



Grace Lutheran Church ELCIC
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GRACE NOTES

Summer 2010

"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome in this place."

The Missionaries are Coming!

July 4- Pr Brian Rude from El Salvador will be bringing the message. His ministry involves people in prison as well as those who suffer with HIV/Aids. After church service there will be a time to mix and mingle with Pr Brian. And...

August 15- Pr Fran Schmidt from Lima, Peru and pastor of our companion church San Juan Camino de Esperanza will bring the message and give a presentation following the service.

Come, listen and be inspired!



**CANADIAN LUTHERAN
ANGLICAN YOUTH
GATHERING
August 19-22, 2010
London Ontario.**

Please hold the following Youth of our congregation - *Helena Budgell, Allie Graff, Conor Graff and Eric Kay* - in prayer as they prepare to go to London, Ontario to attend our National Church's Youth Gathering (in partnership with the Anglican church for the first time). Keep in your prayers as well *Andrew Macauley and Aneeta Saroop*, our congregation's home team leaders. We look forward to the stories and experiences they will bring back to help us continue to grow in God's grace.

Go Green With Grace

Vacation Bible Eco-Camp

July 12th - 17th, 2010
9:00 am to 12 noon
at Grace Lutheran Church

Field Trips to:

Victoria Compost Education Centre
Hartland Landfill
Terralicious Organic Farm

Hands on Environmental Activities
Crafts and Snacks.

Ages 4-12

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ONLY 10 SPOTS LEFT!
let's fill them!

CAN YOU HELP?
call Pr. Ian

Needs Closer to Home!

The hunger experienced on our streets isn't taking a holiday. the need is greater than ever. *St John Divine Emergency Pantry* needs food donations on an ongoing basis. Please give!

How about following a lead from one of our congregational members: Sue Schaefer decided to have a Birthday Party with guests bringing food or cash donations for the food pantry as gifts. This was so appreciated by the Emergency Pantry. This could be done for barbeque parties, birthday parties, Canada Day parties, etc. Be creative with this inspiration!

A word from Pastor Brenda

One of my favourite songs to sing is George Gershwin's 'Summertime'. I've performed it so often, that the riffs I hear and sing are all part of my bones. And every time I sing it it is like the first time always a little different because something in the tune, the words, is new. Sometimes I'm really happy with the way the song turns out sometimes not so much ... thinking I could have sung it better ... but the feeling is always there. I sing it from my soul.

Isn't this just like life? Especially as one walks with God, wanting to trust the way God calls us to trust, wanting to respond with all of the love we can give just as Jesus encourages us, wanting to give as people who know it is giving from the heart that truly makes one happy? There are days when I'm in tune with all of this, or at least some of it, and it just feels so easy. Then there are other days when it seems no matter what I say or do, I'm just out of tune.

But God is with me, with you, no matter how our heart is singing. God is always on key, not missing a beat. And God encourages us to play with the song we've been given, risking notes and different patterns, knowing God will help us remember the tune, getting back on track. And even sing in harmony!

Blessings and peace!! Pr. Brenda +

Sundays in July and August.

July 4--HC	Pastor Brenda and Brian Rude <i>missionary from El Salvador</i>
July 11	Pr. Ian and Craig Knight
July 18--HC	Pr. Brenda
July 25	Pr. Ian
Aug 1--HC	Pr. Ian
Aug 8	Craig Knight
Aug 15	Chivonne Graff & Pr. Fran Schmidt <i>missionary from Peru.</i>
Aug 22--HC	Pr. Brenda
Aug 29	Pr. Brenda


**HC denotes Holy Communion Sundays*

Gardeners always appreciated to help with the church garden! Please see Leena Ewanchuk if gardening makes you happy and you can serve in this way. 😊

On call while Pastor Brenda is away....

July 4 - July 11	Pastor Ian <i>(PB is away on continuing education)</i>
July 18 - July 31	Pastor Ian
August 1- August 18	Pr. David Lefsrud

Please call the church office or Brigitte McKenzie for contact numbers. Pastor Brenda returns from holidays on August 18th.



ELCIC Human Sexuality Task Force Releases First Draft of a Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality.

The first draft is intended to be reviewed by individuals and congregations. Hard copies are available in the narthex. Or you can access it online at www.elcic.ca and follow the links at the bottom of the page. Feedback is to be received by the end of August 2010.

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