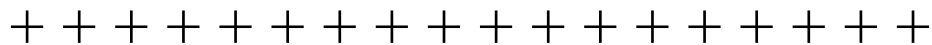


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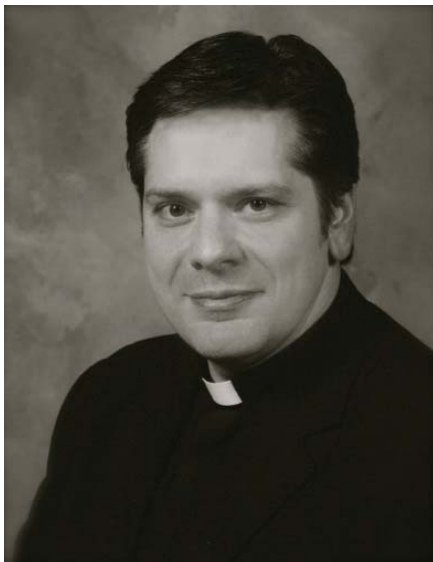


Attention All Choir Members
(and any newbies who'd like to join us)

It's now just about six weeks before Pastor Christi's installation and we wanted to give you a "heads up" re the two choir practices we'll have before then. Please mark Wednesday September 7th and Wednesday September 14th at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar for these practices, lasting about an hour. Looking forward to having you join us!



Rev. Basil Christi, our Associate Pastor-Elect



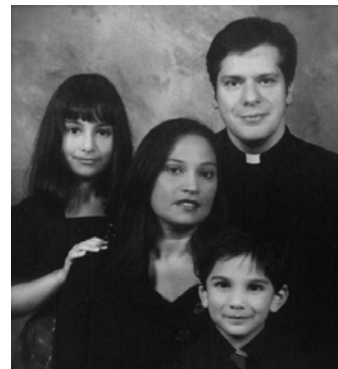
The Reverend Basil Christi (Vasilios Christoforidis) was a former spiritual skeptic who converted to Christianity twenty years ago and embraced Lutheranism, in particular, fourteen years ago. Prior to following the Holy Spirit's prompting to prepare for the pastoral ministry, Pastor Christi served as the Director of Christian Outreach (DCO) at The Church of Saint Mark- Lutheran, in Mississauga, for five years.

In 2009, he began his studies at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, in St. Catharines, and, while pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree through Brock University, was admitted into the pastoral program in the following year. He served his vicarage at Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Waterloo, Ontario, under the supervision of the Reverend Robert Krestick.

On May 31st, 2014, he received his first Call to minister to the congregations of Peace Lutheran Church, in Taber, Alberta, and Duchess Lutheran Church, in Duchess, Alberta, and was installed as their pastor on September 7th, 2014. Pastor Christi received the Call to serve the congregation of Christ Our King Lutheran Church in mid-June of this year and will be installed as Associate Pastor on September 18th.

Over the course of his spiritual journey, his time as DCO, his vicarage, and his years serving in Alberta, Pastor Christi has been afforded numerous opportunities to connect the Christian community to the greater community-at-large for the sake of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God's Word to the world He so loves, and it is his most heartfelt desire that such moments will continue to multiply as he now prepares to enjoin the congregation of Christ Our King Lutheran Church in ministering to those whom God has set in their midst, in the City of Mississauga. Pastor Christi's faith journey has taken him full circle in the course of his life: "I was brought up, nominally, Greek Orthodox. My family and I were in church, at most, twice a year— the last ones in, first ones out! As a child, I simply didn't get to hear the Gospel. It was only later in life, when my wife, at that time my fiancé, became a Christian, that I started to consider the claims of Christianity as I set out to discredit her newly formed faith because it had started to adversely affect my hedonism, that is, the pursuit of pleasure that defined my life up to that point in time. In the course of doing so, I used my background in history to follow the evidence for the resurrection of Christ, thinking that it would simply lead to a particular path, a spiritual dead-end, and certainly not down the road which I now travel... let's just say that the stone that was rolled away at Easter rolled right over me and my arguments!"

Pastor Christi and his wife, Rebecca, have been married for nineteen years and have two children: a ten-year-old daughter, Evangelica (Angel), and a six-year-old son, Alexander.



Beloved in Christ Jesus,

As Marjorie and I work through the process of moving from one home another this month, I am enjoying the refreshing feeling of offloading 20 years of accumulated "stuff" from the garage ... and the basement ... and the closet ... and ...

Maybe you know what that's like. Or maybe you don't. If you've lived in the same house for 20 or 30 or 40 years, or more, the off-fall of life kind of accumulates around you. It creeps up ever so slowly until you find yourself in over your head and don't know how you got there.

I don't think I'm a hoarder, but there were boxes and bins of nuts and bolts, nails and pieces of wire, odds and ends that I have dragged around from place to place *since 1976*. As I looked over the accumulated pile on the workbench I made two resolves to myself:

- I am not going to pack and move this stuff again ...so it went to the garbage, or Value Village ...
- I am not going to let this happen again ... the basement at the new place is empty and unfinished, *and it is going to stay that way*. I am not putting anything down the basement.

I have this new sense of freedom, as if a great burden has been lifted from my back. There is a wonderful sense of relief to be found as you move from one place to another. Think of yourself as a root-bound plant that has outgrown its pot. Re-pot it with fresh dirt and it takes on a re-born feeling, a new life.

It's as if life, or more correctly God, has given you a do-over. The game of golf even has a term for this. A *mulligan* is a second chance to perform an action, usually after the first chance went wrong through bad luck or a blunder. In the game of golf, a player is informally allowed to replay a stroke, even though this is against the formal rules of the game. You whiff your tee shot and the ball lands four feet away. Or your second shot makes a splash in the lake. Sometimes it not your fault, like when your almost perfect birdie putt gets redirected by a chipmunk.



This morning what I want to talk how we serve a God who is the God of the do over. He is the God of the fresh start ... and His church is "A Place of New Beginnings."

As God's dearly beloved children in Christ, we are a people who get do overs and fresh starts with God... AND we all, need a new beginning every now and then? That's what our life in Christ is all about.

Our sins, whether big or small, can accumulate over time, and we often try to deal with them by simply ignoring them, or perhaps feebly promising to deal with them ... sometime ...

Or ... maybe God would just give us a do-over. Just pretend that shot into the rough, or the sand trap, or the lake, didn't actually happen. Just erase it.

Dear friends, life doesn't come with an undo button. To simply erase sin would not take into account the holiness of God, nor the stain of sin and the wickedness of our hearts.



All that junk in the garage, that pile of uselessness on the workbench, it all had to go somewhere. There were only two choices: find someone to take it off my hands and get rid of it, or keep dragging it around for the rest of my life (and then it would become someone else's problem).

Our gracious God does not simply ignore our sin, He promises to do something with it. He sends His Son to be "the Lamb of God who carries away the sin of the world." The pages of His book are full of people finding fresh starts and new beginnings in the Lord and at the cross. Think about Joseph, Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, Samson, Mary Magdalene.... True stories written down for you & me so we will never forget that our God is the God of forgiveness.

The answer to a wayward tee shot is a mulligan. The answer to the problem of sin is the cross.

Peace in Jesus

Pastor Larry Flohr

LOOKING FORWARD..... August 2016 Update

As we get closer to September, things are getting very busy as we prepare for the arrival of our Associate Pastor, Rev. Basil Christi, and his family. What an exciting time at COK!

Since our last update, Pastor Flohr and Marjorie have found rental accommodations that will allow them to move in August, which means that we have a few weeks to prepare the parsonage before the Christis arrival on the Labour Day weekend! They are happy with their accommodations, and are also contributing to the rental cost of the home since it is a nice home and it was a good situation for their family.

Now that we have more information concerning our associate pastor, and the housing needs have been sorted out, we have been able to revisit and assess our projections for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. Overall, we are projecting to underspend by approximately \$5,000 in 2016 and overspend by approximately \$5,000 in 2017, so altogether, we are on par with last year's projections! This is quite a blessing, given that the housing costs were considerably higher than we anticipated, and that we inadvertently did not budget for some allowances for the associate pastor. However, other items were over-estimated for 2017 which has helped to balance our projected costs.

Of course, this still represents a significant challenge to our congregation on a financial level, and also in terms of doing things that we haven't done before (or for a long time!) and in managing changes in our congregation.

The congregation has already begun to get involved in helping to prepare the rental home for the Flohrs to move into, and preparations are under way to transform the nursery room beside the cloak room into Pastor Christi's office.

As we continue our preparations, we would ask that you consider ways in which you can help out:

- Work days will be scheduled in order that many hands can help make the work light! We will also be scheduling work for clean-up of the parsonage, both inside and out in late August. Please see your emails for future information and consider helping out.
- Much of the congregation's costs of moving our pastors (half is covered by our participation in the District's Moving Fund) and setting up the second office will be paid for from our Second Pastor Fund. The current balance in this fund is now over \$40,000, with our goal being \$80,000. This fund will also help ensure adequate coverage of future salaries in times of budget fluctuations. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to the Second Pastor Fund by marking your contribution as "2nd Pastor Fund" on your offering envelope.
- Please continue to pray for our pastors and their families during this time of transition, and for the safe arrival of the Christi's.

LOOKING FORWARD..... August 2016 Update

Our Installation Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 4pm followed by a reception. Here is your invitation!

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 18th**, 2016 as Pastor Vasilios Christoforidis (a.k.a. Pastor Basil Christi) is installed as our Associate Pastor at Christ Our King Lutheran Church located at 2150 Dundas St. W. in Mississauga.

Installation service will be at 4:00 p.m. followed by a reception afterwards in the church fellowship hall to welcome Pastor Christi, Rebecca and their two children into our midst. **If you would like to attend the reception after the service please sign up on the poster in the lower narthex,**

RSVP to Christ Our King's church office at 905-822-8931, or email at coklutheran@christourking.ca

no later than **Friday, September 9th** as space is limited in the church basement.

We look forward to seeing you at that time, as we celebrate this most joyous occasion as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**GOD is
so GOOD!**

Bible Class Bits and Bites

The Nature of True Saving Faith

Scripture is clear that the one thing a person must do to be saved is have a 'true saving faith' in Jesus the Christ. Faith is the instrument that God uses to bring individuals into a saving relationship with Himself. This does not mean that faith is the basis of our salvation; instead it is the channel by which God grants salvation. The saving power of faith is not in itself, but in Jesus on whom our faith rests. It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but that Christ saves through faith.

Faith comes to the believer as a gift from God. It is not something that we are able to create or choose on our own. If faith is a work of our own doing, then we would be in a position to take partial credit for our redemption. But such a concept is foreign to Scripture. Paul, being led by the Holy Spirit, anticipated that people would want to boast of contributing to their salvation when he wrote "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast", (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Faith comes as a result of the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit; He quickens our hearts to believe. Apart from the new birth, there can be no true faith. Therefore, faith, though it manifests itself in action, comes as a result of God's work in us. God grants us faith and that faith is evidenced by walking in good works. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them", (Ephesians 2:10).

The Bible says that if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. However, the Bible does not present faith as simply knowledge about Jesus or even mental assent or agreement to the facts of the Gospel. True saving faith involves repentance from one's sin and a complete trust in the work of Christ to save us from sin and make us righteous. The Reformers spoke of three aspects of faith: 1) knowledge (recognition) of the truth of the Gospel; 2) assent (agreement) with the Gospel truths and their exact correspondence to our spiritual need; and 3) trust (action) that results in a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ who, by virtue of His death, provides the only sufficient sacrifice for our sin. Any one of these three aspects of faith, taken by themselves, is insufficient to meet the Biblical definition of saving faith. However, the presence of all three components together results in saving faith. In other words, saving faith consists of knowledge, assent and trust which results in living a more Christ-like life. Saving faith involves the mind, the will, and the body.

In addition to calling us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the New Testament uses several figures of speech to describe the nature of saving faith. Perhaps the most vivid of those figurative references is found in Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied", (Matthew 5:6). In that passage, Jesus likens true faith to hunger and thirst. The unbeliever, by virtue of the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, recognizes their dire need of spiritual nourishment and refreshment and comes to Jesus the Christ trusting that He will fill their need. That is a beautiful picture of faith. First, there is recognition of Jesus' claim to be the "bread of life", (John 6:35) and the possessor of "living water", (John 4:10). Next, the unbeliever is convinced that Jesus' promise is really true and that it corresponds exactly with his profound spiritual hunger and thirst. Finally, the unbeliever acts; he asks Jesus to satisfy his hunger and quench his thirst. True faith hears, believes, and actively responds to the Gospel message.

Jim Mulligan
Bible Class Teacher

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

John 10:14

On Thursday, July 21st, our Women's Group met once again to come together to enjoy a few hours of warm fellowship, great conversation, and God's holy Word. Despite the fact that it is summer holiday time, we still had a great turn-out for our event, and for that, we give much praise and thanks. What a treat it is to come out once a month and enjoy some delicious food and wonderful camaraderie among friends! We are so blessed!



Women's Bible Study

As usual, our appetites were satisfied with a mouth-watering meal, and this time we enjoyed rotisserie chicken, a large variety of summer salads, and delectable desserts. It has been often said that COK has some of the best bakers and cooks in the East District, and each month continues to confirm this. After our dinner, we then enjoyed a few short serious and funny moments, followed by some more friendly competition with "Bible Trivia". What fun it is to see everyone working together to try and get the correct answer to win their team a point! It's so good to be able to share some much needed laughter after a long, hot and tiring day.

After our little ice-breaker activity, we then settled down for our Bible study of the evening, and this time, we took a close look at **"Being Mindful of my Good Shepherd's Promises in Psalm 23"**. With the help of one of the most beautiful and comforting psalms in the Bible, we learned that the 23rd psalm presents two separate pictures of God's relationship with His people. The first picture is that of a shepherd and his sheep; the second picture is that of a host and his guest. Each line of this well-known psalm was studied with multiple Bible verses, and we learned more of God's promises of relationship, supply and provision, rest, refreshment, healing, guidance, purpose, testing, faithfulness, discipline, hope, consecration, abundance, blessings and eternity. Our Good Shepherd leads us in the way of truth and uprightness, and He guides us lovingly along our way home to Heaven. We are His little lambs, and He watches over us, protects, leads, and cares for us, now and forever.

Before we knew it, it was time to wrap things up and as usual, we concluded our wonderful evening together with an evening devotion of worship and prayers. What a joy it is to hear such beautiful singing at the close of another beautiful day, given to us by His grace and in abundance!

Our next Women's Group get-together will be taking place on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th** starting with dinner as usual at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Please mark the date down on your calendar, and if you are not on vacation at that time and are still in town, then please prayerfully consider coming out and join us for another great evening, and help us enlarge our circle of love. You'll be glad that you did!

In His service,

Donna Prusha



Nursery School News

Our 2 Open House and Registration Days are scheduled for Monday August 8th and Monday August 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The school will be set up and ready to greet new visitors and to complete registrations for the children who are returning.



We give praise and thanks to God that our staff; Evelynne Haz and Lynda Morell are returning for the new school year. They are looking forward to being with the children as they play, explore, learn and grow in God's word.

This fall the staff will be attending an all day Life Long Learning Conference in October. In addition to this conference, they are continuing their professional development through reading, webinars and educational videos. These are requirements of Raising the Bar Peel and the Early Learning Years Child Care Act. There is much to learn as we implement "How Does Learning Happen?"

We thank you for your prayer support. Please continue to pray that more children will register and have the opportunity to hear about Jesus' love for them.

GARDENER'S JOURNAL

It has been a very hot summer so far but many of the perennials love the heat and require less watering than annuals. That is why the only annuals planted this year are in the pot by the main door. Perennial gardening does have its challenges mostly due to the amount of light needed. If a plant is not doing well in one area it can be moved to an area with more sun or more shade. For that reason, the plants that attract butterflies and bees are now in the cross garden and are doing very well where they receive many hours of sunshine. The 2 butterfly bushes are looking very healthy and are now in bloom ready to welcome the butterflies. What a treat it is to see one of God's most beautiful creatures, the Monarch Butterfly, as it gets nectar from the tiny blossoms. Watch for them and other butterflies in the next month.

There doesn't seem to be any significant rainfall coming soon so more volunteers are needed to water. The new hose and nozzle make this labour of love much easier.

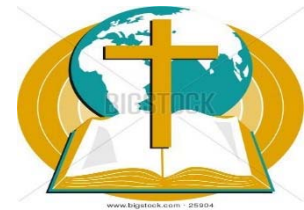
WALK ON JESUS STEPS



Join **Rev. James Luke**, Intercultural Minister & GTA Missionary, Lutheran Church Canada, on this special 10 days tour to the Holy Land.

This is third trip that He will be leading, an excellent opportunity.

Toronto- Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea- Galilee-Mt. of Beatitudes- Nazareth-Beth Shean- Jericho-Bethlehem- Dead Sea- Mt. Zion- Garden Tomb- Via Dolorosa- Church of Holy Sepulcher - Jerusalem - Toronto



TOUR DAYS; 10 Days - 26 Feb. - 07 Mar. 2017

TOTAL COST: CAD \$2,550 (+Air Taxes and fuel surcharge approx. CAD \$650)

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Board of Christian Education - Summer 2016

Since VBS in July, the members of the Board of Christian Education have continued to work on making the church library look and feel inviting to those who wish to browse



through the Christian material we have available both on the rack in the narthex and on the library shelves. In preparation for the renovations of the nursery room this month to make it into Pastor Christi's office, some of the toys in that room were donated to Variety Village. The remaining toys are now available in the library for young families to use if needed. In August, the

Board members are continuing with planning for Sunday School and Bible Class (ordering materials, confirming teaching positions) and the Nursery School (advertising the Open House in August on the church lawn) to resume in September.

In His service,

Madolyn Scharrer
Board of Christian Education



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August 2016

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Ted Jurgens, Rob Brennen, Graham Parker, John O'Handley, Josh Vernon

Just a few updates as follows:

- 1) A new thermostat installed in the Sanctuary back on July 9th by Reliance
- 2) Ace Glass replaced a broken window in the Tower room entrance way.
- 3) New outdoor light fixtures were ordered and received. Fixtures to be installed during the summer as time allows.
- 4) Second office painting was planned for August 5th. More information will follow.
- 5) Fall Clean-Up day is scheduled for October 22nd. Keep this date in mind as there will be a lot of cleanup work needed and will require help.

Itinerary for Holy Land Tour

- 26-27 Feb. 2017 Fly from your airport and join the group from Toronto at Tel Aviv. Night at Tel Aviv
- 28 Feb. St. Peter's Church, Tabitha's grave– Emmaus – Jaffa – Caesarea Maritima – Haifa – Akko, Mount Carmel – Night stay at Tiberius
- 01 Mar. start with a boat on the Sea of Galilee, continue to Jesus ministry. Tabgha, Magdala the town of MaryMagdalene, St. Peter Primacy and the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves, Capernaum and Mt. of Beatitudes. St. Peter fish lunch include. after lunch drive north again to Caesarea Philippi and the sources of the Jordan River
- 02 March Cana and Nazareth, Yardenit the Baptismal place. After lunch drive south via Beit Shean, the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem with a stop at the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John near Jericho, dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.
- 03 March Hebron, Qumran and the Dead Sea. back to Bethlehem.
- 04 March Start the day with a visit to the church of the Nativity, Shepherd Field, and drive to Jerusalem to Ein Karem the birthplace of John the Baptist and place of Visitation. return to Bethlehem for dinner and over night.
- 05 March Mount of Olives- Garden Tomb – Gethsemane – Upper Room – King David's Tomb – Gallicantu – Night Stay in Bethlehem.
- 06 March St. Anne's Church – Pool of Bethesda – Via Dolorosa – Church of Holy Sepulchre – Jewish Qtrs – Western Wall – Old City- Night Stay at Bethlehem.
- 07 March Transfer to Airport, heading homeward.



New to the library: Choose a good book this August!

Fiction

Controlling Interest by Elizabeth White

Matt Hogan's Memphis detective agency has been on the skids since a recent attack of conscience cost him an important case. When a wealthy investor steps in and saves River City Investigations, Matt thinks all his prayers have been answered - until he finds out that with the investor comes a new partner.

House of Living Stones by Katie Schuermann

In the small Illinois town of Bradbury, change doesn't come often and it certainly doesn't come easily. So when Pastor Fletcher hires Emily Duke as the new choir director at Zion Lutheran Church, he unknowingly sets in motion a chain of events that turns the life of his congregation upside down.

The Choir Immortal by Katie Schuermann

Two of their very own are getting married, and everyone in the congregation is pleased as punch to be hosting Bradbury's wedding of the century. Their collective joy is short-lived, however, as busted air-conditioners, melting cakes and a trip to the emergency room intrude upon the celebration.

One Tuesday Morning by Karen Kingsbury

A devoted fireman and a driven businessman; strangers with the same face. Only one will leave the Twin Towers alive - but will he ever find his way home?

Romantic Suspense

The Witness by Dee Henderson

Amanda Griffin is on the run. Eight years ago she disappeared after witnessing a terrible crime. Now her family thinks she's dead, but she's back in town...desperate to find a way to protect the ones she loves.

Colorado Wings by Tracie Peterson

Eight lives are forever altered by the events of one day, after a plane crashes and foul play is suspected. Whether they were on the plane, or share a more distant connection, these four young couples find a dark mystery haunting their budding romances. Waiting for God to work everything out could be their biggest challenge yet.

Romance

The Widow of Larkspur Inn by Lawana Blackwell

Without warning she and her children lost everything...except an abandoned village inn.

Great Lakes by Andrea Boeshaar and Susannah Hayden

Three women are about to discover that life on the lakes can be as turbulent and unexpected as the wild winds that whip off the great waters.

Dakota by Lauraine Snelling

The wide-open plains of the Dakota Territory for the setting for the lives and loves of four inspiring women making their way in the New World. What these women find on America's vast plains is not what they expected - but it's more than they ever dared to dream.

Florida by Berger, Chapman, Darty and Papuchis

It wouldn't be Florida without sun, surf and sand, and you'll experience it all through the eyes of both natives and tourists in these heartwarming novels from the Sunshine State.

Olympic Memories by Coleman, Panagiotopoulos, Sattler and Y'Barbo

As one family's appreciation for athletic competition is passed through generations, the Olympics become a good place to find a teammate for life.

Autumn Crescendo by Boeshaar, Crawford, Laity and Mills

When the glow of youth fades and the nest empties, four women find themselves in a new stage of life - a time to let their hearts play a new melody.

Schoolhouse Brides by Brunstetter, Grote, Lehman and Reece

If a woman was fortunate enough to secure a teaching position before 1920, then she needed to work diligently to keep the school board's strict guidelines for female teachers. Four such women here face career challenges while learning unexpected lessons in life and love.

Prairie County Fair by Chrisman, Coleman, Lynxwiler and Murray

Step right up and join the fun as romance rules the midway in these four 'blue ribbon' novellas.

Inspirational Romance Reader Historical Collection No. 4 by Grote, Kureger, LaMunyon, and Tenbrook
Variety, it is said, is the spice of life. Here are four complete, historical novels - stories of different people in different settings...but all focused on love and faith.



Romancing America Series

Texas Weddings by Janice A. Thompson

The future is always uncertain. Three generations of Texan women find that the hardships of life sometimes get in the way of love and happiness.

Vermont Weddings by Pamela Griffin

Three women from small-town Goosebury, Vermont, are treading carefully when it comes to love. Are there three honest men who can help these women rebuild their faith and learn to trust in the power of love?

Colorado Weddings by Joyce Livingston

Three grooms plan wedding shockers in three separate and surprising romances. Now if they can only get the women they love to say yes!

Kansas Weddings by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Following drastic life changes, three Kansas women find themselves in new stages of life. Will love follow them there?

Jersey Sweets by Janice Hanna

The three Carini sisters grew up in their family's candy store along the Atlantic City boardwalk. Now they face challenges in careers and romance.

Mountaineer Dreams by Bliss, Brand and Lehman

In historic West Virginia, love comes on a wave of desperate times that challenge the deepest of faiths.

Colorado Lace by Rachel Druten

Love comes on quiet, gentle, and comfortable wings in historic Colorado, but three strong and determined women must each go through trials before they recognize it.

Dixie Hearts by Boeshaar, Cornelius, Ullrick

From a charming small town, to a corporate high-rise, to the rural swampland, romance is brewing a passel of trouble for three Alabama women.

Peachtree Dreams by Debby Mayne

Can anything last forever anymore? Three Georgia men will attempt to change these women's deteriorating opinions of love.

Cascades by Mary Davis

in the mist of historic Washington's cascading waters, three young women dream of love and healing.



August

Partners in Prayer

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 LFL-C COK Shut-ins Nancy & Alister Mathieson; Rachel	2 LBT COK NS Michael Mathieson	3 LCC COK Shut-ins Carol Matthiesen	4 LWML COK NS Erick & Selina Matthiesen; Warren	5 CLWR Pastor Luke Ryan & Tiffany Matthiesen; Aria, Liam	6 LLL Pastor Christi John & Tina Matthiesen; Mia, Ethan
7 CLTS Pastor Flohr Marvin & Gisele Maunula	8 CLMS COK Shut-ins Ryan & Jackie Maunula; Charlotte, Lilly	9 CLS COK NS August & Esther May	10 LFL-C COK Shut-ins Monica McCann; Vanessa, Allison	11 LBT COK NS Yvonne McKerchar	12 Our Saviour, Etobicoke Pastor Luke Kareth & John Middlemass; Thomas, Adam	13 Good Shepherd, Barrie Pastor Christi Wilhelm & Nina Moller; Elmie Morales
14 Risen Christ, Mississauga Pastor Flohr Karen Moore	15 Immanuel, Georgetown COK Shut-ins Nadira Motie; Gillian, Richard	16 Holy Trinity, Bradford COK NS Jim & Mary Mulligan	17 Redeemer, Brampton COK Shut-ins Susan Munro; Scott	18 Grace, Oshawa COK NS James Munro	19 Clarington Lutheran, Bowmanville Pastor Luke Jodi & Todd Murray; MacKenzie	20 St. Paul's, Cobourg Pastor Christi Gulraze & Rebecca Naseem; David, Reema
21 Trinity, Toronto Pastor Flohr Mike Neill & Ana Crapanzano	22 Toronto Korean COK Shut-ins Simon & Jessica Nitschke; Caleb, Ethan	23 Loving Saviour, Barrie COK NS Judy & Don Obelnycki	24 Living Faith, Orangeville COK Shut-ins Katelin (O'Handley) & Phil Martinez	25 Rev. Paul Zabel, East District President COK NS John & Rose O'Handley; Kirsti	26 Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, LCC Pres. Pastor Luke Deirdre (O'Handley) & Chris Tremblay; Theodore	27 LCC Pastor Christi Richard & Rebecca Olsson; Evan, Emma
28 LWML Pastor Flohr Herb & Frieda Pakrul	29 CLWR COK Shut-ins Linda & Mark Parker; Katelin, Rae, Jordan	30 LLL COK NS Graham & Jennifer Parker; Liam, Grace	31 CLTS COK Shut-ins Brigitte & Ron Pascucci			

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LLL - Lutheran Laymen's League
CLTS - Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary-St. Catharines
Our sister congregations in the Toronto circuit and our synod and district presidents

CLMS - Concordia Lutheran Mission Society
CLS - Concordia Lutheran Seminary-Edmonton
LFL-C - Lutherans for Life-Canada
LBT - Lutheran Bible Translators

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The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

You ask me how I know it's true that here is a living God - a God who rules the universe, the sky, the sea, the sod;
A God who holds all creatures in the hollow of His hand; a God who put infinity in one tiny grain of sand;
A God who made the seasons - winter, summer, fall, and spring, and put His flawless rhythm into each created thing;
A God who hangs the sun out slowly with the break of day, and gently takes the stars in and puts the night away;
A God whose mighty handiwork defies the skill of man, for no architect can alter God's perfect master plan.
What better answers are there to prove His holy being than the wonders all around us that are ours just for the seeing?





What More Can You Ask?

God's love endures forever - what a wonderful thing to know
When the tides of life run against you and your spirit is downcast and low.
God's kindness is ever around you always ready to freely impart
Strength to your faltering spirit, cheer to your lonely heart.
God's presence is ever beside you, as near as the reach of your hand.
You have but to tell Him your troubles - there is nothing He won't understand.
And knowing God's love is unfailing, and His mercy unending and great,
You have but to trust in His promise. God comes not too soon or too late.
So wait with a heart that is patient for the goodness of God to prevail,
For never do prayers go unanswered, and His mercy and love never fail.

The Power of Love

There is no thinking person who can stand untouched today
And view the world around us drifting downward to decay
Without feeling deep within them a silent unnamed dread,
Wondering how to stem the chaos that lies frightfully ahead.
But the problems we are facing cannot humanly be solved
For our diplomatic strategy only gets us more involved.
And our skillful ingenuity, our technology, and science
Can never change a sinful heart filled with hatred and defiance.
So our problems keep on growing every hour of every day
As man vainly tries to solve them in his own self-willful way.
But man is powerless alone to clean up the world outside
Until his own polluted soul is clean and free inside.
For the amazing power of love is beyond all comprehension
And it alone can heal this world of its hatred and dissension.

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	4	5 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	6
7 10:00 Worship Service	8	9 	10 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	11	12 Pastor & Marjorie's moving day to 	13 3465 Bertrand Rd., Mississauga New phone # 289-997-5359
14 10:00 Communion Service	15	16	17 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	18 6:30 Women's Group	19 7:00 Urdu Service <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	20 
21 10:00 Worship Service	22 	23	24 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	25 6:30 Men's Bible Study Supper	26 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	27
28 10:00 Communion Service	29	30	31 <i>8 - 2 office hours</i>	September 1	2 1:00 Wedding of Sarah Di Pucchio and Jordan Parker at Christ our King	3 2:00 Wedding of Kaitlin Walsh & Michael Kostiuk at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Cath. Chur.

Fall schedule begins September 11th

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School & bible Class at 9:45 a.m.

Installation Service for Pastor Basil Christi on Sunday September 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner to follow. Please sign up at church or RSVP by email by September 9th

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