

OCTOBER 2019

## Living our FAITH

PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE



ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson personally invites you to join with your sisters and brothers across this church, individually and as congregations and specialized ministries, to strive for a deeper discipleship as we live out

our baptismal covenants. **“God is calling us into this deeper relationship—a call to living out our baptismal covenants.”**

Over the next four years, we will take a closer look at each of the following four areas: ~ **PRAY** ~ **READ** ~ **WORSHIP** ~ **LOVE** ~

**PRAY 2019-2020** We are called to daily prayer. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or it’s something you want to grow, a daily prayer practice is very individual —there is no one right way to pray! Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable. And if you’re looking for ways to grow your daily prayer, here are a few thoughts to consider:

◆ Set aside a bit of time each day to prayer. In this busy and hectic world, find time each day and commit to spending 5, 10, 15 minutes or more focusing on prayer. Pencil it in your calendar so it becomes a regular part of your daily life.

◆ Be specific about your prayer practice. As the names of people who you want to pray for come into your mind, write down their names so that when you get to the time you have set aside for prayer, you can pray for that person by name.

◆ Consider using a daily devotion (such as Eternity for Today or Praying the Catechism) to focus your prayer practice. These resources include a scripture reading, a reflection and a prayer or some guidance on what to include in your prayers.

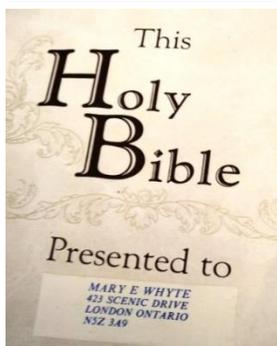
◆ Start a journal. Keep a journal and include in there your prayers. Commit to writing in it daily.

◆ Follow the Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer. For each Sunday there are intentions for specific groups in both the ACC and ELCIC. Look around for other prayer cycles that you’d like to include as part of your prayer life.

◆ Offer prayers for others when you feel they could use a prayer. You may be surprised how often this will be a welcome gesture. Do you have other ways in which you intentionally include prayer as part of Living YOUR Faith?

We would love to hear from you. Please share your thoughts and ideas by emailing [LivingOurFaith@elcic.ca](mailto:LivingOurFaith@elcic.ca)

## **READING FROM THE BIBLE IN WORSHIP**



Each Sunday I walk out into the middle of the congregation to proclaim the Gospel message as the congregation turns to face that spot in the centre of the gathered faithful. The Gospel is central to our faith and our proclamation. In the

past I had used my own NRSV Bible – it was a gift from a close friend as I started seminary in 2001. Over the past year or more, I started using a Bible that I found in my office. It belonged to Mary Whyte.

Do you have a favourite copy of the Bible? Would you like me to read from your Bible when I proclaim the Gospel in worship? It doesn't matter which translation the Bible uses, I will read it and use that translation to guide my sermon preparation.

~ Pastor Steve

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (NRSV) was published in 1989 and is the standard translation used within the ELCIC and many other denominations.

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## **A LETTER TO TRINITY'S REFUGEE TEAM**

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

Hi! Kaldoun was here this week for a little visit. He is sponsoring his mom, dad & sister (17 yrs. old) to emigrate to Canada. They have passed security and all tests. They are awaiting word to go to the airport. Their arrival could be any time before Christmas.

Kaldoun has business cards to promote his business. He has done some excellent upholstery of chairs for me. He has applied for Canadian citizenship and looks forward to voting for his first time in the October election. He is ready for his English test now that he can easily speak, read and write English.

Kadir (Kaldoun's wife) is going to ESL classes. The 3 oldest children are in school and the youngest goes to daycare at the ESL location. Kadir is now comfortable answering the phone in English and her conversation is much easier now.

Kaldoun would like to get high school and trade school certifications. He is 30 years old now. His sister has never had an opportunity to get schooling.

Let's see what we can do to help Kaldoun and his family achieve their goals.

~ Lois Rose (Redeemer Refugee Team)



## **BIBLE STUDY & LEARNING**

- Spiritual Beings

In the opening pages of the Bible, God creates two overlapping realms, the heavens and the earth. This is where the drama of the biblical storyline takes place. In each of the videos we explore the question, “What are these **Spiritual Beings?**”

September 25 Spiritual Beings

Session 5. Angel of the Lord

October 2 Spiritual Beings

Session 6. The Satan and Demons

October 9 Spiritual Beings

Session 7. The New Humanity

- The Book of 1st Corinthians

Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. We have to choose one or the other—we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus.

In this 12-part series, author and speaker Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives.

October 16 Bible Study | 1 Corinthians 1:1–31

Session 1 Know The Problem

October 23 Bible Study | 1 Corinthians 2:1–3:23

Session 2 Follow The Spirit

October 30 Bible Study | 1 Corinthians 4:1–21

Session 3 Reject Cultural Norms

November 6 Bible Study | 1 Corinthians 5:1–13

Session 4 Root Out Sin

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

Council reconvened on 9 September 2019 after what seemed like a fleeting summer. This year is promising to be a busy one. Fall is an eventful time of year in our church with items such as bursary awards being distributed to our youth. We will also have our Annual Oktoberfest Lunch with all the “trimmings”. All Lutherans will be commemorating the origins of our denomination with Reformation Sunday at the end of October. We have lasted many years. Let's make it many, many more.

This church year we will have more intergenerational services with the Sunday school children and staff contributing to our services. They are already preparing for Christmas pageant!

On a more serious note, security has become a more frequent issue lately. Council and the Property Committee are looking into ways to remedy this situation in the near future. Unfortunately, gone are the days we can leave our doors open. The new lighting has been installed on the south east side of the parking lot which will help a lot at night. Our main doors remain an ongoing problem with parts being scarce. Our property men are staying on top of it. I commend Robert, Steve, Herb and Glenn for their tenacity and, as always, keeping our church in good repair.

Talks will be resuming with Redeemer regarding our joint venture. Our Steering Committee is made up of four individuals: David Killinger, Bob McGee, Deb Killinger and Pastor Steve. Your questions and concerns are welcomed and appreciated. Synod representatives will also be advising us.

We wish LCFI God's blessing in their ministry and missions.

As always, we welcome the congregation's questions, concerns and ideas. Council serves at the pleasure of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Millar, Vice-Chair

## **SINGLE USE PLASTIC**

Many communities around the world are revising their approach to using plastics, especially plastic products that are used once then sent to become garbage. Our little communion cups are one example of a single use plastic product. At Trinity we are making a change to help our environment and reduce our plastic waste. Can you tell the difference between the two single use communion glasses in the photo? The one the right is made from corn and is 100% biodegradable. When our existing supply runs out, which will take about 18 months, we plan to move to the corn-based ones. You might be using the biodegradable some Sunday before then.



Thank you for using  
**The  
 Friendliest Cup  
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## TLW

Seniors' Worship and Lunch- The 2nd Annual BBQ was again a success. A number of seniors and the pastors from Redeemer and St. Ansgar joined us. Thanks to Herb Henkel for his grilling expertise. The next event is on **Tuesday 8 October at 11:30 am**. A cozy fall menu is being planned. If you need a ride, please call Annette in the church office 519-432-4832.

Dinner and Annual Meeting - A big thank you to the men who again served and did the clean-up. It is much appreciated. It was decided that the following charitable donations would be made.

Lamp, Anova, Teen Challenge &  
 My Sister's Place - \$100 each.

Mission Store, Child Can, Food Bank &  
 Change Her World - \$200 each.

CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) - This year we will again send 60 Living and Learning Kits and 2 Teacher's Kits ( each kit supplies a classroom of 20). We are also putting together 10 Baby Bundles. In addition, this year we will be sending 20 infant/children size blankets. All these items are sent to the poorest areas of the world where war and disaster have taken their toll. Monetary donations to this ministry would be much appreciated. Please mark the envelope - CLWR KITS.

### Slate of Officers:

Co-chairs - Barb Drogemuller and Lydia Reinhard

Secretary - Jean Hohnstein

Treasurer - Carolyn Sellars

Committee - Nancy Henkel, Kathy Meadows

Susan Okkonen & Linda Reynolds

Oktoberfest 2019 - Sunday 27 October - This will be our 3rd Oktoberfest and again we will enjoy traditional food (a variety of sausages, potato salad, sauerkraut, coleslaw, breads and, of course, dessert). A variety of beverages will be available including the most traditional Oktoberfest drink. The all-inclusive price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and children under 5 are free. Walter, the accordion player, will again entertain us with lively music. Tickets sales will begin **Sunday 6 October**.

Remember your sisters at My Sister's Place. The donation box is in the Koehler Fellowship Hall. Lists of needed items are on top of the box.

~ Lydia Reinhard

## THANKSGIVING

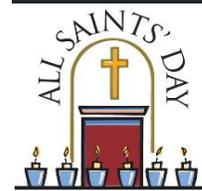
We are once again looking for items to decorate the altar for **Thanksgiving Sunday, 13 October**.



Items can be brought into the church and left in the upstairs kitchen area **no later than noon on Friday 11 October**.

We are also asking that you consider bringing in non-perishable food items for the London Food Bank & My Sister's Place. Please place these items in the grocery cart and bin in the Koehler Fellowship Hall. *Let us all give thanks for our many blessings*

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Our All Saints Service will be held on **Sunday 3 November**. We hope you will join us in remembering all those who have passed away this year.

## MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Saturday 19 October at 9 am**.

## BURSARY AWARDS

Congratulations to our bursary recipients ~ Emily & Katelyn Inch, Nicholas Killinger, Curtis Leisk, Janelle Lightbourne, Laura Manners & Monica Spilsbury. We wish them all well in their academic year.

## **GORDON E. ULLERICK MEMORIAL FUND**

The Gordon E. Ullerick Memorial Fund offers financial assistance to children/youth, who are active in the church, and require some assistance with their educational development, (i.e. school materials, class trip). Applications are available throughout the year from the church office.



Bring along your pet (real or not) to be blessed on **Sunday 6 October**. All pets and their owners welcome!



## **SERVING IN OCTOBER**

	<b>6 October</b>	<b>13 October</b>	<b>20 October</b>	<b>27 October</b>
Communion Assistants	Bob McGee Reinhard Helbing	Steve Krautner Vivian Parker	Anthony Pepers Ted Reinhard	Emily & Katelyn Inch
Ushers	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel Alice Cooper	Brady Hough Carolyn & Bob Sellars	Nancy Jackman Nancy Hickling Lawrence Petch	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Brady Hough
Reader	Heather Holmes	Reinhard Helbing	Vivian Parker	Teresa Nicholds
Acolyte	Doug Hohnstein	Jeff Holmes	Heather Holmes	Katelyn Inch
Crucifer	Cheryl Millar	Nancy Magguilli	Jean Hohnstein	Emily Inch
Altar Care	←----- Bob Sellars, Marie Gray, Jodi Kaufman -----→			
Greeters	George & Viola Cooper & Family	Marg Fish & Cheryl Millar	Alice & Francis Hinnah & Family	Phoebe Knith & Family
Refreshments	Kathy & Jim Hough	Cheryl Millar, Teresa Nicholds	Lydia & Ted Reinhard	Doug & Jean Hohnstein
Prayer Leader	Pastor Steve Johnston	Vivian Parker	Cheryl Millar	Ernie Buffett
Prayer Rotation	Pastor Steve Johnston & Sr. Jean Widmeyer Trinity, London	Rev. Mike Lees Trinity, Windsor	Bishop Michael Pryse Eastern Synod & Support Staff	Bishop Susan Johnson National ELCIC Office & Support Staff

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Participation House 8:30 am  Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	2 Bible Study 2 pm	3 Choir 7:30 pm	4	5 Ham Radio Group 9 am
6 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Blessing of the Pets 	7 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm  Council 7 pm	8 Seniors' Worship & Luncheon 11:30 am  Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	9 Bible Study 2 pm	10 Participation House 9 am  Lions 6 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	11	12
13 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  	14       <i>Office Closed</i>	15 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	16 Bible Study 2 pm	17 Participation House 9 am  Choir 7:30 pm	18	19 Men's Club 9 am  Ham Radio Group 9 am  Parkinson's Group 2 pm
20 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	21 Federal Election 8 am  LSS 9:30 am	22 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	23 Cheshire 1 pm  Bible Study 2 pm	24 Lions 6 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	25	26 Ham Radio Group 9 am  Liberian Group 5 pm
27 Reformation  Oktoberfest Luncheon 12 pm 	28 Participation House 8:30 am    <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i>	29 Participation House 8:30 am  Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	30 Bible Study 2 pm	31 Choir 7:30 pm		