



Good morning everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to watch some of the Youtube videos that Pr. Vida provided over the Christmastide. Pastor Vida has worked so hard to keep us all connected with each other and with our faith, and I just want to say personally, how much it is appreciated!

We are now in the season of Epiphany, and at this time we chalk the date above the door of the church. Pastor Vida did this this week and here is a YouTube link for you to watch <https://youtu.be/8Z9kyagIEZ0>



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Olivia A.
Marcus A
Sue E.
Jim B.



Pr Vida's mother has recovered from her bout with COVID! and she would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Also, please keep these friends in your prayers this week: Estelle, Tillie, Billie, Pr Larry and Gail. Tanya is also asking for your prayers as she grieves the loss of her uncle Werner in Germany. He was her mother's brother.



Truth and Reconciliation outreach series.

Church of the Cross in Victoria is hosting a Dessert and Dialogue with Guest **Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg**

Rev Dr. Martin Brokenleg is a retired professor and was most recently Director of Native Ministries and Professor of First Nations Theology at the Vancouver School of Theology. He holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Anglican Divinity School. For thirty years, Dr. Brokenleg was Professor of Native American studies at Augustana University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is co-author of the book *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future* and co-developer of the Circle of Courage model and provides training worldwide for individuals who work with youth at risk. He is the father of three children and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

All are invited to attend the Zoom event Details are below.

Date and Time: Jan 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM Pacific Time

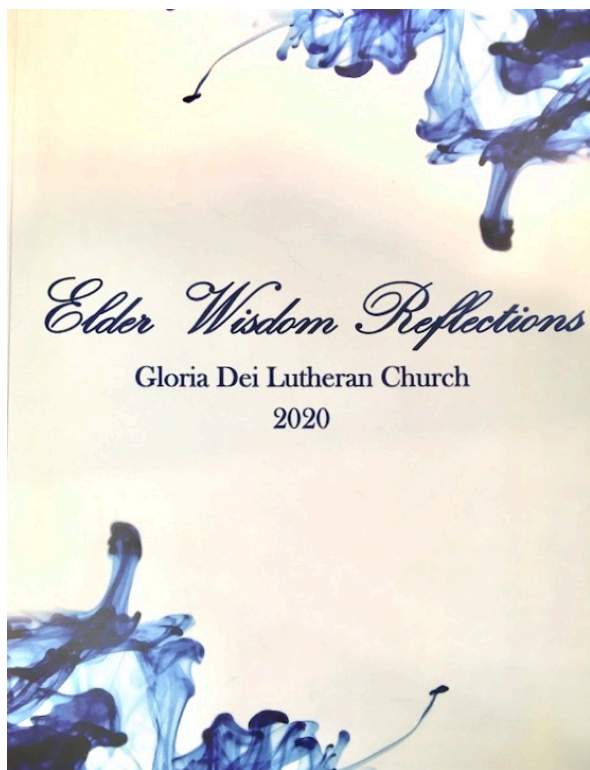
Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81548484221?pwd=bmlkT0Y0S3Foc25SWEp3NEUrcGlaUT09>

Meeting ID: 815 4848 4221

Passcode: 803034

To connect by phone call **778.907.2071** and enter the above Meeting ID and Passcode.



One of the goals of the Gloria Dei community is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and encourage people to share their spiritual journeys with one another. But how do you do that in a pandemic? LaDonna M., did not shrink back from the challenge. Through encouraging phone calls and interviews, and physically distanced outdoor conversations, LaDonna invited members to reflect on their lives and the lessons learned. The fruit of their collaboration and collective labor is *Elder Wisdom Reflections*. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to LaDonna for her devotion to this project and offer our hearty

Congratulations!

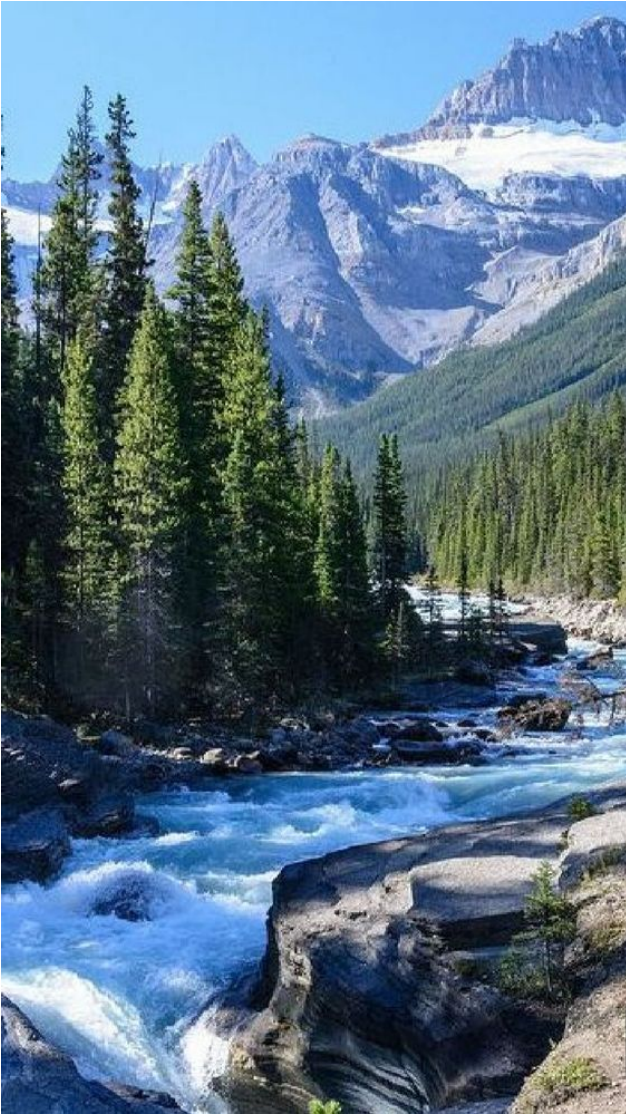
The church library has several copies of the book. Please contact Shelley next week to borrow a copy. In reading the stories—as Lois Grierson notes, “[you] may find [yourself] led to discover the peace and the challenge of [your] own unique wisdom journey.”

The North Shore News has published the letter from Lutheran and Anglican Clergy in support of our Public Health officials. (online editions only) - <https://www.nsnews.com/opinion/covid-19-an-open-letter-from-faith-leaders-in-support-of-public-health-orders-3239063>

That’s it for this week!

Peace,

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"The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass, they speak to me. The summit of the mountain, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the sea, speaks to me. The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me. The strength of the fire, the taste of the salmon, the trail of the sun, and the life that never goes away, they speak to me. And my heart soars."

– Chief Dan George, "My Heart Soars"



