



July & August

2018

Redeeming Words

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Calendar

July

- 1 Worship – Pentecost 6 10:00 am
Picnic with St. Barnabas
- 4 Fall Retreat Planning 7:30 pm
- 8 Worship – Pentecost 7 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 9-22 Pastor Jim's Vacation
- 15 Worship – Pentecost 8 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 22 Worship – Pentecost 9 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 29 Worship – Pentecost 10 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am

August

- 1 Fall Retreat Planning 7:30 pm
- 3-7 Pastor's Vacation
- 5 Worship – Pentecost 11 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 12 Worship – Pentecost 10 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 19 Worship – Pentecost 10 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 21 Congregational Council 7:30 pm
- 24 Wedding
- 26 Lutheran Picnic 11:00 am
Location TBA
- 27 LARAM, St. Anne de Bellevue 7:30 pm
- 28 Mutual Ministry Committee 7:30 pm

Anglican-Lutheran Picnic

Join us for worship and a picnic on Sunday July 1. The Venerable Pamela Yarrow (who is retiring this summer) will be our guest preacher at the 10:00 service. Members of St. Barnabas will join us for worship and a picnic lunch and games. Please bring picnic food to share, potluck style. And a lawn-chair and sun hat. There will be games for children and adults.



Pow Wows

Consider attending one of the local Pow Wows this summer, for an exhibition of dancing and Indigenous culture:

Kahnawake July 14 10:00 am \$8 adults

Turn right at south ramps

of Henri Mercier bridge and follow signs

Kanehsatake August 25 10:00 am \$10 adult

Highway 344 west of Oka

Congregational Council

At the June 26 meeting:

✚ Received the Pastor's Report for May, including a brief summary of the Eastern Synod Assembly (A fuller report from Pastor Jim and Charlotte Corwin will follow)

✚ Noted that two adults – Christa Hoehn and Claudia Nazzaro - plan to join the congregation after completing the New Members' Class

✚ Made plans for installing energy and cost-saving LED lights

✚ Received a report from a meeting with St. Barnabas about renting space at CTR when their building is demolished in the spring of 2019 and a new worship place is constructed



Fall Retreat Planning

The annual Fall Retreat will be held at the JB Ski Club in Mont Tremblant September 21-23. Several planning meetings have been schedule this summer:

July 4	7:30 pm	Theme, Leaders
August 1	7:30 pm	Schedule
September 5	7:30 pm	Fine-Tuning

Those prepared to help us with the planning process are welcome to attend.

Ladies' Lunch

This month's noon-hour lunch will be held at La Perle on St. Jean at Shakespeare on Thursday July 5.



Summer Worship Leaders

Please add your name to the schedules for July and August to help as a greeter/usher, acolyte, assisting minister, reader, cantor, communion assistant, or someone preparing the altar for worship each week. Your help is especially helpful on the Sundays Pastor Jim will be on vacation.

Readers

Those who read the lessons in worship this summer may pick up blank bulletins (with the readings) from the greeters' table. Each is marked with the date.

New Editor

Debbie Ristimaki has offered to write, edit, and distribute the congregational newsletter, *Redeeming Words*, beginning in September. Debbie is a member of the congregation who is living in Winnipeg. She is also a Community Correspondent for the *Sou'Wester* newspaper, which is often posted on the community bulletin board. Her e-mail and other contact info will be circulated at the end of the summer.

Day of Reflection

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician invites you to a one-day retreat on August 25, at L'Ermitage St. Croix (21269 Gouin O., Pierrefonds) from 9:00 until 4:30. The guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Roberts Smith. Lunch is provided in the \$25 registration fee. Call Madeleine at 514-620-4238.

Eastern Synod Lutheran

The latest edition of the Eastern Synod's newsletter is available by following this link:

<http://www.easternsynod.org/content/tesl-june-2018>

Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre

The Eastern Synod operates two camps, including one on the Ottawa Valley.



Lutherlyn is supported by Benevolence offerings as well as camper fees. Brochures for the coming season have arrived. It's not too late to register.

Children's Camps – Ages 8-15

July 8-13

July 15-20

July 22-27

Leader-in-Training Program – 15 and older

July 8-27

Teen Camp – 13 and older

July 29-August 3

International Camp – All ages

July 29-August 3

Golden Retreat - Seniors

September 10-14

Outreach

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your offerings to help CLWR *Fight Back the Drought* in East Africa. Your gifts of \$435 will save lives.

In July and August we'll gather offerings for the *Back to School with Heads Held High* campaign of the Welcome Hall Mission, which provided 2600 backpacks of school supplies to needy children last year. Look for the hallway display, and take a few paper school buses home with you to return with your gifts. Note that the deadline is August 12.



Canadian Lutheran World Relief

After 12 years of service Robert Granke has retired from his post as the executive director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. The Rev. Karin Achtelstetter has been appointed to fill this vacancy, and has sent us a letter of greeting. The Spring 2018 *Partnership* magazine tells about several on-going projects.

Book Excerpts

Not in God's Name

by Jonathan Sacks 2015

Too often in the history of religion, people have killed in the name of the God of life, waged war in the name of the God of peace, hated in the name of the God of love and practiced cruelty in the name of the God of compassion. When this happens, God speaks, sometimes in a still, small voice almost inaudible beneath the clamour of those claiming to speak on his behalf. What he says at such times is: *Not in My Name*.

The Book of Forgiving

by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu 2014

Renewing relationships is how we turn curses into blessings and continue to grow through our forgiving. It is how we make restitution for what was taken and set right what was made wrong. Even if the relationship was injurious or hurtful, it is still a piece of shared history. Ubuntu* says, "I am incomplete without you," and wherever possible we must do the hard work to rebuild right relations with one another. Enemies can become friends, and perpetrators can recover their lost humanity.

* Zulu (African) philosophy, wisdom

Convictions

by Marcus Borg 2014

Then in my early thirties, my third and most overtly religious conversion occurred. Through a series of experiences, I became convinced that what is meant by the word "God" is real and sometimes known, or at least glimpsed. The conviction remains with me and more than anything else has shaped my understanding of God, the Bible, Jesus, Christianity, and the enduring religions of the world. It is the foundation of everything I have written in the past thirty years, including this book...

From the Church Mouse

The Church Mouse is enjoying a visit with a cousin in the country, and should have a column for us in September.

Lessons

July 1 Pentecost 6 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27,
Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

July 8 Pentecost 7 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10,
Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 15 Pentecost 8 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19,
Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 22 Pentecost 9 2 Samuel 7:1-14a,
Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22,
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

August 5 Pentecost 10 2 Samuel 11:26 –
12:13a, Psalm 51:1-12, Ephesians 4:1-16,
John 6:24-35

August 12 Pentecost 11 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,
31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2,
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 Pentecost 12 1 Kings 2:10-12,
3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20,
John 6:51-58

August 26 Pentecost 13 1 Kings 8:22-30,
41-43, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20,
John 6:56-69

Oberammergau 2020

The citizens of the village of Oberammergau, Germany, present a world-renowned Passion Play every ten years. Several travel companies are offering guided tours, including Craig Travel. Is anyone from CTR interested in attending this life-changing event? Contact Pastor Jim. A travel booklet has been posted.



Canoe Trip

Pastor Jim would be happy to hear from those who might enjoy a leisurely afternoon or evening paddle here on the West Island (no previous experience needed), or a three or four-day trip in one of Quebec's parks. He can provide paddles, life jackets, tents, stove, tarps and other camping gear.

Neighbourliness

The Gospel of Luke (Luke 10:25-37) tells of Jesus' encounter with a religious lawyer. Wanting to justify himself – make things right between himself and God – he asks the question “And who is my neighbour?” Which leads Jesus to tell the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

You remember it. An unnamed traveller is mugged and left half-dead by the side of the road. Two fine, upstanding religious sorts pass by, but decide not to stop and examine the victim, fearing that if he is already dead they would be “polluted” and prevented from attending to their duties at the Temple in Jerusalem. It is a foreigner, an alien, an outsider who comes to the traveller's aid.

It becomes Jesus' way of saying that our neighbours are all the people we meet, including those in dire need and those who lend a helping hand. It is an invitation which becomes all the more important if we consider the possibility that in this story Jesus plays the part of the beaten man.

So how might we, individually and collectively become good neighbours? How can we better see the people around us who could use our help, and come to their aid? How can we let them care for us?

At the Eastern Synod Assembly we explored these questions in worship, study, and in some of the motions we passed. Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Mennonite guests encouraged us to introduce ourselves to our neighbours who practice other faiths, and to celebrate the things which unite and distinguish us.

The privileges enjoyed by many of the white members of our Synod, which have come at the expense of those who look and sound different were exposed in a simple exercise. Being good neighbours means admitting our overt and latent racism and letting go of it.

A man who helped organise shelter for the homeless in Toronto challenged us to see street people as equals/neighbours even as we may offer to serve them.

So keep an eye out for new neighbours this summer, and try to *be Jesus* for them.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Jim Slack