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Blessed is the man who trusts
in the Lord,
and whose hope is the Lord.
Jeremiah 17:7

Note from the pastor



Inspired by Psalm 8

My dear sisters and brothers
in Christ Jesus our Lord,

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts in these tumultuous times. I cannot lose the images of the nightly news. I close my eyes and see burning buildings and vehicles, and hear fear, anger, hatred, frustration, tears, pain – deep pain, everywhere. I wish I could erase these images yet know I never will. It reminds me of a gathering in a small ‘library’ room at an orphanage in Vicente Guerrero almost 19 years ago. It was our first mission experience here at Trinity and we were a group of 28 youth and adults. We lived and served at a small village orphanage on the Baja in Mexico. Each evening we gathered to debrief our day and to turn to God in prayer with all that we had experienced. I asked each team member to be ready to share two things, ‘*what did*

you see/experience today that you never want to forget’ and ‘what did you see/experience today that you want desperately to forget but know you never will.’ These are deep questions, especially for young people. Life is filled with deep questions and youth are very ready to engage in them, but they need supportive and discerning guidance as they do so. Guidance based in the Word of God.

They are not alone, no matter what age we are we still need discerning and supportive guidance from God’s Word for our deep questions. What are your questions right now? What is informing your discernment? Where do you turn for answers? We are facing big problems in our world. The evidence of this is on our nightly news – our world is deeply divided, polarized and in pain. How do we, believers in Christ Jesus, respond?

I am overwhelmed by the unceasing information hitting me like bullets through social media, news, and the variety of responses all around me. Nothing comes to us anymore without editorial comment/agenda. I long to

be told what is true. Don’t you? Everything is complicated because there is sin in all of us – no one acts with completely pure motives. There are so many ‘sides’ and I find myself trying to figure out the ‘truth’ of the matter so I can know how best to respond. Winston Churchill said that ‘*truth is the most valuable thing in the world. It is so valuable that it is often covered in a bodyguard of lies. We protect the truth because we don’t like where it leads us.*’ In the Gospel of John, Pilate asks Jesus, “What is truth?” and then Pilate walks away from ‘*the truth*’ standing right in front of him, not waiting for an answer.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by it all and do nothing, change nothing. I have come to realize that my struggle is because I am trying to make sense of it all, to find truth in the mess around me. The conflicting voices of information, opinion, and a variety of ‘truths’ are

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compelling and heart-rending. They draw my attention, my reactions, as people share valid concerns and real pain. It is hard not to listen. And as followers of Christ we are called to listen to the cries of people, and to have compassion for, and pray for, friend and foe alike. My struggle to respond comes from not seeking the discernment and guidance needed to respond. I can only find direction in God's Word and will for me, not from the chaos around me. God will direct my ways and answer me.

We are the body of Christ, His presence in the world. If we seriously want to know how to respond to what is happening around us, then our focus must be on Christ, first and always. Jesus Christ who responded to the sin of the world by giving His own self as payment. Christ who is *'the way, the truth and the life'*. Christ stands before us and calls us to 'lose our lives and follow Him so that we may find our lives.' Christ calls us to 'die to self and live in Him'. His words cut deep don't they? I confess that I shy away from what it might mean

to live my life in Christ Jesus - the Truth.

Humans tend to look for the easiest way out – we want simple solutions to complex problems. Our human nature does not want to face *'truth in our inmost being'*, as David wrote in the Psalms. Why? Because facing the truth of Christ in ourselves will demand repentance, sorrow for the ways in which we have failed, and the desire to begin again. Yet this is where we begin to respond to the serious issues in our world. We begin by looking deep within ourselves, confessing the sins we find there and trusting that God's hand is at work in us – transforming and refining us! The Voice of Truth, the Holy Spirit of God, is the One who makes it possible for us to believe, to confess, and to trust. He shows us our sin, assures us of our Saviour's love and daily gives us discernment, guiding us through the labyrinth of voices that assail us, and showing us how to shine the light of Christ in the world. This is lasting change – changed hearts and minds.

I will not forget the images I see around me, and I will not be deaf to the pain. I will pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to respond in honesty and truth as God gives me opportunity, one

word, one act, one thought at a time. God is calling me to live sacrificially so that the burdens of others may be lighter. God is calling you too – please join me in prayer,

O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have created all human beings in an array of colour, of giftedness, a variety of sizes and shapes. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Help us to affirm each person You have made. May we defend their dignity, protect them bodily, and seek to lessen their pain and fear. Make us intentional in examining our thoughts, words, and deeds each day. Equip us through Your Word and strengthen us in Your love to go out and live for You that Jesus may be seen through us, and in Jesus all people may find peace and hope. Amen

Walking this journey with you, Pastor Maggie



HELP DURING COVID-19

We are aware that some of you are in self-isolation for various reasons (symptomatic, immune-compromised, or elderly).

“Doorstep Delivery” helpers are available for those needing deliveries, etc. Please call the church office 403-362-4259 for assistance.

Here is a link for the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) and we encourage you all to make use of it!

Revised Office Hours

Monday: noon – 4pm
Tuesday: noon – 4pm
Wednesday: 9am – 4pm
Thursday: noon – 4pm
Friday: 9am – noon

***Please note our office is open in a limited capacity. Please phone first if you need to come in.**



Trinity Lutheran Church was live.
Yesterday at 9:50 AM · 🌐



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Would You Like to Help With Our Facebook Live Services on Sundays?

Read a verse of scripture

Help with the Dismissal: perfect for our littles who don't read but would like to be a part of the service.

Prayers: Record a prayer for use during the service.

We would love to "see" our church family participate in our online services. [Email](#) the church for more information.



Life Happens! Are you or is someone you know having a tough time? Struggling with a painful transition, grief, illness or other loss? **Jars of Clay Caring Ministry** is here to help. You can have a 'Caregiver' to **walk with you through your time of trouble**, someone who will listen without judging and who will respect your privacy.

If this sounds like you, please contact Pastor Maggie 403.362.4259 or Val Deunk at 403.362.3515 for more information.

For Parents

Wilderness Ranch

Wilderness Adventure Bible School

Ages 16-24

Cost: \$850.00 plus GST

6 Weeks

Registration Open

Only 10 spots available.

For more info click link

<https://www.wildernessranchalberta.com/wilderness-adventure-bible-school>

or call Registrar: 1(403) 687-3701 Director:
1(403)388-1505

Parents, Take Note of the Spiritual Practices Common to Kids Who Flourish as Adults

January 22, 2018 • Trevin Wax

Read the blog post by clicking the link

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/parents-take-note-spiritual-practices-common-kids-flourish-adults/>



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June 2020 Stewardship Newsletter Article

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. "As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It's the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God's mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don't offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to

present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

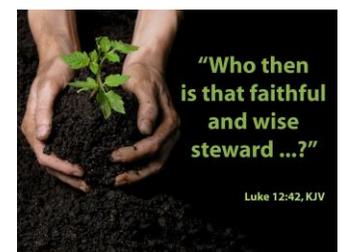
In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it's all God's gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I'm doing, am I doing it "for the Lord"? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus' finished work, God is pleased with us.

From the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Website
www.lcms.org





Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada conducts linguistic research; translates the Bible; facilitates literacy; promotes Scripture use; trains indigenous people; cooperates with local governments, educators, national church leaders and local communities; and involves Lutherans in Canada in building awareness through recruitment and by seeking partnerships for prayer, financial support and encouragement.

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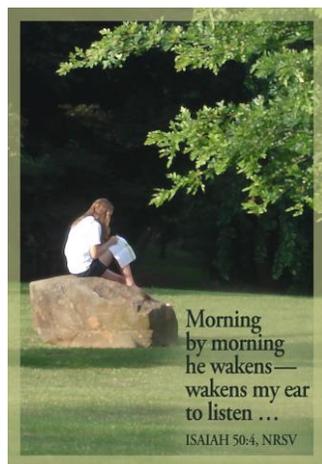
Missionaries of Lutheran Bible Translators: Martin and Joan Weber

Martin and Joan have been LBTC missionaries since 1983.

The Webers have been a fixture in Bible translation and literacy training in Cameroon for close to 40 years. They raised their three children while in Cameroon. The Webers have supervised two LBTC publications, a

New Testament in the Kwanja languages in 2003, and a lectionary (Bible lessons of the day, often used in churches) in 2016. Once the Kwanja NT was completed, they made available to many persons portable audio players that read Bible wherever desired. Hundreds of "Proclaimers" and "Megavoice" players are now in the hands of persons who can hear the Word anytime they desire. The Webers' work has been a great blessing to all those that heard the Bible in their heart language for the first time.

To receive the Weber's prayer letter please email martin.weber@lbt.org



Wycliffe Canada works to end Bible poverty by facilitating the translation of God's Word among minority language communities worldwide.

[Click here for more information and to donate to this ministry](#)

The following excerpts are from a letter written by Sam & Dolores Wuermli

Dear Friends and Family,

We are currently in a campaign to increase our ministry support to 100%, so that we are fully funded as the Mission Coach and Receipts Manager.

We are writing this letter to ask if you will please pray for us as we enter this next phase of our journey. It is our understanding that many ministry staff must campaign at various times throughout their career. As such, we want to get started on the right foot, and are asking you to join us in

the following prayer requests:

- That God would surround us with a team of people who will pray, volunteer and give generously for us to finish well within the next seven years
- For strength and peace for all of us in this challenging time of COVID-19
- For those who are waiting to receive God's Word in their language.

You can reach us at sam_wuermli@wycliffe.ca or 403-826-4402. Any questions, and messages of encouragement from you would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks in advance and may God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sam & Dolores Wuermli
Mission Coach and Receipts Manager

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – " 1 Timothy 2:1 NIV



Samaritan's Purse Canada

Mission Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Samaritan's Purse?

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organization that takes its name from Jesus Christ's story in the Bible of the Good Samaritan. In Luke 10, Jesus tells of a man from Samaria who finds a traveler robbed and beaten at the side of the

road, in desperate need of help.

Although the traveler was a complete stranger, the Samaritan bandages him, carries him to a local inn, spends a night caring for him, and then takes coins from his purse and pays the innkeeper to continue caring for him. The Samaritan also promises to come back and pay the innkeeper even more, if that is what is necessary to restore the traveler to full health.

Like that Good Samaritan, Samaritan's Purse provides aid to hurting people—victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution. We do it regardless of their religious faith, race, gender, or socio-economic standing. We usually partner with local churches, just as the Good Samaritan partnered with the innkeeper. And we continue to nurture that partnership, and monitor the effectiveness of our work, just as the Samaritan arranged with the innkeeper.

Samaritan's Purse Canada has been doing essential relief and development work in Jesus' Name all around the world since 1973. Our Emergency Disaster Relief programs provide urgently needed assistance including food, water, and temporary shelter. We meet critical needs and give people a chance to rebuild their lives here in Canada and around the world.

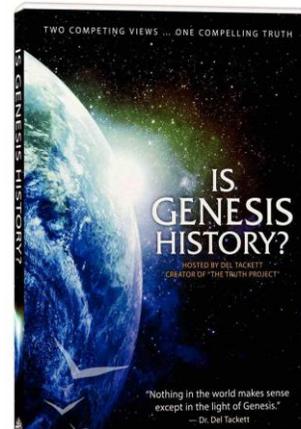
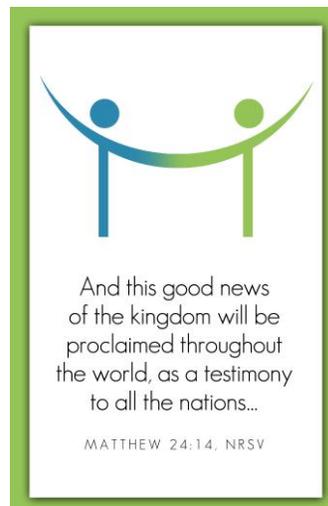
Recent projects in Canada include:

COVID-19 Medical Supplies Sent to Northern Canada

Offering physical, spiritual aid to northern Alberta flood victims

Helping brokenhearted flood victims in Fort McMurray

[Click this link](#) for more information on Samaritan's Purse Canada.



Is Genesis History?

features over a dozen scientists and scholars explaining how the world intersects with the history recorded in Genesis. From rock layers to fossils, from lions to stars, from the Bible to artifacts, this fascinating film will change the way you see the world.

The film's goal is to provide a reasonable case for Creation in six normal days, a real Adam and Eve, an actual fall, a global flood, and a tower of Babel. Dr. Del Tackett, creator of The Truth Project, serves as your guide—hiking through canyons, climbing up mountains, and diving below the sea—in an exploration of two competing views ... one compelling truth.

We have a copy of this DVD at the church office. Call 403-362-4259 to borrow.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Cuong & Jessica Nguyen	June 09
Colin & Sarah Sinclair	June 14
Stanley & Jeanette Zahn	June 17
Colin & Dawn Thurmeier	June 21
Murry & Kerri Giles	June 22
Rob & Denise Aman	June 27
Ryan & Shannon Andrews	June 28
Chris & Michelle Chivers	June 29



JUNE SENIORS BIRTHDAYS

Bill Sanguin	June 02
Carol Stedel	June 02
Norman Jasperson	June 03
Alf Jensen	June 03
Bill Chivers	June 04
Joan Jenkins	June 05
Hans Jensen	June 06
Meg Henderson	June 09
Clara Vossler	June 12
Doris Bachand	June 13
Audrey Sanguin	June 21
Brenda Shepherd	June 21
Kathy Smith	June 21



If you are a Senior and would like to have your name included on the Seniors' birthday list, please call the church office.



If you have a concern you would like to have placed on our Prayer Chain please call the church office. Please notify the office also if your email address has changed.

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*The next deadline is
June 25, 2020.*

*“Serve Christ our Lord by
welcoming, equipping
& sending disciples”*

JUNE 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Pastor Maggie day off	2	3 10:30 am Staff Zoom meeting 12:00 pm Confirmation Zoom Class	4	5	6 Pastor Maggie day off
7 10:00 am Facebook Live Worship	8 Pastor Maggie day off	9 7:00 pm Deacon Zoom meeting 8:00 pm AA	10 10:30 am Staff Zoom meeting	11 11:00 am Board of Education Zoom meeting 8:00 pm AA	12	13 Pastor Maggie day off
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21 10:00 am Facebook Live Worship	22 Pastor Maggie day off	23 8:00 pm AA	24 10:30 am Staff Zoom meeting 4:00 pm Confirmation Windup	25 Trinity Times deadline 8:00 pm AA	26	27 Pastor Maggie day off
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