invite you to read this below.

You are invited to write [Good News Positive News Stories](#) & forward these to Pastor Pamela to allow them to be shared in the next Family Doings!

God is working within, there is a lot of love and good within the world and we would like you to help us share it with other people!

The link (to use to write this) is included in the congregational email this week. Please feel free to include pictures!

Thank you!

**Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Pamela**

Virtual Sunday School

Please have your children join in online at 9:30 am starting with music with Rashaan, followed by Sunday school lessons on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88366816892>

In addition to encouraging/enabling your children to attend Sunday school, feel free to have them **invite** their **friends** to join in virtually for both the music theory and Sunday School lessons; simply forward them the Zoom link via email, as classes are more fun with more attending.



The CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) 2021

The CLAY gathering team is sharing updated information on the 2021 Lutheran Anglican youth gathering. Full details are available here:

https://mailchi.mp/f7984bc771d4/clay2021update?fbclid=IwAR2cnhn0Ax6HtQqUjQs12_eRZMi5d8syLu3VhErU1QeSQbMQYOiTILdXCg4

The following are some highlights of the details shared in the above link.

Registration + Cost -Registration opens May 2021.

In an effort to make CLAY 2021 as accessible as possible, the cost of participating will be pay-what-you-can. The suggested amount per participant is \$45.

Home teams that can pay beyond the suggested amount are encouraged to; helping those who may not be able to afford the registration fee.

What will online CLAY be Like?

Our National Planning Committee is committed to making this CLAY the absolute best it can be! It will be a gathering of hundreds of Anglican and Lutheran youth happening at the same time across the country.

There will be 3 hours group gathering time each day featuring: worship, workshops, and a large group gathering with the CLAY band, drama team, and our keynote speaker, Melanie Delva.

There will also be Late Night Spots every day (a CLAY participant favourite) + activities engaging with our National Youth Project happening outside of the group gathering times. Home Teams will be encouraged to gather in-person if it is safe to do so; in accordance with local public health guidelines or participate online as a group.

Confirmation Classes Fall 2021

The next set of confirmation classes will start in the fall of 2021 with the hope of having the youth confirmed in 2022. Youth 13 years and older in 2021 are welcome to join in this session of confirmation classes. I hope we might be able to gather at least once during the summer or early fall for a physically distanced walk in a Conservation area or park. My hope is to have these classes with times that we will meet in person and times we will meet through Zoom. This will of course depend on there being protocols in place at that point in time. You are invited to watch the May 23rd Worship Service / Confirmation Sunday Service with the Confirmation of this years Confirmation Class. Please be in touch with Pastor Pamela by June 30th if you are interested in taking part and/or if you have any questions. Mobile- 289-321-2727 or pastor@stansgar.ca.

Mental Health Week

Name It, Don't Numb It (May 3 to 9)



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**Get ready to
#GetReal**

CMHA Mental Health Week

May 3-9, 2021

Visit mentalhealthweek.ca
for info and tools!

Every May, people in Canadian communities, schools, workplaces and legislatures rally around [Canadian Mental Health Association's \(CMHA\)](https://mentalhealthweek.ca) **Mental Health Week**. The theme of this year's Mental Health Week is understanding our emotions, which runs from **May 3-9**. Recognizing, labeling and accepting our feelings are all part of protecting and promoting good mental health for everyone. Regardless of whether or not we have a mental illness, our mental health is something we can protect and nurture. For information, helpful articles, and free downloadable communications tools to help you celebrate CMHA Mental Health Week, please visit <https://mentalhealthweek.ca/>.

FREE THERAPY

Free Therapy

The Ontario government is funding internet Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iCBT). You can access iCBT from one of two providers, free of charge and without any kind of referral:

Provider	Link
Beacon	https://info.mindbeacon.com/btn542?utm_campaign=CVD&utm_source=ongov&utm_medium=web&utm_content=en
AbilitiCBT	https://ontario.abiliticbt.com/home



Virtual Exercise Class

St. Ansgar successfully started virtual exercise classes on May 27th with our instructor Ava Wappel guiding participants along via Zoom conferencing. Ava previously taught one of the exercise classes in the narthex during the week. Classes can be watched via a computer or participants can dial in with a phone and follow along. These classes are geared to increase mobility and most exercises are completed sitting in your chair. Please join us via Zoom and have a chair, water bottle, towel and 2 cans (to be used as weights) for the classes. All are welcome to join! Please contact Ava avawap@gmail.com



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Health and Fitness

Calling for volunteers!

We are looking for senior volunteers to participate in our new program. We are offering our services for free in exchange for feedback.

Who we are:  **SILVER SERVICES**

is a new program and a division of the St. Elizabeth Home Society, a registered Canadian charity founded in 1959. Our mission is to provide older adults, who are experiencing conditions attributable to being aged, with all the services they would receive as a resident in a retirement home setting while they remain in the comfort of their own homes. We will be offering a wide array of services including quality nursing care, personal care, meal delivery, transportation to and from appointments, grocery shopping and delivery, full-service housekeeping as well as in-home IT support, home maintenance including minor accessibility modifications, pet care, exercise classes, social activities, and companionship.

Services we are currently offering:



Beginning on March 1, 2021, we are launching our Pilot program, offering 2 services:

- Weekly Food Basket Delivery
- Live Online Exercise Classes for Seniors

How long will the Pilot program run?

The Pilot program is open to senior volunteers in exchange for feedback until June 30, 2021. (Feedback forms will be provided to you through email).

What do I need to do to sign-up as a volunteer for the Pilot program?

Call us 905-849-6608 x 209 or email us silverservices@sehsh.org and we will send you a registration form. Fill out the form and return it to us and you are all signed-up. You can expect a food basket delivery on Fridays, and you can attend any or all of the live online exercise classes (information about both will be sent to you once we've received your form).

WCC to Observe World Immunization Week, Encouraging Vaccinations for Global Health

Extraordinary efforts to develop vaccines against COVID-19 and roll out mass vaccination programmes provide hope to millions of people around the globe. Throughout the pandemic, public health organizations have collaborated closely with non-government- and faith-based organizations. That has made a difference, both in getting factual information about vaccines across to the public, and in encouraging people to act in solidarity by getting vaccinated.

During the annual World Immunization Week, an initiative by UNICEF taking place 24-30 April, this year, the World Council of Churches (WCC) intensifies its support by appointing ten influential members from the fellowship to join the 300 Vaccination Champions, that its long-time child-rights partner UNICEF is mobilizing for world immunization. The objective is to exercise influence through social media blogs and other channels to raise awareness about the critical role that immunization through vaccination plays in saving lives.



WCC acting general secretary, Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca, encourages religious leaders in all contexts to lend weight to vaccination programmes: “We must do all we can to protect people from COVID-19 and other potentially fatal diseases. It is our duty to exercise the influence trusted upon us, beyond the pulpits in our local churches. Faith actors have a crucial role to play in increasing the public confidence in vaccines, especially in the current landscape,” he says. The theme of the Immunization Week; “Vaccines Bring us Closer,” is a part of UNICEF’s broader strategic priority on immunization between 2021 and 2025. The emphasis is on ensuring children across the world receive appropriate routine vaccines, and also educating people specifically about COVID-19 vaccines.

Before COVID-19, nearly 14 million babies were not receiving any vaccines, and many health professionals fear that number has grown even more since the pandemic broke out, as people have become afraid to seek regular medical care. Through social media messages, educational resource materials, and feature stories, the WCC will join UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and other groups across the world to promote the importance of life-saving routine immunizations, help people access accurate information, and combat myths and misinformation. “Being part of a fellowship stretching across the globe gives us a presence in rural areas where the church is often the centre of the local community. Being part of everyday life builds trust and makes it easier to reach out to people with messages related to health and healing, which is one of our programmatic areas,” Sauca explains.

Please Help Support Food Banks



Please continue to support your local food banks.
The need is great during this time of pandemic.
People are in need.
Thank you



Help Support Students

**Supporting students at schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Jordan and the Holy Land**



As schools around the world are fully underway on a new academic year in very challenging circumstances, so too are the students at schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the loss and substantial reduction in income to household. Many families are now facing significant difficulties with paying tuition for the 2020-21 school year, which is on average \$1,600/year per student.

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson invites you to participate in the ELCJHL Scholarship Appeal. To view the video please follow this link [ELCJHL Appeal to support students - YouTube](#)

Eastern Synod Assembly

June 25-26, 2021 (Virtual Meeting Format)

Registration is now open for all Delegates and Visitors.

The 2021 Eastern Synod Assembly will be held June 25-26 using an online format.

Further details are on the Eastern Synod website: <https://easternsynod.org>

The theme of the Assembly is “Behold, I Am Doing A New Thing!”

Please contact Shannon Collinson-Niestrawski at: m.shannon.collinson@gmail.com if you would like to be a lay delegate at this meeting.



BedTime Stories



REMINDER to parents:

Ten Bible stories read by the Pastor and Gabriel can be found on the church website.

These could be fun bedtime stories!

<http://stansgar.ca/?p=1994>



Gimli

There's a pretty little prairie town on Lake Winnipeg's western shore,

It was established over 150 years ago

You might say in days of your

The first settlers came from Iceland

To a totally wilderness scene

It was mostly deciduous forest

With a few clumps of coniferous scattered here and there between

Each August they have a festival

Based on an Icelandic theme

It's a time to read sagas and edas

And rekindle those first settler's dream

There are venues around town at different events including a midway and ride

There is a group of stand-by volunteers in case any visitors need guides

They call it the Icelandic Festival

Or sometimes the Icelanders Day

They call it the real name in Icelandic its hard for most people to say

To paraphrase Harry Rauder

Well then; If you can say **ICELANDINGADAGURIN** yur au rite y'ken

by Old Erik



Answers to Bible Quiz

Highlighted Below are the answers to the bible quiz

I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a **fluke**). It kept people **looking** so hard for the **facts** and for others it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam**, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be a **most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others June require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it** usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can **compete**. **Relax** now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

Host Family Needed



A new family is looking for a **host family** for their son who will be entering Grade 12 at the LFT (Lycée Français Toronto) for the **2021-2022** school year. If you are interested in this opportunity, or for further information contact the parent association apa@lft.ca.



2021 Census

The Canadian government has curated playlists for you to listen to when you fill out your Census. How clever! I plan to fill mine out this weekend and listen to the Friday Night Kitchen Party soundtrack.

[2021 Census soundtrack \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www.statcan.gc.ca)

Wendy

There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...

Mother

Kids Corner



Kids Corner



Upcoming Events

- **Every Monday @ 11:00AM, Thursdays @ 10:00am & Fridays @ 9:30am - Virtual Exercise Classes with Ava**
Please contact Ava avawap@gmail.com
- **Every Monday– Virtual Bible Circle (12 Noon)**
- **Every Tuesday– Virtual Devotions (8:45 AM)**
- **Every Thursdays (10:00 AM) – Virtual Exercise Classes with Ava**
- **Every Sunday – Virtual Sunday School Program (9:30 AM)**
- **Every Sunday - Live Virtual Worship Service Prelude begins @ 10:20am**
Worship Service 10:30am
- **Every Sunday – Virtual Coffee House – 11:30 AM**
- **Tuesday, May 11th – EDUCATION MEETING @7:30pm using Zoom**
- **Sunday, May 16th - CONFIRMATION CLASS @12 noon using Zoom**
- **May 17, 2021, 7:00—CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING @7pm using zoom**
- **May 23, 2021 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**
- **May 24th, 2021 –VICTORIA DAY**
- **June 1st, 2021- CARE COMMITTEE MEETING**
- **June 14th, 2021 - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING @7pm using zoom**

May & June Birthdays



Battaglio, Gavin	May 3
Cheung, Michael	May 3
Clunas, Emily	May 4
Nelson, Glen	May 6
Rothe, Alex	May 8
DaSilva, Sarah	May 15
McDonald, Johanna	May 16
Propp, Amanda	May 16
Clunas, David	May 18
Cunningham, Michelle Jones	May 24
Schwade, Daniel	May 30

Lau, David	June 3
Alleyne, Eneida	June 5
Lau, Carol	June 6
Ma, Elsie	June 9
Horber-Safwat, Kastania	June 10
Buczko, Bohdan	June 12
Partington, Marilyn	June 15
Lee, Robert	June 26
Weind, June	June 29

Baptismal Anniversaries



Carpenter-Darby, Conor	May 1
Horber, Monica	May 1
Nelson, Glen	May 1
McFarland, Scott	May 4
Wagner, Erika	May 9
Yaeger, Vaiva	May 10
Bunbury, Marguerite	May 14
Morton, Kalana	May 16
McFarland, Derek	May 19
Friedrich, Hans	May 30
Wiens, Ruth	May 30

Pierce, Johnathan	June 1
Narain, Felicia	June 6
MacDonald, Jim	June 12
Mingo, Nancy	June 20
Dasilva, Sarah	June 24
McFarland, Jeffrey	June 27
Clunas, Neil	June 28