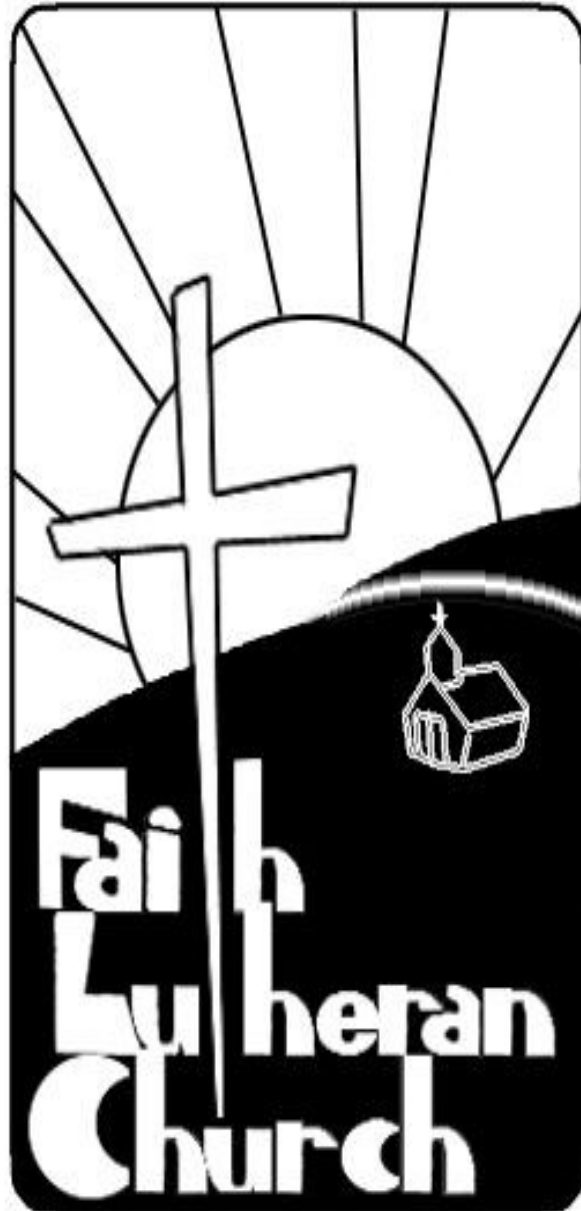


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Clippings from the Vinedresser

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Psalm 8:3-4



“And what a blossoming, blooming, chirping, and buzzing that comes about when we bring this new life into our homes, schools...”

We could add, especially at this time of year, trees budding, flowers blooming, birds chirping, bees buzzing, mud puddles and on and on. What a glorious time of year to look at, meditate on, and give thanks for the work of God’s fingers. It really is amazing. Who doesn’t love it!

New life is all around us and it refreshes us. That is the joy of Easter. It is no accident that Easter is in the spring. As we celebrate the reawakening of creation after a long dormant winter, so, too, we celebrate the new life that Jesus’ resurrection brings.

The most obvious consequence of the resurrection is, of course, that death has been defeated. Oh, death rears its ugly head on a regular basis, but it no longer has the power to hold. We know that as Jesus lives we too will live. On that last day, when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, we will rise to meet our Lord Jesus. What a glorious day that will be.

But there are all manner of signs of the resurrection around us. The resurrection brings hope into hopeless situations. No longer do we mope in the attitude of “What’s the use.” No no. Because we have been raised with Christ, we have the power to do all things in his name. What hope that inspires.

More than that, fear has been pushed aside. When Peter in his letter writes that perfect

loves casts out all fear, what is more perfect than the love that dies that we might live, a love that then bursts forth from the grave, alive forevermore? Nothing. Empowered by that perfect love, we no longer fear what others think about or what they can do to us.

Empowered by that love we are free to reach out in Jesus’ name with that love, showering that love freely upon all, and I mean ALL. There is no selectivity in this love. As Jesus loved us while we were yet sinners, i.e., enemies, so we love: all people. Period. We never judge or condemn. We love.

Empowered by that love we continue the work which Jesus started, bringing about the kingdom of heaven. It is hard work, at times thankless work, but we do it with smiles on our faces and love in our hearts. We bring food and clothes to those have little. We stand up and speak for those whose voices have been muted. We fight for justice for all people, insulted and angered by the injustice we see all around us. We are, as we were commanded at our baptism, lights in the world.

And what a blossoming, blooming, chirping, and buzzing that comes about when we bring this new life into our homes, schools, communities. Yes, there are those messy mud puddles from time-to-time, but admit it, who doesn’t like to splash through a puddle.

Easter has set us free to be Jesus people in this world, to be, as Luther said, little Christs to those around us. And oh, what a wonderful world it is because of it.



Choir Notes

This will be our last “choir notes” until September. Our last practice for this season will be May 31 and we will sing at service on June 4.

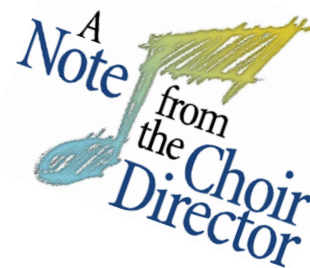
We have started work on 2 pieces that will be sung at the joint Reformation Day Service on Oct 29. We would love to add some new voices to our group for that service in particular, as well as for our regular times during worship. Please think about it over the summer.

I would like to thank our talented accom-

panist Tammy, Charlotte, for stepping in to direct on occasions, and all the choir members for your faithful attendance and support this year. It is a joy and a privilege to work with all of you each week.

I hope that everyone has a restful summer and that you will all return in the fall with fresh voices and enthusiasm.

Laurie



Bible Study

The morning Bible is still working through the books of 1&2 Samuel, the story of David. At present we are still examining the kingship of David's predecessor, Saul. Why not come out and learn about this important part of our heritage?

In May we will meet on the 2nd, 9th, and 23rd. We will break for summer after the June 6th study.

Loonie Sale

Our annual Loonie Sale in support of our two World Vision Foster Children is set for June 4. Lots of good items are already being assembled. Lunch will be available at a reasonable price.

Always a highlight. Plan to attend.



Joint Picnic

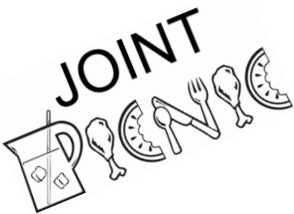
Mark your calendars for June 11. On that day, we will gather with members and friends from our GTA East group at the Peterborough Zoo. Picnic starts at 1:00 p.m., or as soon as we can make it there. Picnic Shelters 1 and 2 are booked for us.

Bring lawn chairs, a dish to share at the potluck lunch, and drinks. Also you'll need to bring your own plates, cutlery, and cups.

Watch the Otters get fed at 3:00 p.m., enjoy the zoo, enjoy meeting new friends.

There will be a short worship at 4:00 p.m.

Watch and listen for more details.



Anglican-Lutheran Convergence in Waterloo

Michael Coren, well-known broadcaster and commentator on issues of religion, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at a day-long Anglican-Lutheran conference commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation through creative expressions of worship, music, preaching, spirituality, and justice from the past and present.

The event is co-sponsored by Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Renison University College.

Date: Saturday, June 17

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 9

**Location: Renison University College
240 Westmount Rd., Waterloo**

Cost: \$50, includes HST, lunch and parking.

To register: <http://reformation.renison.ca>

For details contact: Allen Jorgenson, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, ajorgenson@wlu.ca

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Pint with the Pastor

The Pint is going on the road. With the closure of the Thirsty Monk, we have been searching for a home. It was decided that we would gather at various spots during the year—have pint will travel.

In May we will meet at Woody’s, which is located at 701 Grandview (Rossland and Grandview).

The conversation is always lively and varied. We would love to have you join us.



Pint With the Pastor

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<p>7 <i>Worship, 10:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <i>Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>13 <i>Coffee:</i> 7: Fellowship Hour 14: Maureen Molson 21: Vivian Roth 28: Nancy Patton</p>
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