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Redeeming Words

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Calendar

- 3 Worship – Pentecost 2 10:00 am
LARAM Presentation
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 4 LARAM Meeting, NDG 7:30 pm
- 6 New Members' Class 7:30 pm
- 11 Worship – Pentecost 3 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
Fall Retreat Planning Meeting 11:30 am
- 12 Mutual Ministry Committee 7:30 pm
- 13 New Members' Class 7:30 pm
- 14-16 Montreal Anglican Diocese Synod
- 17 Worship – Pentecost 4 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 21-24 Eastern Synod Assembly, Toronto
- 24 Worship – Pentecost 5 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation 11:15 am
- 26 Congregational Council 7:30 pm
- 27 Seniors' Worship 2:00 pm
Montreal Lutheran Council, Montreal 7:30 pm

Newsletter Compiler/Editor

We're still searching for someone to write, edit, publish and distribute the congregational newsletter, *Redeeming Words*. The printed and electronic form of our monthly newsletter seeks to inform the members and friends of the congregation about our shared ministry. Ask Pastor Jim for a job description.

LARAM Presentation

In worship on June 3 we will welcome two guests from the Lutheran Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal. They will help to lead worship, and make a Power Point presentation after the service, providing the congregation with a fuller description and update on our project, and distributing brochures and offering envelopes. More than a year ago Christ the Redeemer pledged \$10,000 in support. Ingrid Gust and Pastor Jim sit on the planning committee.

While we welcome a guest preacher to CTR on this date Pastor Jim will be a guest at St. Michael and All Angel's Anglican Church in Pierrefonds.

Anglican-Lutheran Picnic

The rector and members of St. Barnabas' Anglican Church will join us for worship and a picnic on Sunday July 1 at 10:00. Bring picnic items (i.e. cold cuts, potato salad, garden salads, cookies) to share in our back yard after the service. Also bring lawn chairs, sun hats, and a yard game.

Rev. Pamela's Retirement

The Venerable Pamela Yarrow, Archdeacon of St. Lawrence and rector of St. Barnabas', will retire this summer, and move to Ottawa to be closer to her daughter. The Anglicans will bid her farewell and Godspeed on June 17, and we Lutherans will say goodbye at the picnic on July 1.

Congregational Council

At the May 15 meeting:

✚ Received the Pastor's Report for April, and endorsed the new Employment Agreement proposed by the Eastern Synod and the ELCIC

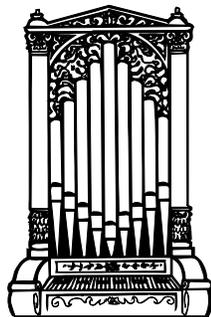
✚ Discussed LARAM's plan for presentation to six founding groups, including CTR on June 3

✚ Noted the start of a New Members' Class this spring, with at least four participants

✚ Confirmed plans for the 50th anniversary of building – worship, cake, photo display May 27

✚ Expressed thanks for helpers at Spring Cleaning, and noted plans for install energy and cost-saving LED lights

✚ Began work on a rental policy, including an agreement with the WINHB (Band) on Thursday nights



Organ Repairs

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our members (who wishes to remain anonymous) as well as a few other gifts from members who anticipated an appeal for organ repairs, we have met our goal for the repairs to our instrument. The \$3000 contract is likely to be undertaken this summer.

Sexual Abuse Policy

Please note that in 2004 the ELCIC, and its synods, congregations and clergy, have adopted a policy for Sexual Abuse and Harassment. The document is posted at the Pastor's Office, and is available at the ELCC website. Bishop Michael Pryse receives simple written complaints, and manages the process which investigates inappropriate behaviour and determines whether disciplinary steps must be taken.

This policy plays in apart in making our congregation a safe place.

Fall Retreat Planning

The first meeting to plan the annual fall retreat at Mont Tremblant will be held after worship on Sunday June 10.

We'll confirm dates, beginning to consider themes, and identify some of our leaders.



Ladies' Lunch

Women from the congregation and their friends are invited to a noon-hour lunch at Scarolies (St. Jean at Brunswick). Add your name to the sign-up sheet, or talk with Pat Pachal.

Men's Breakfast

Men who are members or friends of the congregation are invited to gather for breakfast on Saturday June 16, beginning at 8:30. Sign-up or contact David Puusa.

Father's Day Memorial

Rideau Memorial Gardens (Sources) invites you to the dedication of a new mausoleum and a Father's Day service on Sunday June 17 at 2:30 pm. Flowers may also be placed on your father's grave at Lakeview Memorial Gardens the same day.

Eastern Synod Lutheran

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

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

2018-2019 Worship Bulletins

Beginning in the fall of 2018, at the start of the new Church Year, we hope to produce our own bulletin series, relying on photographs from our members. It's not too early to take pictures that may help in in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany – perhaps candles, creches, starlight and visitors from afar. The appointed readings for Year C are in the front of the red worship book. Send digital images to the pastor at ctrpastor@videtron.ca

Outreach

The Outreach Committee invites you to join Canadian Lutheran World Relief and its campaign to FIGHT BACK AGAINST DROUGHT. This will include the construction of small-scale dams and reservoirs, in Ethiopia and northern Egypt, to sustain crops and livestock during dry spells. This project is also eligible for matching grants from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Global Affairs Canada. Pick up a paper raindrop or two the next time you visit the church building.

Eastern Synod Assembly

More than 250 lay and clergy delegates will meet at the Delta Mariotte at Pearson Airport for the triennial Assembly of the eastern Synod June 21-24. Along with worship, reports, a budget, and guest speakers we will elect a bishop, members of Synod Council, and delegates to the ELCIC convention next summer.

Charlotte Corwin and Pastor Jim will attend the event on behalf of CTR. Lay persons will be sought to lead worship (including a sermon from Bishop Pryse). See Pastor Jim.

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.



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

From the Church Mouse

My! What a whirlwind passed through here earlier this month as a small army arrived for Spring Cleaning Day. They did a wonderful job of sprucing up the church. I even got my own home cleaned by pushing all the dust and dirt (and some peanut shells) out into the hallway. This nice lady with a beautiful smile came by and swept it all away with her broom!

Seeing all those helpers at work reminded me of a letter to the editor in the recent *Canada Lutheran*. Peter Mogk suggests that within the church we need to distinguish between volunteerism and ministry. Volunteerism is task oriented; we are asked to “do”. But the service performed by members of a congregation is not simply about getting a job done. Rather it is a ministry rooted in the individual’s God-given gifts. We are asked to “be” our created selves. Hearing God’s call on our hearts in response to a need, we offer ourselves as an expression of thankful, loving service to one another and to God.

What if we were mindful of this distinction between volunteerism and ministry when speaking of needs here at Christ the Redeemer? If Mogk is correct, our word choice will influence perception of the request which, in turn, affects the response.

Our annual questionnaire “Opportunities to Serve” is a good start since it asks members to consider what makes them who they are and how they would like to offer themselves to build up the body in this place - ministry.

But we also sometimes ask for volunteers. Is this heard as a search for any warm body to fill a need? Do people help out of duty or guilt instead of love, gratitude and joy for all that God does and who He is? Perhaps some of our long-standing requests (coffee host, assisting minister, newsletter editor) would receive responses if people felt desired for who they are and the special gift-set they have to offer.

Might there be some new way in which God wants to use you? Would you make the time to prayerfully ask Him and listen for what He says? There may be new ventures and unexpected joy awaiting you.

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Sunday School

Our 2017-2018 year will draw to a close in June, perhaps ending with a picnic after worship. Keep your eyes on the Sunday worship bulletin.

New Members' Class

Five students have joined our class this spring. We will next meet:

May 30	Law and Gospel
May 31	God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit
June 6	Sacraments – Baptism & Communion
June 13	Spiritual Gifts and Discipleship
June ?	Students' Choice

Members, Lutherans from other congregations, Christians from other denominations, those who practice other faiths, and those who have no religious background are all invited to attend. Confirm your attendance with Pastor Jim.

Lessons

June 3 Pentecost 3 1 Samuel 3 :1-10,
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12,
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 Pentecost 4 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20,
Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1,
Mark 3:20-35

June 17 Pentecost 5 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13,
Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17,
Mark 4:26-34

June 24 Pentecost 6 1 Samuel 32-49,
Psalm 133, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13,
Mark 4:35-41

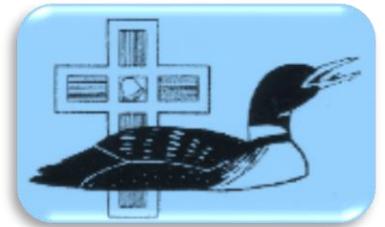


St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church (across the street) invites you to *The Masterpiece: A Journey of Faith*. Chalk artist and storyteller Francois Bergeron will share his art and life of discipleship on May 31 at 7:00 pm. The bilingual event is free, and will be accompanied by music and refreshments.

Outdoor Ministry

I began spending time at Camp Mush-a-Mush when I was just a few weeks old. My father - a pastor - brought me to the Sunday School picnic on July 1 1959, where I won a prize for being the youngest participant. For the next dozen years or so our family occupied the Deans' cabin, when all six of the children in our family got to know the church camp in Nova Scotia.

When I was old enough I became a camper, staying with other children under the supervision of a teenaged counsellor.



Then from the junior and senior programs, to teen camps and canoe excursions, making a lot of new friends (and my first wife) along the way.

In time I joined the staff as a counsellor, handyman, assistant cook, and program director. And have since served many years as a chaplain.

I am not likely to have become an active member of the Christian Church if not for the summers I spent at Mush.

More than the rustic dining hall and cabins, beautiful lake, familiar trails, and day-ending campfires, the relationships that were formed and the leadership training I received allowed me to experience the Christian Gospel, and to practice grace in an intense way.

So let me encourage everyone at CTR to consider visiting the Ottawa Valley. As an incentive the Helmut Saabas Youth Fund can be used to reduce the registration fee for campers of all ages. The Leader-In-Training course or employment as a member of the staff is very good preparation for adult life.

Lutherlyn is a five-hour drive from Montreal, but I'm prepared to make the trip (with parents or another chaperone) to take children to the camp, on Sunday afternoon or to bring them back on Friday evening.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack