

THE VINE

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as well as to view our online worship services.

Trusting God



There was a little girl whom a farmer found lost in his meadow. The farmer said to her, "Do not cry; I'll take you home."

The little child snuggled up to him, and with a smile, said, "I knew you would; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying you would," she said.

"Praying? When I first heard you, you were saying A-B-C-D-E-F-G. What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I'm just a little girl. I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way he wanted to. He knows I was lost, and he knows how to put them together better than I do."

Often, we think we know what we need. We tend to dictate to God, telling him how he should operate for us. A Child-like faith recognizes that Our Father Knows Best. We are simply called to place our trust in Him and submit our life to His purposes. As Matthew said:

What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

(Matthew 6:31-34 – The Message)

Trust in the Lord. He will never let you down!

Live in His Love,

Greg

Teach Us To Pray



Jesus' disciples asked him how to pray. He prayed the now famous, Lord's Prayer.

October's worship series will be on prayer. This is such an essential practice of our faith.

We will look at four types of prayer and how they can change our life and the world around us.

October 4	Prayers Celebrating God	Psalms 95:1-7
October 11	Prayers Thanking God	Psalms 136:1-9, 25-26
October 18	Prayers of Confession	Psalms 51:1-12
October 25	Prayers of Request	Matthew 6:25-34

Board Report by Garry Mihaichuk

Board Vine September 2020 Report

I continue to pray that this note finds you all safe and healthy.

Let me start out by saying THANK YOU for the financial support that the congregation provided in August and September. After my last note the August donations rose from the amount we were anticipating of \$14,849 to \$28,307! Cliff has also advised that our September donations are currently at \$28,600 with one week to go in the month. These donations and our reduced expense level have reduced our deficit from the anticipated level of \$29,850 in August to a deficit of \$10,300. Please continue this support and we can reduce our deficit to zero by the end of the year!!!

The Board and Pastor Greg are very excited by our planned re-opening of the church for in-person services on October 4th. We understand that coming together may raise some concerns with those that have underlying medical conditions and so we will also start live streaming of the services on October 4th. That would mean that you will be able to participate at home on your electronic device on a real time basis as it will be presented live. We will continue to post a recorded version of the services but this will follow sometime after the live services as these services will be recorded and will be used for the YouTube version.

Our re-opening of the church is being made possible by the excellent work of the Risk Management Committee (Pastor Greg, Bob Montgomery, Nick Perchthaler, Ken Farn and Cliff Blumhagen) who have put together the necessary procedures that will provide a safe congregational experience. Some of the changes include: the cleaning/sanitizing procedures for the church; the reserved seating and ushered entrance and exit to ensure social distancing; measurement of temperatures to ensure all entering are healthy; congregation required use of protective face coverings to avoid potential spread of Covid; and all Alberta Health recommendations! Please ensure that you complete your waiver ahead of attending the service and review the detailed procedures and protocols emailed on September 21st from the Risk Management Committee.

There will be some notable differences that will occur due to Covid as part of our service. There will be no live singing allowed either by the praise singers or by the congregation to avoid the spread of droplets that could contain the coronavirus. The praise singers will be recorded prior to the service and will be played on the screen in the sanctuary during the service. Congregational members may hum but are requested to sing to yourself only, remember "when you sing to yourself Jesus can still hear you"! There will be no communion during the month of October. This will be evaluated and a safe method proposed for November. Also, due to the fact that the live streaming is completed as it happens, communion at home will be allowed during November as well. There will be no fellowship inside of the church and no coffee or food available to avoid multiple contacts. Fellowship can take place outside if social distancing and face protection are worn. The congregation will be requested to only use the rest room near Pastor Greg's office to ensure that the main bathrooms are only used by Painted Wombats and that only one person is in the bathroom at one time again to avoid unintended viral contacts.

Board Report (continued)

We will be using the fellowship hall as well as the sanctuary for services to allow for social distancing. The TV will enable those in the fellowship hall to see the live stream of the service and the hall speaker system will be used to hear. If and when we reach our capacity for social distancing we will continue to broadcast over our LCOS FM system so that you can participate in your vehicle.

During the month of September, we continued our use of virtual worship services and a FM assisted “parking lot” service and fellowship time. This parking lot service included communion on the first and third Sundays of the month. These were completed by a dedicated group of people: 1) Pastor Greg completed wonderful services in the church sanctuary; 2) the praise singers which you all see and hear each week from our sanctuary included: Doug and Joan Drennan, Yvonne and Beth Eberhardt, Reiko Formella, Alex and Terrylee McKay and Jocelyn Smith; 3) the slides preparation by Lauren Dzikowski and Dorothea Schaab and running of the worship computer by Dorothea Schaab; 4) the videoing and editing of the worship services and running of the FM by Mike Mihaichuk; and 5) any altar decorations provided by Karen Smith. A large thanks to you all for providing us with essential spiritual food for our souls.

The staff and a team from LCOS with over 50 members have ensured that every member is called each week, including Flock Care which continues to provide support on a safe and healthy basis. Pastor Greg and Judy McDonald have worked diligently to prepare the package contents and delivery and call systems. There are also volunteers who are delivering items to members when they are needed. One of the best aspects of this Covid19 situation is that we are bringing people closer together even though we are required to stay physically apart. Thanks to all those that are volunteering as it is greatly appreciated. You are a blessing to the congregation. If you do require any assistance please contact Pastor Greg at 403-464-8254 so he can co-ordinate.

The Board continues to be concerned about the health and welfare of all of you in the congregation especially during these times. We are also dedicated to continuing the viability and spiritual strength of the LCOS family. Please keep up your contacts in a healthy and medically safe manner but please continue. If you have questions for the Board please send them to Garry Mihaichuk electronically at gmihaichuk@me.com or over the phone at 403-975-0081.

Yours in Christ

Garry Mihaichuk
Board Chair



Starting in October we will be offering worship in the sanctuary...with some COVID-19 protocols (see letter about the protocols in this issue of the Vine). Services will be at 9:00 & 11:00 am. Fellowship will be in the parking lot following each service. Maximum capacity for the facility is 60. Attendance will be by reservation via email or phone call on a first come, first serve basis.

The service will still be broadcast over the 100.5 FM if you don't make the cut off and wish to remain in your car in the parking lot. Because we are just starting indoor worship, communion will not be offered for the month of October. We hope to resume the Lord's Supper in November.

Also, the service will be offered in livestream and pre-recorded formats over Youtube, for those who are not yet comfortable or are unable to attend.

This is certainly a work in progress. We want you to know that our first priority is for your safety as we begin to re-open the facility. Thank you for your patience and see you in October!

In-Church Worship Services
October 4, 11, 18, 25
9:00 & 11:00 am

Be sure to register the previous Thursday
with Judy McDonald at 403-615-9317 or
office2@oursaviourchurch.ca

Questions should be directed to
Nick Perchthaler at 587-437-8511

LCOS Congregational Re-Opening Procedures

Submitted by Risk Management Committee

Below are the re-opening procedures for the Congregation as we will commence our In-Church services on October 4, 2020. It should be noted that these procedures are very dynamic. The health and safety of all congregational members is of the utmost importance. We will continue to adjust our protocols to improve on them as we gain experience during the initial opening weeks. We have assembled a team of ushers that will help you as you attend your first live service in several months. Please ensure that you follow all protocols and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the ushers for assistance. If you have any questions regarding these protocols, please contact Nick Perchthaler at 587-437-8511.

Here are some specific details:

- Services will be held at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.
- Prior to attending your service, you will need to register your attendance. Please contact Judy McDonald at 403-615-9317 or via e-mail at Office2@oursaviourchurch.ca by Thursday, October 1, 2020 to do so. Please advise which service you wish to attend and how many will be in your party. Also please advise if you have any special needs that need to be considered at this time. This is required so that we can ensure proper social distancing of all those that wish to attend. We will need to set up a proper seating plan to accommodate as many members as possible. You may not be able to sit where you have always been used to, but please keep in mind that we are trying to accommodate as many members as possible. There will be seating available in the Sanctuary and overflow in the Fellowship Hall.
- If required, you may also stay in your vehicle and listen to the service on FM100.5.
- The service will also be live streamed or you can watch it on YouTube via the link as per the previous several months.
- There will be no communion during the first service.
- When you arrive at church, you must submit a completed waiver form. This document follows these protocols. Each adult must submit a form. A parent may sign on behalf of their children. It is recommended that you complete this form in advance and provide it to an usher upon arrival. Waivers will be provided as you enter for those that have not filled it out in advance. Note that the waiver is a one time document, unless your circumstances change. Then you would need to notify the church of those changes.
- The only entrance into the church will be via the West door. The ushers will meet you there and escort you to your assigned seats.
- Everyone will have their temperature checked upon entry into the church. Anyone who has a temperature above 38 degrees Celsius will not be allowed into the church, but may listen to the service from their vehicle in the parking lot.
- There will be a collection box for donations along with hand sanitizer and face masks available at the entrance.
- The wearing of face masks is mandatory once you enter the church for the entire service.
- Please do not bring any food or drink into the church.
- Please keep all your personal belongings with you at all times. What you bring in, please take back out with you.
- Please ensure that while you are in the church that you keep a social distance of at least 2 meters between you and members who are not a part of your immediate family.
- Washrooms will be available at the North end of the building. The kitchen, Library and all other parts of the building not required for the service will be off limits.
- After the service, exit via the West or North doors. There will be arrows on the floor to guide you on how to exit the church.
- Fellowship gatherings will be outside of the building only. Ensure that you are following proper social distancing and continue the use of your face mask.

COVID-19 Member/Guest Health & Compliance Declaration



Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

COVID-19 Member/Guest Health & Compliance Declaration

At the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour (LCOS) the health and safety of members, guests, staff and volunteers attending worship services is of critical importance. To manage the risks of operation during the Covid-19 Pandemic, all those attending worship services are required to complete and sign the following "Declaration of Understanding" to acknowledge current operational restrictions, prior to attending entering the premises.

Member/Guest Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Members & Guests are required to consider the following prior to accessing the premises on each and every visit during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Symptoms

Are you currently displaying any of the signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19: fever, cough, congestion or shortness of breath?

() YES () NO

Potential Exposure

Have you been advised to self-isolate within the last 14 days by Alberta Health Services (AHS)? () YES () NO

Have you been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or travelled outside of Canada within the past 14 days?

() YES () NO

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions, please do not enter the premises.

By submitting this document, I/we acknowledge and understand the expectations of LCOS and the provisions outlined below and agree to adhere to the provisions stated below:

() I/we understand the benefits of frequent handwashing and will undertake to wash my hands for 20 seconds prior to arrival at LCOS. Access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer is available on arrival as well as before and after using washroom facilities.

() I/we agree to adhere to physical distancing requirements (2 meters or 6 feet) at all times.

() Children are the responsibility of parents and must remain within arm's reach of their parent, family member or care giver.

() I/we agree to adhere to basic illness prevention and hygiene strategies, including leaving the premises if feeling unwell.

() I/we agree to wear a mask at all times while inside the building and agree mask wearing is highly recommended outdoors while on the premises.

() I/we understand staff and volunteers will wear masks on the premises and provide directions as required, to ensure the orderly flow of worshippers in order to maintain proper social distancing.

Members and guests are required to arrive no earlier than ten (10) minutes prior to the previously announced service times of 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.

Staff and volunteers will conduct ongoing disinfection of hard surfaces such as pews and washrooms before and after each worship service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Virtual VBS was such a success, we want to offer the experience throughout the year with our Virtual Sunday School Program. Check out the link about Faith Lab @ Home, Season 2.

<https://kidminscience.com/faith-lab-home-season-2/>

There is so much flexibility with this program. You can do it on Sunday or whenever it fits with your family's schedule. And LCOS will cover the licensing cost. It will be like VBS all year!

Contact Pastor Greg if you would like to sign up your family at

pastorgreg@oursaviourchurch.ca or 403-464-8254.

Submitted by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

If you are able to contribute to the church during the church closure due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

There is no service charge to the church for this giving method and generally there is no service charge to the giver.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account.

There is a service charge of \$0.50 per transaction to the church for this giving method and generally there is no additional service charge to the giver.

If you sign up by September 01, your monthly donation would begin September 20.

Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or blumhagencg@gmail.com) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail or drop off a cheque to the church.

There is no service charge to the church for this giving method and the usual service charge for writing a cheque will apply to the giver.

However, bank trips are limited at this time and it may take several weeks until cheques are deposited at the bank.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card) (NEW):

Donations are made via the following secure link: <https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/> now.

There is a service charge of \$0.50 per transaction plus 2.3% of the amount given to the church for this giving method and generally there is no service charge to the giver. When giving there is an opportunity to give an additional amount to help defray the transaction fees to the church.

Text Giving (via credit or debit card) (NEW):

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

There is a service charge of \$0.50 per transaction plus 2.3% of the amount given to the church for this giving method and generally there is no service charge to the giver. When giving there is an opportunity to give an additional amount to help defray the transaction fees to the church.

In addition, standard text message and data rates may apply to the giver.

The quarterly giving statements for quarter 2 were generated in early July and distributed via email to givers with an email address on file. For anyone without an email address, the statement can be printed. As the church is closed, they will not be printed at this time. Please contact Cliff with any questions or if you would like a printed copy of the statement.

LCOS is now using a new cloud-based system to track member and friend information and giving information. The system is called REALM. Individual logins can be set up for anyone who has an email address that is listed in the REALM system. An individual login allows view and update capability of personal information. As well, giving information can be viewed anytime. If you would like a login, please contact Cliff.

The annual Stewardship program is coming in November! Please watch for details in the coming weeks.

You can contact Cliff at: blumhagencg@gmail.com or 403-936-0419.



Stewardship calls us to understand the value of what we have been given and that there is nothing in all of creation more valuable than Jesus Christ our Lord.

Without Jesus, nothing we can gain in this world matters. Every bit of comfort, health, and wealth that we have is worth losing if we gain him. If we truly value Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, this attitude will shape our lives and lead us into extravagant generosity towards Jesus and others.

What might that look like? We can see easily when we look upon the cross and see the extravagant generosity of Jesus towards us. This is the attitude of stewardship. An attitude that knows the price and the cost of following Jesus, but understands that the value in doing so is founded in the reward of knowing and having Jesus himself as our Lord.

***You always have
the poor with you,
but you do not always
have me.
-John 12:8***



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Hospital Visitor Training

Would you like to learn about becoming a Trained Visitor in a hospital or care facility setting? Join in an initial Visitor Training Session, sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta. The class will be held on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66 - 7th St. NE Calgary. Bring a bag lunch. Social distancing and have a mask. This will be Pastor Mark Lobitz's final time at presenting the Visitor Training. There is no charge.

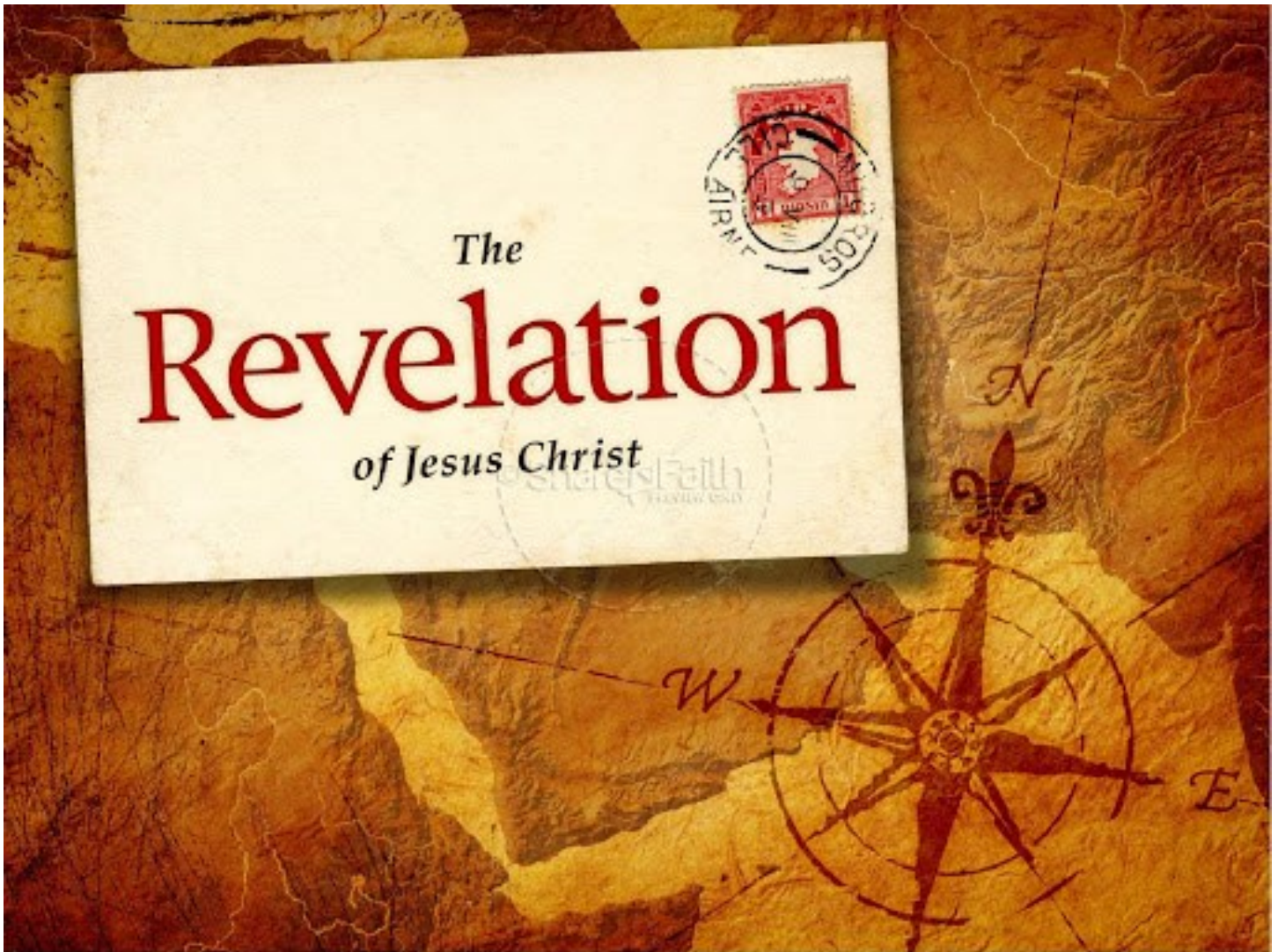
Please contact Pastor Lobitz at 403-637-2650 or mclobitz@gmail.com for more information.

Thanks and blessings!

Pastor Mark Lobitz

Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta

Adult Bible Study Begins in October!



Revelation is one of the most confusing and misunderstood books in the Bible, and we are going to jump head-first into it this Fall. Come and discover this incredible book of Hope for our times. Classes will meet each Wednesday evening @ 7:00 pm and Thursday morning @ 10:00 am, starting October 21 and 22.

September 2020



Who's on first? (a quick update on the whereabouts of our kids)

Hannah is back in Langley after a summer at home. She is hoping to find work there and is continuing to take courses at TWU for her degree.

Isaac moved out in July but remains in Salmon Arm. He is taking computer science courses “at” UBC, though studies are all online this fall. He continues to enjoy his work at a local tech repair shop.

Nathan is back at school for grade 11 after a summer of odd jobs and epic bike rides. He has caught the downhill mountain biking bug in a big way!

Aaron is also back at school for grade 9. He had a good summer, finding his way into a river or a lake at every opportunity.

Rachael is home-schooling this year for grade 8. She spent the summer happily mucking stalls at a local farm to earn riding lessons!

Unger Update

What a summer! We know things came to a complete stop in March, like they did everywhere, but somehow the pace kept picking up over the summer to the point where, by the end of it, our heads were spinning! As the kids grow older, their activities expand (see **"Who's on first?"** in the sidebar). **We are so thankful** for the various things our children were able to be involved with this summer, both work and play. God has indeed been good.

Cathy and the girls planted a garden again this year, and we have enjoyed peas and carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers, lettuce—and yes—even zucchini! With fewer out-of-province visitors, we enjoyed a couple of opportunities to camp with friends in some nearby provincial sites. And with a slow forest fire season, there were no campfire bans or smoky skies until recently. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful place!

Now it is fall; kids are back at school and the evenings are getting cooler again. Our siding project on the house is nearly complete (yay!), and the days continue to be full.

What's on second? (a quick update on what translation looks like when you can't travel)

We are thankful that the **Solomon Islands remains COVID free** at this point! The flip side of this is the borders continue to be closed. There have only been 2 repatriation flights since the spring so it may be a long time before foreign workers like us are allowed to enter... While trips to the Solomons remain on hold for the present, translation work continues. Paul chips away at making suggestions and corrections to the translation drafts that have been completed. With all the drafts we have, there's enough to keep him busy for the next 20 years working on his own, but at a certain point there's no moving forward without further input from Doku speakers. And then there's the dictionary and other linguistics to fill in time while working on our house projects. Cathy has started typing the book of Ezekiel (one of the last drafts to be keyboarded!), and homeschooling again.

I don't know – third base!

While **we never *really* know what the future holds**, just a few months ago we were able to pretend a bit better that our plans would come to pass. No longer... Paul's last trip to the Solomons was in November 2019. His "usual" spring trip was a no-go this year, and as we said, there doesn't appear to be the possibility of a fall trip either.



Please pray:

- thank God that the Solomons have remained COVID-19 free so far!
- thank God for the hope and peace He gives amidst challenges and uncertainty
- pray for the translators to remain engaged despite Paul not being able to visit them
- pray for the search for a new director for SITAG (our translation group in the Solomons)

Looking back, this summer marked **our 20th anniversary with Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada**, and 19 years of work with the Doku people! While we feel like we've been at this work forever, we also can't believe how fast the time has gone. We continue to be thankful for what God has done!

We have no idea how the next 20 years are going to play out, but we know there is more than enough work to keep us busy. When we think about the future, we feel a bit like Abbot and Costello—going around and around, only to land on “third base... *I don't know!*” So we trust that our Father will provide ways for us to continue doing the work we were called to do.

Gratefully,

Paul and Cathy



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Thank You

Thanks to everyone who kindly sent my mom,
Karen Nordgaard, cards to celebrate her 90th
birthday!
She was happy to receive so many greetings!
All praises to God for the gift of her wonderful life!

Johanne Johanson



Acadia Lunch Program

The partnership that McDougall United Church and our church has had with the schools in our area over the past 5 years has been suspended until further notice due to COVID. The schools have received direction from within the CBE stating that no independent community/group supports can take place at this point to mitigate risks related to COVID. If and when restrictions ease, they may contact us to continue.

Submitted by Barb Smith

Altar Care

Due to the COVID situation we will not be having our annual meeting at the end of October. Instead, Karen will call everyone to find out what month you would prefer for 2021. If you are not comfortable with signing up at this time, that's fine! We will tentatively plan our meeting for the Spring if all is well in the world. New people are always welcome!!

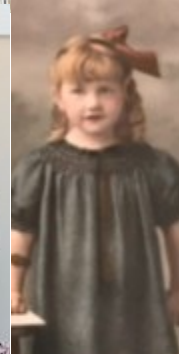
If there are any questions, please call Karen Smith (403) 271 - 1472 or Marg Hall (403) 256 - 4786.

Submitted by Karen Smith

Some Very Special September Celebrations



CELEBRATING
85
Years



Blessed by God
for 85 years



Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

October 2020 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

Please permit me a bit of grandparent boasting time. This is new – for me, for my spouse, Cathy, for our family, and for our granddaughter.

She arrived several weeks early. I predicted the date, early as it was. I just had a feeling. Teighan Rhylee Kochendorfer arrived Thursday, July 9th, the anniversary of my ordination 31 years ago.

Teighan was in the NICU for several days, then transferred to another hospital for monitoring – all in the midst of COVID-19 hospital restrictions. We finally saw her nearly two weeks after her birth.

Though I guessed her birthday, I was a bit off on the time, convinced she would be born in the wee hours of the night, and I was off by a few ounces. She was 4 pounds, 9 ounces at birth, lost weight after, and was a staggering 4 pounds 7 ounces when she was discharged and I was able to first cradle her in my arms.

I have been pondering these past weeks. Wondering what it might be for me to be a Papa, and Cathy a Nana. Reflecting on this remarkable, mysterious gestation, germination, quickening, and birth. It feels very much like the remarkable, mysterious gestation, germination, quickening, and birth of this coronavirus adventure. A journey, an opportunity that invites us to where we do not determine the route, the result, or the final outcome. Where we walk in the midst of disorientation and anxiety, frustration and uncertainty, and through resiliency, imagination, generosity, experimentation, and learning.

Gestation: a silent, mystifying coming together. Conception. Watching and waiting. Listening. Deep observation. Listening. A place of impulse and intuition. And, listening.

Germination: a hushed, still gathering. Sprouting and incubating. A place of dreams and possibility, aches and wonders. Where imagination and ideas are whispered, tried, and set aside. Where words are too inadequate for what one is trying to describe.

Ah, the **Quickening:** a magical moment. The first fluttering movement, like a butterfly, proving that life has drawn together. A poke from a limb. For months, the cells have been growing until it's clear: something new is here. Still unknown, nameless, and unfamiliar. A journey for months – perhaps years – moving toward a new season. Some clarity. An awareness of the opportunity. A coming into being. Something coming, but not yet arrived.

Birth: an effort of deep pain and instant love. A labor of shedding pain and turning to that which is alive, new. The wondrous becoming familiar. And new energy and gifts and passion, for what might be.

I am reflecting on this remarkable, mysterious gestation, germination, quickening, and birth of Teighan Rhylee Kochendorfer. And, this Papa's love that knows no bounds.

I am also continuing to ponder this parallel coronavirus adventure. And the grace and mercy of God's promised presence on the journey, and the love of God, which knows no bounds.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Larry