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Food For Thought

Passion in Our Compassion Activating the Church

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2-3 *Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

3 Proverbs 29:18

4 As I perceive the situation in most Lutheran congregations, we need a vision for ministry that we feel and own with a passion. We have a general

5 sense of whom God wants us to be and what He wants us to be about – "His redeemed people touching the lives of others" – but we lack a specific understanding as to what that means for us as we seek to be His presence in our communities. As such we lack passion for any particular form or expression of ministry.

8 *The love of Christ compels me.* '2 Corinthians 5:14

9 Without passion we approach our ministry with the mentality: "It is nice that..." or "it would be nice if..." This mentality is sufficient when things come easily, don't ask much of us, and are generally going well. This mentality is insufficient, however, when things are not coming easily or going well, and when they do ask a lot of us. At such times this mentality is reflected in the thought: "It would have been nice, but..." It is passion in and for our ministry that sees us through the hard times, the times that do ask a lot of us, the times that ask us to sacrifice. It is passion for our ministry that says "In spite of the fact that..." or "I am going to/we must..." It is passion that will not allow us to quit. We need to become passionate about our ministry.

17 *The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.* Mark 10:45

17 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.* Luke 19:10

I believe passion for ministry arises not from someone telling us what we should be passionate about, but by feeling the needs, the hurts, the pains of those in our families, our neighborhoods, our communities. It involves tearing off the calluses we have developed to protect us from the pains of others. It means slowing down our lives of perpetual motion and activity – motion and activity that keep us from becoming personally and deeply involved in feeling and identifying with others in their needs. It means to become vulnerable, to be willing to experience pain, and to learn how to cry in another's pain.

"There should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:25,26



MISSION STATEMENT:

Celebrating and Sharing
God's Love for All

VISION STATEMENT:

Peace Lutheran Church is a welcoming, worshipping and witnessing community in Jesus Christ through whom healing, wellness, love and peace are offered unconditionally to all.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

As a community in Christ, we gather together in service and fellowship to discern the call of our Christian faith. Strengthened by Word and Sacrament, we are always seeking creative ways to enrich our community, both locally and globally.

Our congregation is defined largely by its warm and friendly people, a vibrant intergenerational mix of young families, youth and adults. Come as you are!

We invite you to be part of our community. We hope that you will find your time here nourishing and energizing. We look forward to learning from you as well. We listen! We care!

Our church is open! We are offering in-person worship services, livestream worship services at 10:30 a.m. or you can watch the services anytime through YouTube. Please join us! Coffee Hour is available after our worship services.

May the love of God and the Peace of Christ find you here and wherever you are! May the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in your heart always!

Office Hours:

Someone will answer the phone on a part time basis through the week (Mon - Wed and Fri, 9 to noon) to assist with calls and drop-in's. Please leave a message or email and someone will respond:

Office Tel: (905) 839-3521, or:
peacelutheran.plc@gmail.com

There is a Care Team visiting shut-in's on Wednesdays and Fridays, please contact the office if you would like to receive a visit from the team.

Our Interim Pastor Dennis Becker will be doing 2 Communion Services on the first and 3rd Sunday each month. He will be available for emergency situations only.

Food For Thought (cont.)

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."
 Romans 12:15

When we feel the needs of others, out of their pain, I believe God will give us a vision of what can be, of what ought to be, and of what we, empowered by His grace and incarnating His presence, can help to be. This then becomes God's vision for our congregation and our vision for ourselves. Having felt the pain, we now also feel His compassion and will seek to express His and our compassion with a passion.

Be careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity. Ephesians 5:15,16

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." Colossians 4:5

With vision and passion we are now ready to seek opportunity. Seeking opportunity does not mean we simply wait for the right moment. If we decide to simply wait for the right moment, we are likely to be waiting the rest of our lives. Seeking opportunity also means that we do what we can to create opportunity, to bring about the right moment. We must honestly evaluate the situation, and then we must not stop there. We must also ask what, when and how will we take the next step in ministry.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16

God has provided His church with the resources to accomplish the vision He gives us, that to which He has called us. The question is not "Are we able?" In and through Him we are fully able.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us",
 Ephesians 3:20

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philip-
 pians 4:13

The question is "How do we tap into the resources at our disposal?" – the resources of time, talents and treasures. Each of us becomes significant, even vital, at this point. The body will only be as fully functional as each of us is fully functional in our God-given and God-empowered roles.

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16

Food For Thought (cont.)

"Do not neglect your gift." 1 Timothy 4:14

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:6,7

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." James 4:17

As each of us faces the challenge and invitation of ministry it is easy to look at what we as individuals are already doing and at what others are not doing, and thus to become critical and judgmental. However, the real challenge to each of us, the challenge which reflects the depth of our passion, is our willingness to look at and affirm what others are doing and to ask ourselves "What more am I capable of doing?" God calls us not simply to bear some fruit, but to bear much fruit (John 15:1-8). This entails actively and wholly presenting ourselves to God and to the opportunities of both word and deed before us today (Romans 6:13).

Now about love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the people. Yet we urge you to do so more and more." 1 Thessalonians 4:9,10

The passages in this article are meant to express the third use of the law. This means it is assumed the article is being read by people who have heard and experienced the gospel, and, now moved by that gospel, who desire to live as the new creation that gospel has made us. As we reflect on the challenge before us, we also need to remember and believe Jesus' promises:

I have come to give you life, life abundantly." John 10:10

If you obey My commands, you will experience My love, just as I obey My Father's commands and experience His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this love one another as I have loved you." John 15:10-12

"He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? "And I said, Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

"I cannot do everything, but I can do something, And what I can do, by the grace of God I will do!"
Author Unknown

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Thank you so much, Bill, for providing this meaningful article that you wrote, for us to share in our newsletter.

Upcoming Events!

Sunday, Oct. 5th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis—Communion Service & Name Tag Sunday
Sat., Oct. 11th (11-12)	-	Set up of Thanksgiving Display
Sun., Oct. 12th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Rasma—Thanksgiving Communion Service
Sun., Oct. 19th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis—Communion Service
Wed, Oct. 22nd, 12 noon	-	Congregational Lunch
Sun., Oct. 26th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis & Bishop Carla (Reformation and Communion Sunday)
	-	Potluck Lunch & Cake
Sun., Nov. 2nd, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis—Communion Service & Name Tag Sunday



August Financials

Peace Lutheran Church of Bay Ridges Financial Statement for the General Operating Fund August 2025

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget
RECEIPTS			
All Donations	\$4,311	\$53,944	\$121,100
Rental Income	\$3,245	\$44,532	\$48,110
Miscellaneous	\$2,508	\$4,563	\$2,690
Total Receipts	\$10,063	\$103,038	\$171,900
EXPENDITURES			
Benevolence	\$750	\$6,000	\$9,000
Pastoral Remuneration	\$0	\$50,361	\$114,400
Other Staff Remuneration	\$0	\$44	\$1,000
Pastoral & Council	\$0	\$10	\$1,000
Office: Supplies, Communications	\$352	\$4,107	\$4,485
Committees	\$0	\$1,538	\$3,000
Financial	\$178	\$1,680	\$3,360
Utilities	\$861	\$6,710	\$9,800
Property	\$1,832	\$17,972	\$37,150
Total Expenditures	\$3,974	\$88,424	\$183,195
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$6,090	\$14,614	-\$11,295

Meaning of Reformation

Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517 (over 500 years ago), an event that is considered the start of the Protestant Reformation. He posted them on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany to challenge the practice of selling indulgences by the Roman Catholic Church. This movement was launched by Martin Luther to reform the Catholic Church, not to break from it, by returning to the teachings of the Bible and sola fide (faith alone) for salvation. The Reformation emphasized the authority of God's Word and justification by faith in Jesus Christ alone, rather than through good works or the mediation of the Pope.



This led to a new church centered on the preaching of the Gospel and the use of the vernacular in worship and the distribution of communion in both kinds (bread and wine). Martin Luther translated the Bible and Mass into German, allowing people to understand and participate in their own language rather than Latin. The movement aimed to retain and preserve the essence of the Church's history and teachings while filtering out teachings and practices that contradicted the Bible. The Reformation also highlighted the significance of personal vocation, the idea that every individual has a role to play in serving God and their neighbor within the community.

Reformation Sunday, Potluck & Welcome New Members

Council is pleased to announce that the Bishop of Eastern Synod, Rev. Carla Blakley, will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, October 26th, 2025**, which is on Reformation Sunday. Pastor Dennis Becker will be presiding.

Also on Reformation Sunday, Pastor Dennis has agreed to lead a short service to welcome those who wish to become members of our Peace family. If you would like to become a full member or even renew or redo your membership vows, especially if you never had a chance to participate before, please contact: Lena Sievers: (905) 839-3521, or: peacelutheran.plc@gmail.com.

After service, there will be a potluck lunch followed by a Reformation cake and other goodies. Please bring something special for all of us to share!

Please join us in service and fellowship with each other.



Sept 28th—1 year Anniversary
of Bishop Carla's Ordination

Council — PLC Outreach & Thanksgiving

The Council Executive is pleased to announce that we will be doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the PLC Outreach Lunch and DARS. We are working together to bring comfort to those in need.

In the next few weeks, please bring food and other needed items (listed below) and place them in the bin located in the Narthex.

Please bring all items to Peace by no later than **Saturday, October 11th**. If anyone would like to help Rosie with the set up, please contact me: (647) 297-8020 or: rosielanch@hotmail.com.



Instead of bringing food and sundry items, you could also make a donation either online, through Tithely or you can use your blue offering envelope to give in addition to your regular offering. Please mark your donation "PLC Outreach".

On Thanksgiving, all items will be displayed in front of the altar, so that these gifts of God may be blessed. The need in our community is great. All your help and support is appreciated.

List of items needed:

- **Canned/Shelf stable:** vegetables, tomatoes, pasta in sauce, tuna, chili, soup, peanut butter, jam, fruit, pudding, juice boxes, taco kit
- **Dry Goods:** rice, crackers, Hamburger Helper, pasta (any type), Ramen noodles, Mac & Cheese, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, cereal, oatmeal
- **Baking & Staples:** coffee, tea, pancake mix, cake mix, syrup, sugar, cooking oil, spices
- **Non-Food Items:** Toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene items, deodorant, dish soap, laundry pods, fabric dryer sheets

Please contact Lena Sievers at the PLC office telephone number or email listed above or on pg. 2 of this newsletter, if you wish to volunteer for one Saturday to assist with the Outreach Luncheon. You can make or bring a main meal, soup, dessert, sandwiches snacks or volunteer to help set up and clean up. Save your receipts for food items purchased, fill out an expense form and you will be reimbursed.



PLC—Volunteers!

WE ARE BLESSED! Peace has many members that “don’t have to be asked”! We collectively are “stepping up to the plate” to fix up our church home. We have shared common values and purpose and we have people willing to be involved. Thanks to all volunteers who take pride in the church’s upkeep and do things on their own or in consultation with others. Bless you, thank you! Below are some more recent improvements.



Thank you so much, Shirley, for this beautiful and meaningful Nativity quilt that you made especially for the PLC Narthex. You are amazing in your God-given talent that you share with many. The wall hanging is a picture of Mary holding baby Jesus.

Thanks Jeremy for hanging it up.



A big thank you to the Veggie Team for a bountiful harvest this season. Thanks to God and to all of you for watering, weeding and nurturing the plants.



The Butterfly and Pollinator Garden is flowering and doing well! Thank you Elizabeth, Karen, Rainer and others who helped with planting, weeding & watering.

Gratitude Corner



Sept. 30th—Truth & Reconciliation

Gratitude Corner

Every month, we will celebrate the work different people do here at Peace!

Fiona Haapalehto!

The people of Peace would like to extend a BIG thank you to Fiona for the many ways she enriches our faith family! Her beautiful smile lights up the room and her Christian love and dedication shines through in all she does. Fiona is a wonderful friend and I personally don't know what I would do without her decisiveness, calm demeanor and steadfastness.

Fiona is on Mutual Ministry and in previous years she has put together the AGM reports and was on the Nominating Committee. Fiona is an excellent Council secretary and Worship & Arts Committee secretary. She promptly puts together Minutes and she did a wonderful job putting together the Congregational Mission Profile for the Synod. Fiona enjoys singing in the choir and volunteers as server, lector and is on Altar Guild. She helps out in many ways, including bringing friends to church and so much more—with her friendly smile and warm giving personality!

Thank you for all that you do and for who you are—you are a blessing to us, Fiona!



Thank you, Elizabeth, for your heartfelt message of “Truth and Reconciliation” and that “Every Child Matters” that you shared with us on Sept. 28th.

We need to be careful and buy only reputable orange T-shirts (not made in China or elsewhere for profit). Buy orange T-shirts only from stores that are made by the indigenous to support their cause. Elizabeth has a list of several reputable stores in our area—please see her to get a copy. Note: She is not promoting any specific store—just providing information, since several of you asked.

We need to honor the indigenous, not appropriate them. We can't have reconciliation until we learn more about their past and to respect their future.



Congratulations—Claire & Gene



Claire and Gene



**Happy 60th Anniversary
Claire & Gene Hahn!**

**On August 28th, 1965
Claire and Gene got married.**

**They recently
celebrated their “Diamond”
Wedding Anniversary quietly with
some family and friends!**

Congratulations!

**PLC wishes you many
blessings always.**



Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study kicked off successfully on Friday, September 26. Seven men, including Pastor Dennis, joined together at Jens' house for dinner followed by studying the Word of God together. Pastor Dennis led them in studying the book of Matthew.

All men are welcome! If you're interested, please contact Jens at: jensehlers@sympatico.ca or his cell at: 416-951-0177, or email the church office. The Men's Bible Study will be held twice monthly, on every 2nd and 4th Friday, starting with Fellowship and dinner at 6 pm and Bible Study at 7 pm. The upcoming dates are Oct. 10th and 24th and Nov. 14th and 28th.



God's Creation



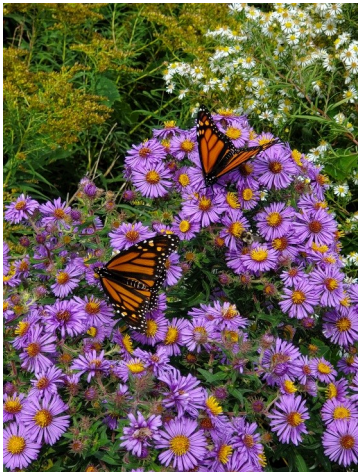
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Elizabeth J.



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Rosie L.



Cameron Y.



Cameron Y.



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Friend of Rosie L.



Cameron Y.



Elizabeth J.



FB friend



Worship Services in Sept. 2025



Congregational Lunch — Sept. 24th



On Wednesday, September 24th, about 24 members enjoyed the start up of the fall Congregational Lunch. Thank you Sirkka, for making the delicious beef stew and thanks to all the volunteers who brought 2 different salads, buns & butter and desserts. Thank you everyone who helped with serving, set up and clean up.

A big thank you to Katerina, who gave us some information about Reiki, which is a Japanese form of energy healing. It can be done with a gentle touch or just hovering the hands over the person to channel a “universal Life force energy” to targeted areas to promote relaxation, pain relief and a balance of mind, body and spirit in the receiver. Sirkka was part of the demonstration. It was very informative.

Please sign up and join us next month on October 22nd at 12 noon until 2 pm. Sirkka will let us know in the next week or so, who the next guest speaker will be.



PLC Outreach—Saturday Lunches in Sept.



Thank you to all the PLC Outreach volunteers who have cooked, baked and contributed to the Saturday lunches in September.

Anything you purchase for the meals (ingredients or ready made), please fill out an expense claim and submit once a month to the office for reimbursement.

The need is great and getting more critical. We appreciate all your help and support. The more volunteers that help—even once monthly, the less work we all have to do.

We need set up/clean up, main meals, salad, dessert and snacks. Please call Lena if you are able to help.

We start serving at 12 noon and we begin with a prayer. The guests are grateful and respectful. Come and join us!



The Olive Branch for Children—Update

It is a special year for Deborah and The Olive Branch for Children (“TOBFC”). Happy 20th Anniversary!

Where have the years gone! Deborah was in her early 20’s when she first spoke to us about the plight of the orphaned children and the hardships they endured. We watched Mlombwa and Laudia grow and thrive with your love and care! As mentioned in the spring, our theme for this year’s fundraising for Laudia and TOBFC is: **"Extending the Olive Branch: Celebrating 20 years of Service and Compassion"**.

It is now almost October and time is running out to fulfill our obligation to Laudia and TOBFC! So far, we have raised **\$1,798.20 which is way short of our set goal of \$5,000!** Even if we drop the goal amount back to \$4,000 annually, (which for the past 6 years we have exceeded, even during COVID!) — this is far below what Peace has agreed to and committed to! We love our daughters and we agreed to support both until they finished their schooling. Mlombwa is done schooling but Laudia is still going to school. The Olive Branch Committee decided that the additional monies raised would go towards the important programs that TOBFC does for the vulnerable. They help over 200,000 individuals in over 52 communities!

Unlike any other charity, 100% of the monies raised goes directly to TOBFC. You can make a donation until the end of December in whichever option you choose – through e-Transfer, Tithe.ly, PAR, Canada Helps, or through your offering envelope. Please clearly mark your envelope or any donation option with “Olive Branch” and the amount designated in addition to your regular offering. You will be given a tax receipt for your contribution.

Thank you for being there and supporting our girls and the TOBFC for over 20 years! With your generosity, love, commitment and support, they can dare to dream, they can be rooted in love and they can grow in hope.

Peace and blessings to all of you, Rosie and the Olive Branch team

P.S. We are hoping that both Mlombwa and Laudia get their Visa’s for Canada next year to visit us!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FALL CEAN-UP IS ON SATURDAY

**DATE: OCTOBER 25TH
9:00 AM TO NOON**

RAIN-DATE: NOV. 1ST

PLEASE SIGN UP AND BRING CLEANING SUPPLIES IF YOU CAN!



Intercession Prayers

What is intercession?

At Peace, there are two types of intercessory prayers. First of all, during the worship service, usually after the Apostles' Creed, the Assistant minister reads a series of prayers, generally for the Church, the World, and the People – and these may thematically vary according to the church season, special days in the church or community calendar, or a special event that has impacted the church membership. The second is private prayer by members of the Peace Intercessory Prayer Chain Ministry.

In this newsletter, I will write about the first – that which you participate in during worship. Although the Assistant Minister reads the prayers, the congregation prays silently and periodically responds with such words as “Lord hear our prayer”. How do the assistant ministers compose the prayers? We follow guidelines of ‘Sundays and Seasons’, which is an assistive website for worship planning, used by various Lutheran organizations in North America – including Evangelical and Missouri Synod. The prayers are framed around the season and the readings and lessons of the day. Being attuned to the congregation, assistant ministers at Peace customize the prayers.

According to Cathy Ammlung (Associate Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulton, Maryland, and member of Lutheran CORE and the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS)), corporate intercessions have a long tradition. In 258 AD, church father Cyprian saw a need to add a special element to the liturgy to pray deeply for ‘Church, catechumens, penitents, the emperor, magistrates, those in affliction, travelers, prisoners, and any local concerns.’ This prayer session was referred to as “prayers of the faithful”, and throughout the history of the church, moved into various time slots in the liturgy, and was read by various church officers down through the ages until today, in most evangelical Lutheran churches, it has become the responsibility of the lay assistant minister, supported by the congregation in silence then response. I am sure that the assistant ministers of peace see how the shape of the intercession prayer tradition has remained unchanged since the beginning, which adds a sacred dimension to what we do.

I have been an assistant minister at Peace for almost 20 years (I'm sure Rosie could look back in the archives and find the exact year). We used to write our prayers on the spot – sitting at the front on the riser, while listening to live petitions from the congregation. Some of you will remember the pressure to write the petitioner's names, the concerns or celebrations – straining to hear the congregant who did not have a microphone. And often, you could see an assistant minister scribbling away during the rest of the service up until intercession time. That seems so long ago.

I don't know how other assistant ministers compose their very beautiful prayers these days. I do know they are inspired by Spirit during a sincere and prayerful time. I myself do it before service on Sunday morning, and it is one of the few times I can “hear” our Lord. I prayerfully look at the readings and lessons, and I reflect on the season and what is happening in the congregation and the world, and I look at the Sundays and Season's template, and I write what my heart speaks to me. Then I often read aloud to Jeremy because I know that it is a long time for congregants to stand and listen – especially after the sermon. And Jeremy tells me if I have been brief enough and pithy enough. I know that some congregants will feel my prayers are too long. For that reason, I like to preface the prayers by entreating congregants to use my words as entry points to their own hearts and enter into deep corporate prayer and calls out to Jesus as we stand in one body – our church – as Jesus has taught us.

Cathy Ammlung, who writes intercessions for the Coalition for Renewal (CORE), instructs that intercessory prayer should incorporate “the Roman virtues of terse, simple, elegant directness, and the Eastern virtues of intense devotion, evocative language, and reverence.” If you find this tradition as compelling as I do, and you feel called to pray intercessions, please contact Rosie or Sirkka.

Intercession Prayers (cont.)

To summarize in words much better than I can put together, Cathy Ammlung writes the following:

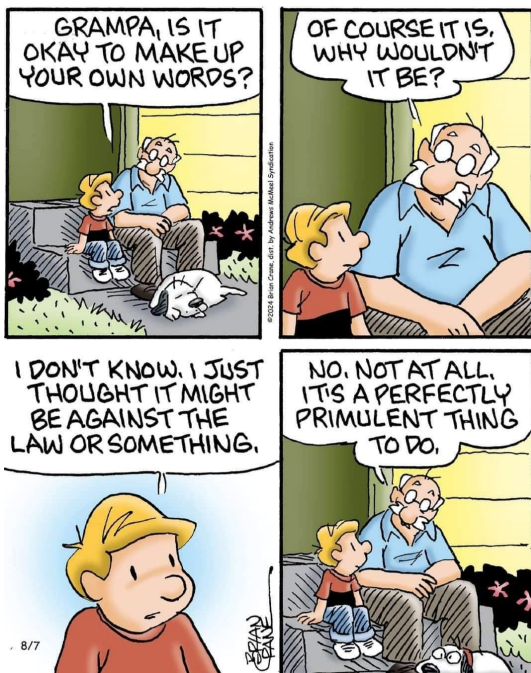
The intercessory prayers have a very long history as the prayers of and by the whole people of God, the Body of Christ himself. They are the Church praying for the Church, the world, the ruling authorities, and those in any tribulation, distress, or sorrow; for peace, for the propagation of the Gospel; for our enemies; for every manner and estate of humanity; for children and catechumens; for favorable weather and harvest; for deliverance from every affliction, wrath, danger and need; for the faithful departed; and for the salvation of those praying and for all people."

In the next newsletter, I hope Rosie will permit me to write about the traditions of intercessory prayer chains – it won't surprise you to know that the assistant ministers – by chance not planning- are also members of Peace Intercessor's Prayer Chain Ministry. If you are interested in joining that ministry, please contact myself or Ruth Hern.

If you want to read more about what Cathy Ammlung writes about intercessory prayer, you can look up <https://lutherancore.website/2021/11/12/an-introduction-to-intercessory-prayer/> Cathy Ammlung November 12, 2021.)

(Written by: Elizabeth Johns)

COMEDY CORNER



Teacher: How old is your father?
 Kid: He is 6 years.
 Teacher: What? How is this possible?
 Kid: He only became a father when I was born!
 Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
 Maria: Here it is.
 Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?
 Class: Maria
 Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
 Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L
 Teacher: No, that's wrong.
 Glenn: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
 Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
 Donald: H I J K L M N O
 Teacher: What are you talking about?
 Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O
 Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
 Clyde: No sir, it's the same dog
 Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
 Harold: A teacher.

Canadian Blood Services in October



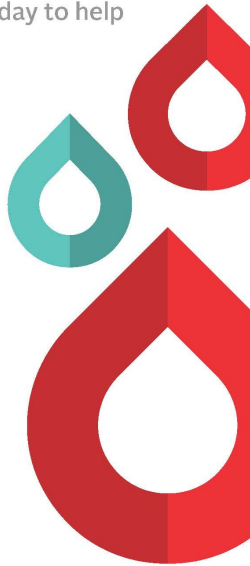
Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to help
others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

**Forest Brook
Community Church**
60 Kearney Dr. Ajax

Monday, October 13
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Join **Canada's Lifeline**

Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**

Autumn Prayer

Lord, thank You for the
beauty of this season.
As the leaves fall, remind me
that change can be good,
and that letting go makes
room for new beginnings.
Fill my heart with gratitude
for every harvest,
every blessing, and
every lesson learned.
Help me rest in Your timing,
trusting that You are at work
in every season of my life.

Amen.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for
everything, and a season for every
activity under the heavens."*

Worship Assistants for October 2025

OCT	AM	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	SERVERS	SERMON/ SERVICE
5	Elizabeth	Cameron	Gene H.	Rosie/Lynne	--	Rosie/ Elizabeth	Pastor Dennis
12	Rosie L	Ruth H	Wayne R	Joan/Claire	Sirkka/Rosie	Rosie/Sirkka	Pastor Rasma (Thanksgiving)
19	Phil W	Jemina	Lynne H	Janet/Carol	--	Phil/Carol	Pastor Dennis
26	Giselle	Tina	Tapio H	Fiona/Claire	Rainer/Janet	Rosie/Shakura	Pastor Dennis & Bishop Carla

Children's Message - Sept 2025



Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who volunteer to make coffee after service on Sundays. Just a reminder, please come at 10 am to set up, make the coffee and set out your "treats". Remember to bring the cream and milk.

Again, thank you for your faithful service!

Lena, Sirkka and Colleen



Next Month:

If you have any articles, upcoming church events, pictures, jokes, poems, inspirational messages, Peace History, special events or a personal celebration that you would like included in our PLC newsletter for the month of **November 2025**, please submit them to Rosie (rosielanch@hotmail.com) by **October 27th**.

Happy Fall and Happy Thanksgiving! Let us be passionate in our compassion to others! God provides through us! Peace and blessings, Rosie

