

September 2019

Redeeming Words

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September Schedule

September 1	Worship	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
September 8	Worship	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
September 12	Montreal Luth. Council	7:30 pm
September 15	Worship	10:00 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
	Confirmation Meeting	11:30 am
September 17	Congregational Council	7:30 pm
September 18	Seniors' Worship	2:00 pm
September 22	Worship	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
September 26	LARAM	7:30 pm
September 29	Worship	10:00 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am

Open House

Invite your families, neighbours and friends to join us for worship on Sunday September 29 for our annual Open House. The order of worship will be simplified and explained for guests.

Afterwards we'll have extra refreshments, and some music, to encourage conversation and invite others to join us again sometime.

So look for three people to invite. Don't be pushy, but inviting. Don't expect them to refuse, but speaking positively. Don't worry if they say no, but let God go to work in their hearts.

First-Time Worshippers

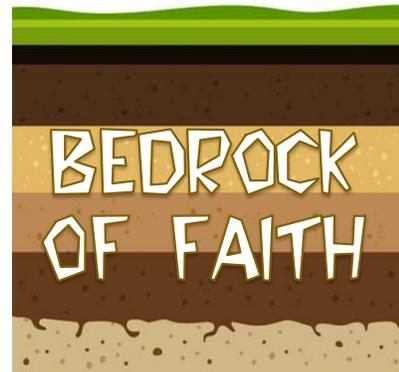
Did you know that most people who visit a church for the first time decide whether they will come back again within a few minutes of arriving? Whether or not the church and parking is easy to find, the grounds and building are well-maintained, the first people they meet are friendly and welcoming, and there are a good number of others already present all create an impression before the first hymn is sung or the sermon preached.

Fall Retreat

Join us at the JB Ski Club in Mont Tremblant October 4-6. We'll worship, study, laugh, eat and play together from Friday night until Sunday afternoon. Sessions will focus on faith: where it comes from, how it is tested, and what can be done to keep it fresh and alive. We'll even work on a pair of banners.

The 2019 fees: Adults \$95, teens \$50, children \$30, and families \$240. These cover meals and accommodations.

Pick up a registration form at church and return it by September 29. Your friends, as well as members of St. Barnabas Anglican Church and other Lutherans in the city, are also invited.



Worship Leaders

The September schedule for worship leaders should soon appear in your In-Boxes. Along with our roster of experienced leaders we'd be glad to welcome and train new volunteers:

- Greeters/Ushers** – Welcome, Offering, Communion
 - Assisting Minister** – Lead with pastor
 - Cantor** – Sing Hymn of Praise, Psalm
 - Reader** – First and Second Lessons
 - Communion Assistants** – Wine, Glasses
- Contact Verpoorten, who is now coordinating this schedule, to offer your assistance.

Those prepared to help prepare the Altar for worship may contact Waltraut Bedrossian.

September Birthdays

Offer congratulations to:

Yan Fagundes	3 September
Mary Thicke	3 September
David Nagassar	5 September
Ayan Kumar	7 September
Mark Corwin	8 September
Lorraine Lahti	8 September
Kyle Kuppens	9 September
Sylvain Mailhot	10 September
Susan Rossi	11 September
Elisabeth Hamacher	12 September
Stephanie Manroop	19 September
Maegan Broadhurst	20 September
Diane Manroop	20 September
Gloria Doskie	21 September
Lisa Joseph	25 September
Micaela Fassina	25 September
Ferdinand Adamako	26 September
Christina (Tina) Provost	29 September
Gudrun Gundlach	29 September



Bulletin Photos

Please submit photos for the Sunday worship bulletin:

September 1	Banquet, Waiter, Love
September 8	Cross, Discipleship, Land
September 15	Sheep, Crozier, Laying on Hands
September 22	Jail, Cashier, Money, Prayer
September 29	Street Person, Thirst, Waiter
October 6	Justice, Mustard Seed, Plough
October 13	Thanksgiving, Food, Bread
October 20	Jacob, Wrestling, Judge, Gavel
October 27	Reformation, Luther, Bible

Send electronic photo files to Pastor Jim.

Stewardship of Creation

I was a teenager when Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* was popular. The author warned of the dangers of the widespread use of harmful pesticides like DDT. We talked about it a little at summer camp, but it seemed to make little difference to mainstream Christianity. Some even expressed theological arguments in favour of our exploitation and abuse of creation, in our role as managers or stewards of the world that God entrusted to Adam and Eve.

But the tide is turning.

Many congregations have screened environmental films like Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, and studied books like Naomi Klein's *This Changes Everything*. And whole denominations, including the ELCIC, have adopted an array of motions intended to help us take better care of the world God has "loaned" us.

In recent years some Christians have divested of shares in fossil fuel companies, in favour of sustainable energy projects. Energy audits have led to changes in church heating plants and insulation. Pipeline and clear-cutting protests often include collared pastors. Styrofoam cups and plastic straws are disappearing.

We have shifted from believing that the world is ours to consume, to an attitude of caring for something that belongs to all living creatures.

There are things we could do as a congregation: reduce disposable items at church functions, refrain from the use of herbicides and pesticides on our lawn, or even install solar panels on our roof.

But the greatest impact we can make is in our homes and private lives. How can we reduce our use of carbon-based fuels? How can we limit our reliance on toxic chemicals? How can our shopping for food and other goods promote the green and sustainable economy?

Some of our First Nations neighbours measure their environmental impact by wondering what difference decisions will make over the next seven generations.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack

Newsletter Editor

We're still seeking an editor/compiler of this monthly newsletter. The task requires several hours of layout, research, writing, proofreading and publishing each month. Contact Pastor Jim for a job description.

LARAM

The *Lutheran Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal* is wrapping up its operation, after an application to sponsor a family from Rwanda/Cameroon was rejected. In September the six-member coalition will decide where to donate funds already earmarked for refugee support.

Le Pont is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal, supporting new immigrants (especially women and children). *Action Refugies Montreal* is an ecumenical agency supporting refugees at the American border and the Laval Detention Centre.

In the summer the used furniture donated by members and friends of the congregation were delivered to an East African family in NDG.



Outreach

Thank you for your summer gifts to support CLWR in building shelters around the world.

In September the Outreach Committee invites you to present special offerings to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for guests of the Welcome Hall Mission. Look for the hallway display, and pick up a paper plate or two. Return your gift by September 22

Mission in Fiji

Holly Haarer has returned from her trip to Fiji, and will show and tell us about her work there after worship on September 29. Holly received a grant from CTR.

Mischa Bertschmann

Our grand-daughter Mischa, 13 years old, won a scholarship to train with professional dancers in Hollywood. Only three Canadian girls qualified from three different provinces. She got to participate in a shooting episode for Jurassic Parc.

Out of over forty participants she qualified for first place. Two years ago she danced with the Grand Ballet du Canada at Place des Arts, in their performance of the *Nutcracker*. We are very proud of her accomplishments.

- Heidi & Willy Bertschmann



Johnson Estate

In the spring Pastor Jim received a call from the Public Curator, regarding the death of Eric Johnson. Mr. Johnson was not married, and had no children, and the Curator arranged for his funeral. A subsequent search for Mr. Johnson's will revealed that in 1991

Christ Lutheran Church was named as the largest beneficiary of his succession, and that Pastor Thom

Zumbrock was identified as the liquidator. When Pastor Thom declined this appointment Pastor Jim, as the current pastor of Christ the Redeemer, accepted it.

Over the course of the summer Pastor Jim hired RBC Wealth Management (Trust) to assist in settling this succession. A variety of forms and notices have been completed, along with 2018 income taxes. The Trust Officer is also securing Mr. Johnson's investments.

With the help of Congregational Council and a professional cleaner Mr. Johnson's house in Pierrefonds has also been emptied, and will go on the market at the start of this month.

A more detailed report on this succession will be presented to the congregation when it has been settled (perhaps in the spring of 2020).

Plans may also be made for the re-interment of Mr. Johnson's remains sometime this fall.



Anglican Primate

While Lutherans elected Bishop Susan Johnson to a fourth term in Regina, the Anglican Church of Canada met in Vancouver to commemorate the retirement of Archbishop Fred Hiltz and elected Bishop Linda Nicholls as their 14th Primate. Shortly after her election she asked "Pray for us as a church, pray for us as a

General Synod and pray that at the heart of everything we do is to seek the glory of God, the proclamation of the Good News, the care of God's creation and loving one another as Christ has loved us."

Prior to her election. Bishop Nicholls served the Diocese of Huron (southern Ontario). She has also been a welcome guest at several Lutheran events.



Lessons

September 1

Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112,
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1,
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

September 15

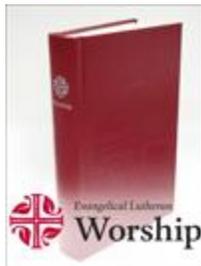
Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10,
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113,
1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146,
1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31



Craft Projects

If you like to work with your hands there are two projects you could help us with:

Book Ribbons

There are six coloured ribbons to weave into plastic mesh, that are to be used as bookmarks for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Ask Pastor Jim for the supplies and instructions, for work you could do at home.

Chrismons

Here at the church there are supplies to make new tree decorations for Christmas. They are Christian symbols made of styrofoam, ribbon and sequins, all of which are ready to work with in the corner of the coffee room. Perhaps we could schedule two or three work evenings.

Confirmation Class Meeting

Students and parents are invited to meet with Pastor Jim after worship on September 15, to learn about this year's Confirmation Class for teenagers. In 2019-20 we'll consider some of the most important passages in the Bible, and how we might become disciples of Jesus.

Sunday School

Classes for children age 3 and up will resume in September. After a few moments with the adults in worship on Sunday mornings children and their teacher Vicki Valois will meet twice a month for stories, crafts, songs and games. We'll kick off the new year on September 15, and also hold a session on September 29.

New Children's Books

We have just received, from the Eastern Synod, a new series of books introducing us to the Indigenous peoples of Canada, based on the Seven Teachings: Truth, Honesty, Respect, Courage, Wisdom, Love and Humility. The books are beautifully illustrated and simply told. They're near the children's table at the back of the nave.

Blessing of Backpacks

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to bless these backpacks. Make them strong for their job of helping our kids to learn. May their straps never break, their padding never give out, their zippers never jam....

May they never be forgotten in strange places; may the burdens in them be light; and may the bodies that bear them be strong, and growing, and whole, and blessed, ever blessed, by your love. In the name of the great Teacher at whose knee we are all students, Amen.
from SALT www.saltproject.org

Grace Saabas and the Parsonage

When Christ and Redeemer Lutheran Churches merged in 1996 the congregation decided to honour an agreement allowing Pastor Helmut and Grace Saabas to reside in the parsonage (house owned by the parish, as the residence of the parson or pastor) in NDG. Over the years the couple hosted dozens of meetings and studies, and welcomed hundreds of overnight guests.

After more than fifty years of occupancy at 4038 Marcil, Grace decided that the time has come for her to move. Her new address is 807 – 4800 Chemin de la Cote Saint Luc, Montreal QC, H3W 3H9. Her telephone and e-mail are unchanged.

Congregational Council will consider the future (and likely sale) of the parsonage this fall. Progress will be reported in the newsletter, and at the annual meeting. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving is being contemplated.