

Viral Times

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Outdoor Worship

For many years Lutherans in Montreal have gathered in late August for an outdoor service, picnic lunch, games for young and old, and a raffle in support of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. In recent years we were guests at St. James Anglican Church in Hudson.

The COVID-19 virus has forced us to change our plans in 2020. We will gather at 11:00 on August 23 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1720 Decarie) in Ville St. Laurent. The Rev. Ronald Shumba, recently arrived from Zimbabwe, will be our guest preacher at the Service of the World. No meal or activities will follow.

There are now 75 spaces for chairs available. To reserve yours contact Carol Meindl at 514-482 2506 or carol.meindl@gmail.com. Bring a sun hat, mask and printed copy of the service (which we will send you). You may also bring your own lawn chair, or use one of the seats from the congregation.

Please note that the event will be cancelled in the event of rain.



Party in the Box Brazil

Nicole Bk, the step-daughter of Sandro, recently arrived in Canada from Brazil. She hopes to study Bio-medicine. And to help with tuition she has started a company making authentic Brazilian food baskets.

Call her at 438-521-7413 or look for her company on Facebook and Instagram.

Life Line

Natalie and I will take some time off in August. Whether we stay at home and enjoy a few day trips, or venture further away, I won't be publishing this mini-newsletter August 12 and 19. When I return to work I will begin organising the September edition of *Redeeming Words*.

It seems quite likely that even if we begin to worship in person in the fall some will prefer to remain at home and visit with us via Zoom. Which means that we will continue to use this video-conferencing platform for a number of our gatherings for months to come.

It also leads me to wonder about the future of the *Viral Times*. It started to help keep members up to date with pandemic news that was changing almost daily. Now we're moved into what many are calling the new normal.

So please let me know if VT is something you've been reading, and if it should continue to be published even as face-to-face worship resumes.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack

Sunday School

What will our children's program look like in the fall? In person? Via the internet? Cancelled altogether? Parents, let me or Vicki know what seems best.

This Week at CTR

July 29 Lessons' Study

Zoom Meeting ID 879 1570 3753

August 2 Worship - HC 9:30/10:00 am

Zoom Meeting ID 879 6252 4151

