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Food For Thought

Dear Friends In Christ:

I recently was going through some of my old files — doing some decluttering, when I came across something that I would like to share with you. At one of our Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) get-togethers quite a few years ago, I believe it was in 2008, we were given a simple explanation of the 23rd Psalm as follows:

The Lord is my Shepherd ----- that's Relationship!
I shall not want ----- that's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ----- that's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters ----- that's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul ----- that's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ----- that's Guidance!
For His name sake ----- that's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ----- that's Testing!
I will fear no evil ----- that's Protection!
For Thou art with me ----- that's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me ---- that's Discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ----- that's Hope!
Thou annointest my head with oil ----- that's Consecration!
My cup runneth over ----- that's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ----- that's Blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ----- that's Security!
Forever ----- that's Eternity!



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)

Psalm 23 is undoubtedly one of the best-known passages in the Bible. Most of us learned it as children and it continues to be a comfort to those who are dying, or those who have lost loved ones. Maybe it's so well-loved because it is so personal and individual. When we read it, we don't think of David shepherding his sheep 3,000 years ago. It applies to us. "The Lord is my shepherd". As my Shepherd, the Lord leads me through the journey of life.

In a world filled with uncertainty, the reminder that **The Lord is My Shepherd** offers profound peace and comfort. This encapsulates God's unwavering guidance, care and faithfulness for His people. When we trust that the Lord is My Shepherd, it moves our focus from our own strength to God's all-sufficiency. When we feel anxious or overwhelmed, we are reminded that our Shepherd knows exactly what we need. Sheep will not lie down if they are afraid, hungry, or agitated. The Shepherd provides a place of calm and protection. The Lord, our Shepherd refreshes, strengthens, and guides believers on the right path.

We are promised God's presence *through* life's darkest valleys, not just escape from them. The Shepherd's rod (protection) and staff (guidance) bring comfort during crises. As believers, we know that the Lord is with us on the mountain tops as well as in the valleys. When we are standing on the mountain tops of life, we think we are self-sufficient. It is in those valleys that we realize we cannot do it alone – for this I have Jesus! We have just come from Lent and Easter and know that Jesus suffered humiliation and excruciating pain and death for us. He knows what suffering is all about and he feels our pain. Christ has overcome death for us and through his resurrection has given us life.

The Lord is always there with us and for us and gives us strength especially when we go through the darkest moments in our lives. He knows what we need, when we need it and gives it to us at just the right time. Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Sometimes God makes us lie down once in a while, doesn't he? We rush about, trying to meet this engagement & fulfill that obligation. And in our hurry & scurry we tend to miss the things that are most important. So once in a while God has to say, "You need to lie down," by allowing an illness, or heartbreak, to make us stop & reevaluate our priorities.

We can be thankful because in this life the Good Shepherd gives us all we need. The Lord is a present, personal, practical, pardoning, protecting, preparing and providing Shepherd each and every day of our lives!

Peace be with you, Rosie Lantzsch



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM COUNCIL & CALL COMMITTEE!

From Call Committee - Please join us on Saturday, June 20th for an Introduction by the Call Committee to their Preferred Candidate, Pastor Nic Alexandre, at Peace Lutheran Church (details will be provided). He will do a presentation, Q&A session and small group conversations so that we can start getting to know him. This way, the congregation is better informed to vote!

From Council - Council has ACCEPTED the Preferred Candidate and are officially calling a CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING to be held on: Sunday, June 28th, 2026 (after service)

COME AND MEET YOUR POTENTIAL NEW PASTOR!

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 7, 2026, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis, (Communion) Name Tag Sunday
Sun., June 14, 2026, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis, Baptism & Communion
Sat., June 20, 2026, afternoon	-	Introduction, Presentation, Q&A with Pastor Nic
Sun., June 21, 2026, 10:30 am	-	Rosie/Summer Sermon
Sun., June 28, 2026, 10:30 am	-	Rosie/Summer Sermon
		Congregational Vote // Strawberry Social (downstairs)
Sun., July 5, 2026, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis (Communion) Name Tag Sunday

THANK YOU!

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Today's Flowers
— AND —
GRATITUDE

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank you for being the hands and heart of Jesus.

You showed up.
YOU FED ME.
YOU FED MY CHILDREN.
You brought meals.
You brought hope.
You brought love.

DURING ONE OF THE HARDEST CHAPTERS OF OUR LIVES, YOU WERE OUR ANSWERED PRAYER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, YOUR LOVE, AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.

You are a blessing.

“ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. PSALM 147:3-5

LOVE. CARE. COMMUNITY. FAITH.
That's Peace.

THANK YOU, PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Your love made all the difference.

Heartfelt thanks from Nicolle G.

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust If You Must

DUST IF YOU MUST, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO PAINT A PICTURE, OR WRITE A LETTER, BAKE A CAKE, OR PLANT A SEED; PONDER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WANT AND NEED?

DUST IF YOU MUST, BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME, WITH RIVERS TO SWIM, AND MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB; MUSIC TO HEAR, AND BOOKS TO READ; FRIENDS TO CHERISH, AND LIFE TO LEAD.

DUST IF YOU MUST, BUT THE WORLD'S OUT THERE WITH THE SUN IN YOUR EYES, AND THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR; A FLUTTER OF SNOW, A SHOWER OF RAIN, THIS DAY WILL NOT COME AROUND AGAIN.

DUST IF YOU MUST, BUT BEAR IN MIND, OLD AGE WILL COME AND IT'S NOT KIND AND WHEN YOU GO (AND GO YOU MUST) YOU, YOURSELF, WILL MAKE MORE DUST.

BY ROSE MILLIGAN

Submitted by: Karen L.

Women of Prayer

Please join or drop in to the “Women of Prayer”, which meets on the first and third Sundays of the month, after the service – with refreshments in either the old Narthex or the Jim Hern room. The duration is 30-40 minutes. Fellowship is warm and sincere. I hope to see you there!

Elizabeth Johns



Council Update on Review of Financials

In April, Council asked a working group to undertake a review of the composition of our financial statements including the balances in our general, special, designated and restricted funds. Depending on the origin of the monies, some designated funds were recommended to be collapsed, resulting in the remaining balance being transferred to the general fund. This was done to maximize flexibility and reflect that some funds were very old.

The working group also recommended that Council limit the creation of new funds to situations that were not contemplated to be covered by the general fund. Furthermore, the working group recommended that the designated funds be reviewed at least annually to determine whether they should be collapsed into the general fund when their documented purpose had been concluded.

As a result, the Council will continue to welcome input from the congregation on the use of funds, but the establishment of designated funds will be limited to ensure that directing offerings does not become the norm, but rather reserved for appropriate situations.

This path forward recognizes that having too many designated funds can unintentionally make it difficult for the church to respond wisely and faithfully to current ministry priorities. When spending priorities are determined primarily by where donations are directed, it can limit the Council's ability to steward the church's resources as a whole.

This does not mean that the individual priorities are unimportant. It means we are moving toward a model where the congregation supports the mission of the church collectively, and the Council allocates resources according to the church's discerned priorities, current needs, and long-term sustainability.

We still want to hear the passions and concerns of the congregation. Members will continue to shape the direction of the church through prayer, , ministry proposals and participation, congregational meetings, and the election of church leadership. But day-to-day allocation of financial resources is part of the Council's stewardship responsibility.

Our intention is to:

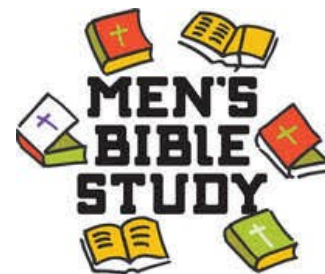
- simplify administration,
- improve accountability and transparency,
- reduce internal competition between ministries,
- allow us to respond more flexibly to ministry opportunities and urgent needs, and help us function more as one church with one shared mission.

We are grateful for your generosity, stewardship and commitment. This change is not about restricting generosity, but about strengthening our ability to steward the church's resources wisely and faithfully together.

PLC Men's Bible Study

The PLC Men's Bible Study continues to meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month.

Any men who are interested in joining should reach out to Jens Ehlers at: jensehlers@sympatico.ca or 416-951-0177, or contact the church office.





PLC Spring Cleaning—May 2nd



Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on May 2nd to do various clean up jobs at Peace!

We also thank Jeremy, Tapio and Rainer for their continued work throughout the year and all the tasks you do to fix, clean up and the ongoing maintenance tasks you do to make Peace feel like a well loved home!



TOBFC Gala—May 2nd



Shirley and I had a wonderful time at the Olive Branch for Children Gala held on May 2nd. Great food and great company! Thank you, Deborah and to the incredible team of volunteers who made it an enjoyable evening for us.

Council Update — Waste Removal Service

Due to new Durham Region regulations effective January 2026, churches no longer receive municipal garbage, recycling, or compost pickup.

Over the past several months, our cleaners, Task-co, have been removing up to 4–6 bags of waste weekly from church programs at no charge. As this was not sustainable long-term, the Property Team obtained quotes from several waste removal companies, including Task-co.

Following review, Council approved a contract with Miller Waste Systems Inc. on May 20. Their proposal offered the lowest overall cost.

Key details include:

- Biweekly pickup beginning June 1
- Annual cost of \$1,275 (including HST and fuel surcharge)
- Lockable 2-yard dumpster located beside the gate in the lower rear parking lot
- Recycling and organics will now be disposed of with regular garbage, which is standard practice for businesses in Durham Region

Some large items, such as metal and old furniture, may also be placed in the dumpster (no hazardous waste permitted)

The Property Team noted that Miller Waste's pricing was significantly lower than the other quotes received. Task-co has already begun transferring church waste to the dumpster. Members hosting events at the church may also use the bin for garbage generated onsite. Please contact Tapio, Jeremy, Rainer, or Lena for access instructions.

Please note: renters are still responsible for removing their own garbage. If you observe outside groups leaving waste beside the dumpster, notify the church office.

Submitted by the Property Team and Approved by Council (May 20h, 2026)



Pastor Adam's 90th Birthday — May 9, 2026



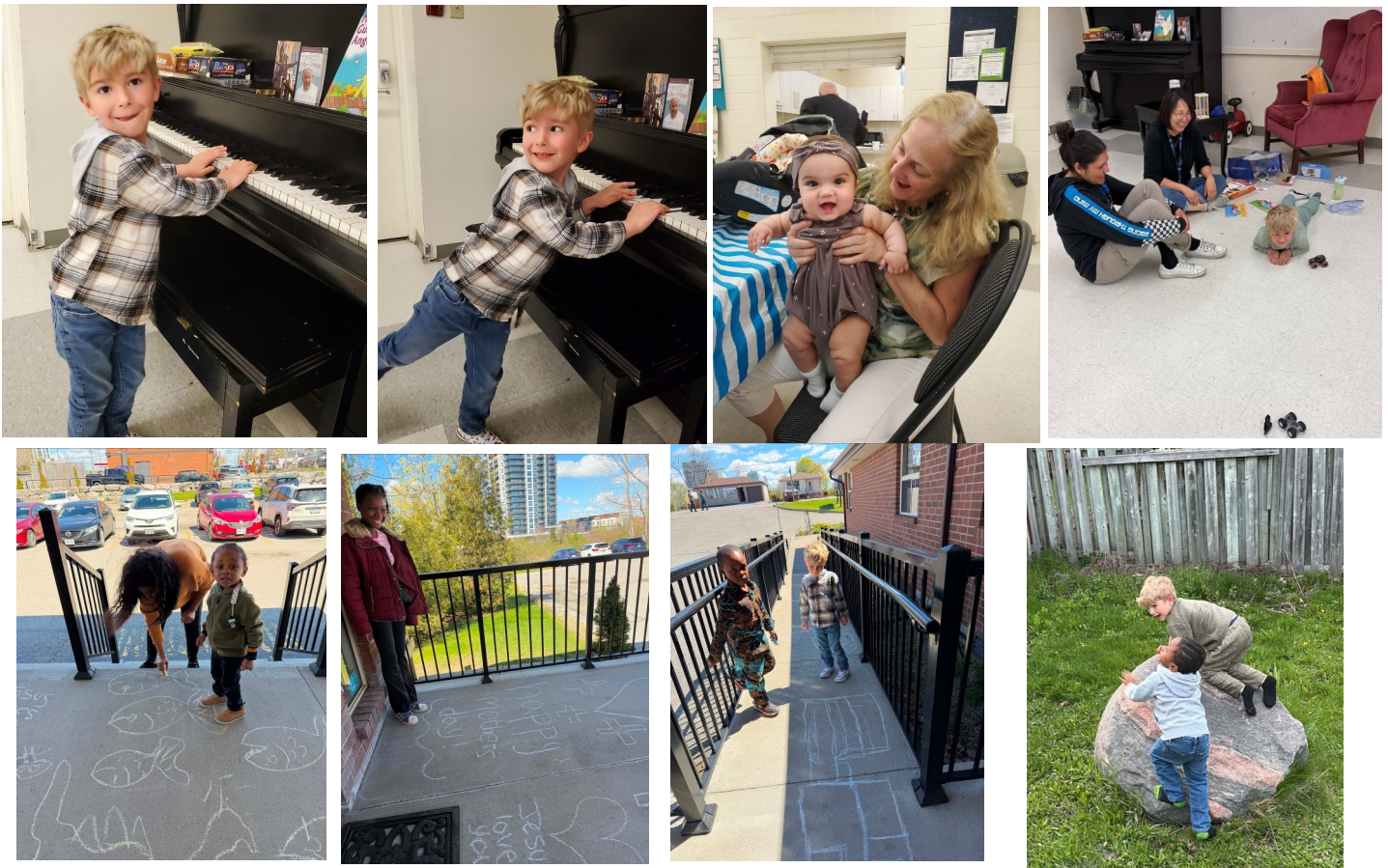


Mother's Day, Deborah & family—May 10th





Fun Time!



Bible Fun Time in May



Thank you Joel and all others whom make the bible learning FUN!



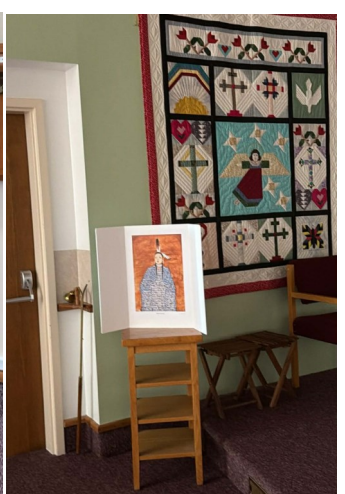
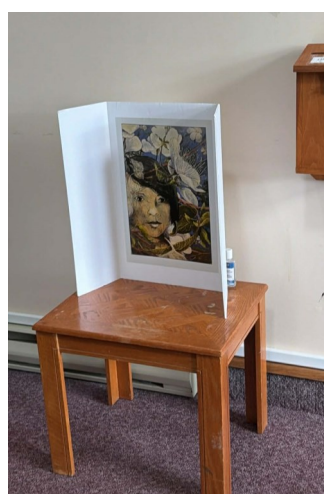


Red Dress Month

Truth before Reconciliation Red Dress journey — May 2026 — with sorrow, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Shari Nelson reports: It is now estimated that over 4000 women, girls or two-spirited indigenous have gone missing or been murdered since 1980. What if this was your child, sister, mother, aunt's mother or loved one? Think of them when red dresses are displayed and REMEMBER!

Thank you Elizabeth for all your efforts in putting this together in a very meaningful way and to all who participated.





Worship Services in May





Worship Services in May (cont.)



Pastor Rasma—blessing of the Care Team volunteers on Pentecost Sunday



PLC Outreach Lunches in month of May



Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who selflessly give, as Christ wants us to, to the vulnerable in our community — in food, clothing, compassion and love!
You are all disciples in Christ! Bless you!



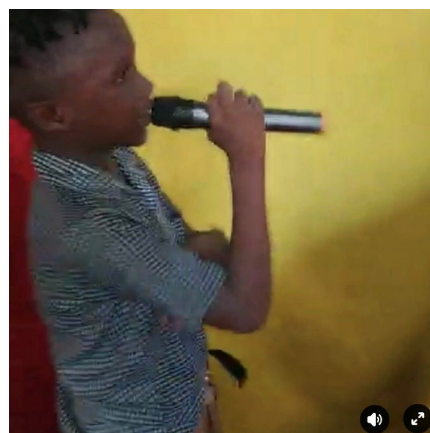
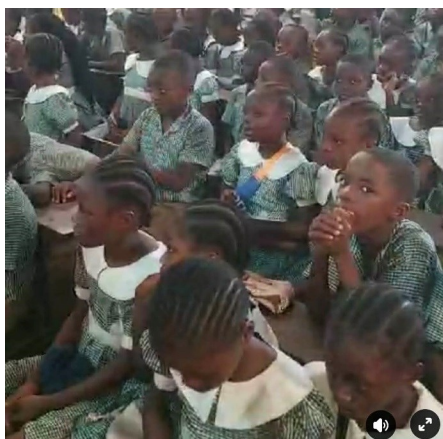
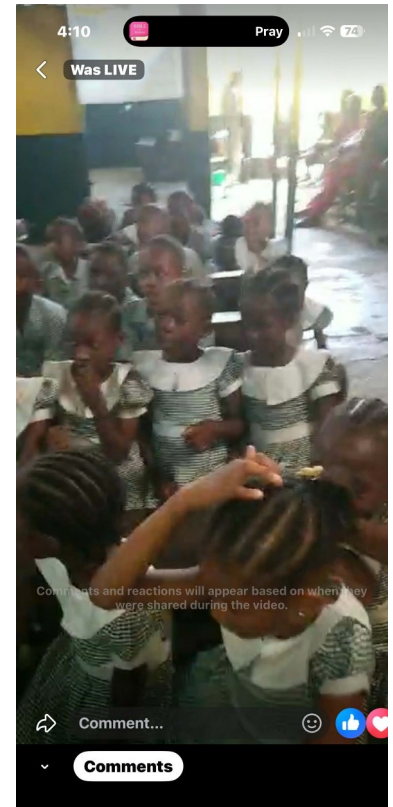
Prayers for Francis and her work in Liberia



30 34 4
Francis Dossen Dennis · 8h
Thank for watching, please share this lives



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Please pray for the work Francis is doing in Liberia — for the children in the school and church in her hometown.

Peace Care Team

Thank you to the many volunteers who visit and care for our “shut In’s” either in their homes, in Long Term Care Facilities or in hospitals. Many of the volunteers visit just to chat and put a smile on the faces they see, and many will receive Communion and prayers.

Mission: The Peace Care Team is called to share Christ’s love through compassionate presence, prayerful support, and practical assistance for members of our congregation and community!

If you are interested in joining this wonderful and heart-warming ministry, please talk to Elizabeth or Lena





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 everyone for your hard work in the Memorial garden, Butterfly garden and the veggie garden. Thanks Karen B for the beautiful lilacs by the altar (May 31st), for the lilies at Easter by Karen L and to the Altar Guild and other volunteers who change the paraments, wash & iron the cloths, set up communion, polish the candle holders, water plants and more.





PLC Congregational Lunch — May 27th

Thank you Sirkka for organizing the Congregational Lunch and a special thank you to Shakura for the delicious Chicken Chow Mein. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with food, set up and clean up!

A huge thank you to Shari for “opening our eyes” about how many indigenous women, girls or two-spirited indigenous have gone missing or been murdered since 1980. Thank you Sirkka for the postcards for us to color which you will mail to the federal government urging the expansion of multi-year international climate and nature finance. These cards specifically ask for sustained support for ecosystem restoration, such as CLWR's project around the Lake Chad basin .

We had a wonderful time in fellowship with one another.

PLEASE NOTE — There will not be a Congregational Lunch during the summer (June, July & August). The lunches will resume again in September. Have a great summer! See you then.





Worship Assistants List for June 2026

JUNE 2026	AM	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	SERVERS	SERMON/SERVICE	COFFEE HOUR
7	Phil	Karen B.	Gene H.	Carol/Rosie	--	Phil & Carol	Pastor Dennis	Shakura &
14	Liz	Fiona	Tapio	--	Tapio/Rainer	--	Pastor Dennis Baptism	Joan & Wayne R.
21 Father's Day	Rosie	Shari N	Wayne	Joan/Sirkka & Rosie	--	Rosie/Sirkka	Rosie Summer Sermon	Sirkka &
28	Sirkka	Cameron	Lynne H	--	Sirkka/Rosie	--	Rosie Summer Sermon	Strawberry Social

Recipe of the Month

Hamburger Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can whole kernel corn (or 1 cup frozen kernel corn)
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1 onion (optional)
- 1.5 cups macaroni noodles
- Grated cheddar cheese (for top)

Directions:

- Brown ground beef and onion, add chili powder, salt and pepper
- Mix soups and corn together, add to cooked meat,
- Add cooked macaroni
- Bake in 9x13 dish for 35-40 minutes at 350.
- Cover with cheese for last 15 minutes.

Thank you Shirley, for submitting this. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to submit next month, please send to: rosielanch@hotmail.com.





God's Creation



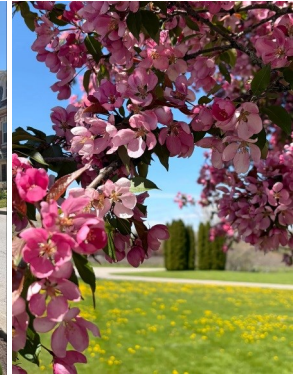
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By: Liz J—Trilliums



By Kirsten B—White & Red Trilliums



By: Elizabeth J.



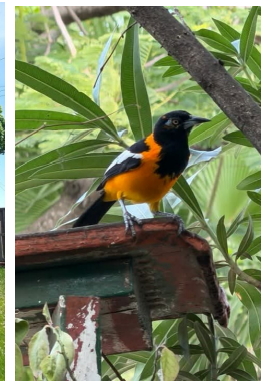
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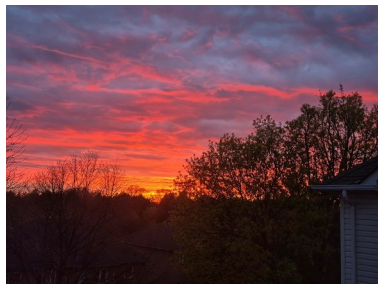
A Mighty Fortress By Liz J



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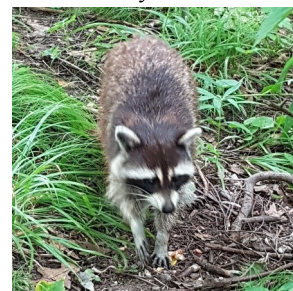
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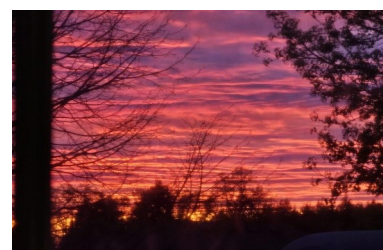
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By: Pastor Dennis



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By: Elizabeth J

Canadian Blood Services in June



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

**Ajax Community Centre
HMS Ajax Banquet Hall
75 Centennial Road**

**Saturday, June 6
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Join **Canada's Lifeline**
Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**



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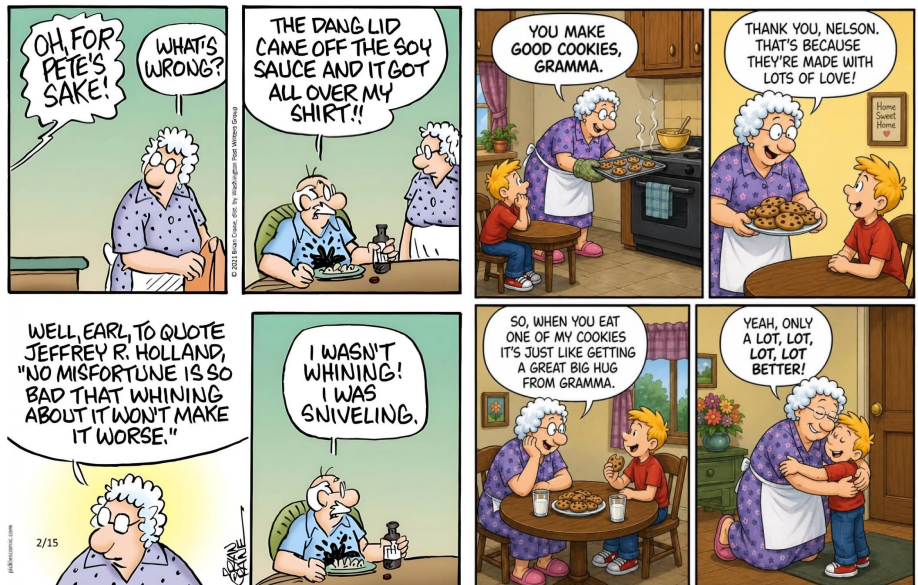
**Forest Brook
Community Church
60 Kearney Dr. Ajax**

**Monday, June 22
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Join **Canada's Lifeline**
Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**

COMEDY CORNER


Some people pray for patience, then get mad when God puts them behind a school bus, a tractor and someone paying with exact change!



Children's Message - May 2026

Children's Message
THE way, THE truth, and THE life
5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

I am the way, the truth and the life
That's what Jesus said
I am the way, the truth and the life
That's what Jesus said



Children's Message
Jesus' Promise
Ascension of our Lord
May 17, 2026



ANGER



Children's Message
Let the Holy Spirit work
Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026

Response ability




Children's Message
One God... Three Ways We Know Him
Holy Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026

Father = Creator
Son = Redeemer
Holy Spirit = Sanctifier


GOD IS LOVE



Cast your burdens onto Jesus!
Cuz He cares for you! (x2)

Higher, higher, higher,
Higher, higher, higher,
Higher, higher, higher
Lift Jesus higher, HIGHER!

My God is so big! So strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!



The Holy Trinity Sunday

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 **July 2026**, please submit them to Rosie (rosielanch@hotmail.com) by **June 24th**.

Enjoy and have a safe summer! Blessings, Rosie

