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Redeeming Words

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Calendar

Join us for coffee and conversation each Sunday at 11:15 following the service (unless otherwise noted).

4	Worship – All Saints'	10:00am
6	Mutual Ministry Committee	7:30pm
7	New Members' Class	7:30pm
8	Montreal Lutheran Council, NDG	7:30pm
10	LARAM, Montreal	10:00am
11	Worship – Pentecost 25	10:00am
11	Sunday School	10:00am
14	New Members' Class	7:30pm
18	Worship – Pentecost 26	10:00am
18	Worship & Music Committee	11:30am
20	Congregational Council	7:30pm
21	Seniors' Worship	2:00pm
21	New Members' Class	7:30pm
22	Bible Study	7:30pm
25	Worship – Reign of Christ	10:00am
25	Sunday School	10:00am
29	Bishop Pryse in Montreal	
29	Bible Study	7:30pm

All Saints' Sunday

Annual remembrance of the faithful departed held on November 4th. The names of loved ones, and those remembering them read along with special prayers of remembrance.

We thank St Barnabas for sharing their bells with us for use during the service.

Remembrance Day

November 11th falls on Sunday this year. There will be special prayers and observance in worship including a pause at 11:11 am.

Advent Dinner

Mark your calendars! Our Advent dinner is being held on Sunday December 2nd, 5:00-7:30 pm.

In addition to a turkey dinner, there will be stories to share, caroling and of course, the arrival St. Nikolas.

Please sign up to attend and let us know what dish you will bring to share. As in previous years, the sign-up sheet also includes a place to indicate whether you can help with set-up, serving and/or clean-up.

OutReach

Thank you very much for your support of Women in the Rise. There are also other letters of support on the bulletin board.

For the months of November and December we will be collecting food for the Roxboro Food Bank. A bin will be placed in the hallway.

Please consider adding an item to your grocery cart when you are doing your own food shopping.

Congregational Council

No report at this time

To contact Pastor Jim

In case of emergency, please contact a council member. They, in turn, will direct your call to Pastor Jim. Pastor Jim's cell phone will no longer be published.

From the desk of Pastor Jim...

Canoeing the Mountains

The Lutheran clergy of the St. Lawrence Seaway, Ottawa, and Upper Ottawa Valley will gather for a retreat at Camp Lutherlyn early this month. My schedule does not allow me to attend, but I am intrigued by the title of a book they will study. Tod Bolsinger has written *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*.

The church that many of us grew up in, after the Second World War, no longer exists. Many of our pews and Sunday school rooms are empty. Our opinions about societal issues no longer seem to matter. Our congregations are not the centre of our communities. The fastest growing religious group in Canada is “None.”

We have witnessed the end of Christendom. Some of this decline started in the 16th century, when Martin Luther raised questions that divided the mighty religious institutions of Europe. The growing chorus of dissenting voices coincided with the dawn of modern science and the age of discovery. Things once called mysterious or miraculous were explained. Our planet circles a sun, which is one of billions in a vast universe. Sailing ships could travel west, to new a New World. The study of human anatomy and of microscopic organisms within our bodies led to medical advances.

We live Post-Christendom. The once-dominant church of Western Europe no longer exercises a monopoly of faith and power. By the middle of the 19th century the Holy Roman Empire – an alliance of political and religious powers - had collapsed. Though Christians of the fourth century may have been relieved when Constantine allowed the faithful to take a prominent place in the old Roman Empire, they could not imagine the violence that would later be committed in the name of God. The Crusades were as bloody and as greedy as any secular war. The Inquisition provided a rationale for torture. Colonisation and Residential Schools had the followers of Jesus owning slaves and imposing their values on others. The Holocaust saw many who claimed Jesus’ name to identify Jews and Muslims as sub-human.

For many of us the church we knew as children is as if we started out on a canoe trip on lakes and rivers, and the decline in our influence is as if we woke up in camp one morning not beside a familiar

waterway, but high in the mountains. Things have changed!

Which means we’ve got a choice to make. We can keep on paddling, more and more desperately, or we can strap on our boots and backpacks to scale the peaks.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack

Eastern Synod Lutheran

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

http://www.easternsynod.org/sites/default/files/content/tesl_oct_1.pdf

ELCIC

Did you know that you can follow the national news and updates by subscribing to the ELCIC’s enews and/or enewsletters?

For enews – contact communiqu@elcic.ca with a mention “*ecommunique subscribe*” in the subject line.

For updates from the ELCIC news service, send an email to info@elcic.ca with the subject line “*ELCIC info subscribe*”.

Canada Lutheran Renewals

Interested in subscribing to the magazine of the ELCIC? The annual subscription rate is \$19.11 (inc. tax). It is published 8 times/year. See the bulletin insert.

Birthday Cards

Christa Hoehn will begin sending birthday cards to members and friends of CTR later this month. If your birthday (see page 4) or your mailing address is not on our list please contact her in church.

Thanks Christa, for performing this friendly ministry.

Oktoberfest



Nearly fifty members and friends of the congregation celebrated Oktoberfest last month. Our thanks to Gilles Labrie, Brandon Normandin and their team of cooks and helpers.

Fall Fair

St. Barnabas Anglican Church (12301 Colin, Pierrefonds) will be holding its Fall Fair on Saturday November 10th from 9:00 – 3:00. There will be food, plants, books and plenty of ideas for gifts. A lunch is also being served.

Bishop Pryse

Bishop Pryse will be in Montreal on November 29th as part of his annual tour of all 17 ministry areas. He will be spending time with the active clergy. More details to follow.

Luther and the Reformation

Pastor Jim will be introducing Martin Luther and the Reformation at St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Church in Beaconsfield (Lakeshore at St. Charles) on November 26th at 7:00pm.

LARAM

The Lutheran Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal has received news that Isaac and Godelive will be interviewed on October 29th.

They be arriving in Canada within the next few months. With that in mind, we ask three things of you:

1. Pray for them and their four children in Cameroon.
2. Offer to help or even lead one of LARAM's working groups (see the brochure at church). We have a pressing need for someone to lead a group searching for a 5 1/2 apartment.
3. Set aside large appliances and furniture at home or here at CTR.

Our wish list includes the following items:

- Refrigerator, stove, microwave
- Washer, dryer
- Table and 6 chairs
- Sofa or loveseat
- 2 armchairs
- Television and stand
- Queen mattress, foundation, and bedframe
- 4 twin mattresses, foundations, and bedframes
- 6 dressers and night tables.
- 2 floor lamps and 2 table lamps

Holy Days

A three-part series on some of the lesser known holy days in December may help us to better celebrate Christ' Mass. We'll meet November 22, 29 and December 6 at 7:30 pm to consider **Nicholas**, the bishop of Myra, who is one of the inspirations for Santa Claus, **Ambrose**, the bishop of Milan, **Lucy** the patron saints of Syracuse (Sicily) whose glowing faith is remembered by Swedes, and the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem who were killed by order of Herod the Great. Bring your Bible and a friend for the 90-minute-classes.

Sunday School

Under the leadership of Vicki Valois, our children will continue to learn and explore the stories of the Old Testament on November 11th and 25th.

New Members' Class

Our fall classes continue this month with Gerd and Maria Hoeflich and Jordon and Karen Yuck.

Topics include:

November 7 Sacraments of baptism and Communion

November 14 Spiritual Gifts

November 21 Students' choice

Contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in attending.

Lessons

November 4 All Saints' Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24,

Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

November 11 Pentecost 25

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127,

Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

November 18 Pentecost 26

1 Samuel 1:4-10, 1 Samuel 2:1-10,

Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8

Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-18,

Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

Youth Corner

Any youth out there interested in contributing to the newsletter? Are you an aspiring blogger/writer?

Maybe you have a question that you would like Pastor Jim to answer? Why not drop me a line at

dristimaki@gmail.com or speak with Pastor Jim.

(He may be coming up some interesting topics that you might like to share your thoughts on.)

November Birthdays

All birthdays are special but, two members of our family are celebrating some very special ones. Join us in wishing Grace M. a happy 95th and Aarne K. a happy 90th!

Ingrid Hove

2 November



Marion Hewel	5 November
Barbara Kerr	5 November
Lorne Ticknor	6 November
Susan Hildebrant	10 November
Wayne Lapp	11 November
Grace McGinn	11 November
James Valois	12 November
Emily Rossi	13 November
Natalie Turko	14 November
Aarne Kallio	16 November
Andrew Gjevik	17 November
Katharine Hartmann	17 November
Kelsea Gust	20 November
John Saabas	22 November
Brianna Normandine	23 November
Anne Badke	25 November

Please contact Pastor Jim to add or correct your birthday to our list.

Have an idea for a story? News to share? Send it to Debbie Ristimaki at dristimaki@gmail.com

