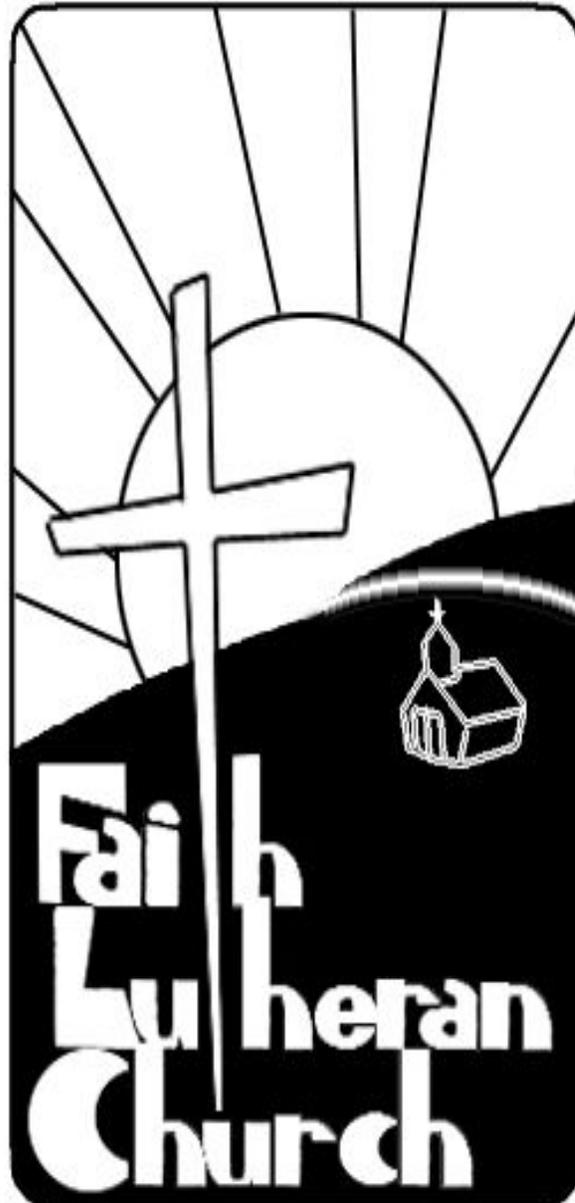


The Grapevine

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6



There is no doubt that we live in uncertain, tumultuous times. When a nation fires a nuclear missile over another sovereign state claiming that this is only the beginning; when leaders of nations blatantly spew untruths and denigrate those who try to report the truth; when the ice fields melt at alarming rates, and violent storms are more violent and more frequent, we can say we are living on the edge. Who knows where it all will lead; where it will all end.

There is no end to doomsayers who pronounce that we are living in the last days. And we may well be. More importantly, though, is what do we do about it?

When Luther was asked what he would do if he knew this was the last day of his life, he answered, plant a tree. Seed hope. Trust in the future. Know that the world, that time is in God’s hands.

And it seems that we are planting trees, sowing hope. It is encouraging to see how our country has responded so positively to the throng of refugees who seek a future, a life. We are giving hope to those who had no hope, life to those whose future was only death.

It is heartening to see countries who have suffered mindless terrorist acts, respond with courage and resolve, resuming their daily lives in defiance of those who would shut them down.

What a wonderful thing to witness people of different faiths, gathering together to pray, respecting the differences we have, embracing the similarities that unite.

I don’t think our time is any different from any other. There has always been threats of war, and each time with the advancement of human technology, it seems that this war will be the one that ends it all. There have been countless cycles of warming and cooling, although none have been so aided by human carelessness as this warming trend. So why should this war, this warming be the end of all things?

The writer of the Proverbs begins the work by stating, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.” (Prov 1:7) For those of us in the Judeo-Christian traditions, true knowledge doesn’t come with the advent of the newest iPhone, the latest cancer treatment, most recent rocket launch. It comes from God.

Think about it. From the Lord we learn that we are to love each other as God in Christ loves us; that means loving and forgiving with no strings attached. We learn we are to pray for our enemies, to leave vengeance to God. We learn we are to help those in need, to share the riches that God has showered upon us. We learn that we are till and keep the earth, being good stewards rather than pillagers. We learn that although we humans are intelligent creatures, innovative and inquisitive, still all things are not in our hands, but God’s, including the future.

The logical consequence of all this knowledge we learn from God is this: trust and discipleship. If God has so designed the world that love trumps hate, that good stewardship produces abundance, that God desires our best, why not put our life in God’s hands and follow where God leads?

Then whether today is the first day of the rest of our lives, or the last day, we know that the LORD will direct our paths, now and always. And it doesn’t get any better than that!

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Kick-Off

Join us on Sunday, September 10, for our KICK-OFF Sunday. We will celebrate the return of many who have been away all summer, take a look at some of our programs, then gather on the patio for a B-B-Q and corn roast.

Come and reconnect. Come and share your stories of the summer past. Come and join your voice and prayers to our worship. Come, see the new patio. But by all means, Come. We will be waiting with open arms.



Blessing of the Backpacks

As part of our Kick-Off Sunday, we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks, an opportunity for all students (and teachers!) to have their new school year blessed.

Bring your backpack and place it in front

of the altar before worship. Before Sunday School, we will have a short prayer of blessing on your backpack and you will be given a card to place in your backpack to remind you of the blessing.



Installation of Hilla Lahtinen and Ronnie Smith

We are invited to celebrate the Installation of Hilla Lahtinen and Ronnie Smith, new pastors at Peace, Pickering, on September 17, at 3:00 p.m.

Peace Pickering is located at 928 Liverpool

Rd., South, just south of the Tim Horton's. There will be refreshments following the service, and the opportunity to greet the new pastors.



Pictorial Directory

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: We will be putting together a Photo Directory of our congregation and friends. In October there will be scheduled times to get your pictures taken. We encourage everyone to have

their pictures taken; the directory is so important to newer members. Keep watching for details.





Sunday School

Sunday School will start up on Sunday, September 10th. We will start off in church then move to Cana Hall after children's time. We will continue to have two classes each month.

If you are interested in helping out please see Lisa Bachewich or Vickie Goddard.

Woman's Circle and Woman's Retreat



Woman's Circle begins with our regular dinner meeting at Club Loreley on Thursday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m. All Women are warmly encouraged to join us.

Our annual Women's Retreat goes the weekend of September 15-17. There is a poster up on the bulletin board and a flyer

is in your mailbox. If you need more details contact Elke Rosenau. For a testimony on the wonderful time had on the retreat, talk to any of the women who attended last year's retreat.

Oktoberfest



Faith Lutheran is hosting an **Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance** at Club Loreley, Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. This Oktoberfest is part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and we are inviting our friends from Epiphany Scarborough, Peace Pickering, Christ the King Whitby, and

Christ Peterborough. Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchased from Dayna Graham. As there will be a cash bar, this is an adult dinner.

Get your tickets today!

Bible Study

The morning Bible Study will pick up its study of the books of 1 and 2 Samuel, on Tuesday, September 19 at 9:45 a.m. We meet every second Tuesday.

Pick up a coffee on your way in the chapel, then find a nice place at the table. We begin with a prayer, then read the text from Samuel, followed by thoughts, questions, observations. If we get through that, we

answer questions from our study guide and read the accompanying commentary.

Our discussions sometimes carry us far afield, but we are always able to bring them back to the text at hand.

We'd love to have you join us. We have FLC members, FP residents, and friends. We think you'd fit right in.



Welcome to Communion

Children grades 2 and up: We are going to run our Welcome to Communion Class on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m.

The class will run about an hour and a half, during which time we will talk about Holy Communion, what it means, why we have it, and how we do it.



Flowers

Starting this fall, we will no longer assign people to supply flowers for the altar. We will revise the old practice, used post-Katie and pre-Eve, of having a Flower Chart posted, with people volunteering flowers.

Do you have a special date you'd like to commemorate, like a birthday, wedding anniversary, or confirmation anniversary? Is there, was there a special person in your life that you would like to honour or remember?

Just sign your name on the chart and bring

the flowers on Sunday. If you would like this acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin, be sure to give the information to the office no later than Tuesday prior to placement of the flowers. The best way is to send your information to:

office@faithlutheranministries.ca.

If you are not good with computers, simply write out your information and hand it to Pastor Becker the Sunday before.

If no one signs up to supply flowers, we will use the live plants that we have.



Choir

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, all my life
I will sing psalms to my God. (Psalm 104:33)*

It's time to lubricate your vocal chords! Choir practices will be starting on September 6 at 6:30 p.m., in the chapel, to be ready for Kick-Off Sunday on Sept 10.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to a new year of singing. We plan on singing some old favourites as well as introducing some new anthems this year.

We will be singing at the Joint Reformation Service on October 29, along with members from the other churches in our conference. This will be a joyous celebration

of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

We are always looking for new members, so please come and give it a try – all we require is your voice and enthusiasm, along with a commitment to attend the practices. While we do work hard on our anthems, we manage to have fun as well – feel free to ask any current member what to expect. If you have any questions about choir, please feel free to contact me at likeda@wchighspeed.com, or by phone at 705-357-3488, or ask any choir member.

We look forward to seeing you on September 6.





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<p><i>Ushers:</i> 10: Joel Mounney, Andrew Mounney 17: Will and Lisa Bachewich 24: Irv and Helen Linkie</p>	<p><i>Readers:</i> 10: Vivian Roth 17: Lisa Bachewich 24: Angela Hauke</p>	<p><i>Communion Set-up:</i> 17: Vivian Roth, Wendy Becker <i>Communion Servers:</i> 17: Donna Jennings, Irv Linkie</p>		<p>1 Women's Retreat</p>	<p>2 Coffee: 10: Kick off BBQ 17: Joyce Geres 24: Lori Wilson</p>
<p>3 Worship, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>4 Faith Council, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Women's Circle, 5:30 500th Anniversary Planning, Epiphany, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Kick-Off Sunday Sunday School Worship, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 →</p>
<p>17 Worship, 10:30 a.m. Installation of Peace Lutheran's Pastors, 3:00 p.m. →</p>	<p>19 Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>20 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Pint W/ Pastor, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Sunday School Worship, 10:30 a.m. Welcome to Com- munion Class, 1:00</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Counters: Laurie Ikeda Will Bachewich</p>	<p>30</p>