

September 2007 Newsletter



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LWML NEWS

In the midst of God's gift of summer leisure, we are already planning for fall. We pray you are having a blessed summer time!

A special outing is being planned by the Toronto Zone LWML for Saturday, September 15th. We will carpool to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton where we will enjoy a wonderful stroll through the gardens, followed by lunch. There will be more details in the bulletin as the time gets closer.

Our regular September meeting will be on Monday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m. We will have a topic Bible study and look at our year's plans for 2007-2008.

Because Thanksgiving Sunday falls on October 7th, we will move our LWML Sunday to October 14th. That will be our next mite box collection and dedication day.

Mark your calendar now for the LWML Fall Rally which we will be hosting on Sunday, October 14th. As the host congregation, we would love to have a big turnout from COK!

Did you know

...that Canada is one of the only Western countries which has no law restricting abortions and therefore an abortion can be performed at any point during a pregnancy without any “legal” consequences.

...that in Canada, approximately 115,000 abortions are performed each year.

...that in Canada, there have been repeated attempts to introduce legislation which would allow terminally-ill patients to be euthanized.

...that in Canada and throughout the world, human embryos are being created for the sole purpose of stem cell research.

What should our response as Lutheran Christians to these and other similar issues be?

In 2002, a resolution was passed at the Lutheran Church – Canada Convention authorizing the establishment of an autonomous Canadian Lutherans For Life organization and on August 11, 2003, Lutherans For Life – Canada (“LFL-C”) was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization.

LFL-C’s objects include:

- to provide an organization through which Lutheran Christians can unite to share dialog and give common witness within the Church and society to their concern for the value and dignity of human life
- to gather and share pertinent information with its membership and develop strategies for witness and response
- to identify resource people who can write and speak on behalf of the organization
- to monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life
- to examine and correct popular but misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy
- to respond and co-operate with other groups in society which share similar concerns

More information can be obtained from LFL-C’s website at www.lutheransforlife-canada.ca or simply go to our Church’s website, www.christourking.ca and follow the link to Lutherans For Life – Canada.

LFL-C’s work involves defending the most weak, vulnerable and precious individuals in our society from those who would seek to destroy them. Therefore, please pray for it, learn more about it and consider using your gifts of time, talent or treasure to support it.

Unfortunately, because of the subject matter with which LFL-C is dealing and the current political climate in Canada, Canada Revenue Agency has refused to grant charitable status to it. Therefore, LFL-C is able to accept financial donations, but cannot issue a tax deductible receipt for them.

century, the age wave has become a threatening tsunami and the reality of aging presents the church with both our greatest peril and our greatest potential. Facing the aging tsunami, every congregation could use a dependable, objective measurement of their aging needs. His company provides such an instrument for a cost. More information is available at www.elderministry.com.

Gary Andrews, speaking at an annual meeting stated that, "The world population increases with a net addition of nearly 1 million people age 60 or older every month. Additionally, two-thirds of all people in human history who have ever reached age 65 or older, and three-fourths of all people in human history who have ever reached age 75 or older - are living today." It would be interesting to know what data he used to arrive at these figures.

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."
Psalm 71:18

Our Confession Regarding Aging

We believe life is a gift of God, and since the fall aging is a natural part of living.

We believe God's love for all persons is creative and unconditional, and that He has demonstrated His love to all mankind through Jesus Christ.

We believe spiritual well being supersedes all other values.

We believe man is a spiritual being, and we see older adults as vital members of the Christian community and as persons whose dignity is given by God.

We believe that we are commissioned to lead a life of service in love and justice, and we are called to live for others.

"Never Too Old" by Robert Garmatz, CPH

A Congregational Resolution

Whereas America is aging and we are living longer and the number of persons over 65 will nearly double by the 2025, and

Whereas the population of older adults in congregations across the country continues to increase at a rate faster than the population at large, and

Whereas many will now be spending nearly a third of their lives in retirement, and

Whereas congregations can provide significant services needed by older adults, and

Whereas spiritual growth is an integral part of the aging process, therefore

be it resolved that congregations:

- assist older adults to grow old gracefully and gratefully;
- help them reflect upon the needs of the whole person - mind, body, spirit, social environment, spiritual maturity and service opportunities;
- plan and promote an older adult ministry that is intentional, inclusive, adequately staffed, is resourceful and builds and shares faith.

Engaging Quotes

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Wil Roger

No wise man ever wished to be younger.

Jonathan Swift

Getting old is a fascinating thing. The older you get, the older you want to get.

Keith Richards

The past shows us that we need vision, foresight, flexibility and creativity to thrive among the challenges of change.

Colin Milner

Stepping into retirement calls for an opportunity to see, feel, taste and touch the world.

Ken Dychtwald

The goal of a personal longevity program is to add life to your years, not necessarily years to your life. This happens as you care for your body, keep your mind sharp, and flex your spiritual muscles.

Care Notes by Carol Luebering

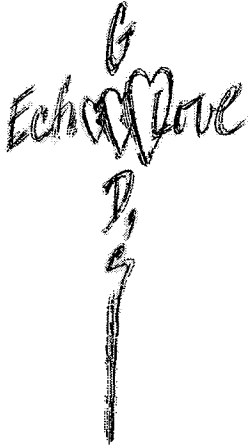
“Echo God’s Love”

Lutheran Church—Canada, East District
2007 District-wide Stewardship Emphasis

For more information e-mail info@lccceastdistrict.ca

Echo God’s Love

SEWERS, SUERS, OR STEWARDS



A *sewer* is a drain. A *suer* is one who brings a claim against another. A *steward* is one who manages another’s property.

Some of us, maybe all of us at times, can be sewers. We are capable of taking what comes to us and drain it away into the cesspool that is our unchecked sinful life. We drain away what has been given to us and use it for selfish gain or selfish desires. We sometimes let our money, our talents, and our blessings from God trickle (or gush) down the drain, carried away without the opportunity to be put to good and Godly use.

Some of us, maybe all of us at times, can be suers. We look to lay claim to things that aren’t ours, but things we may feel we have a right to. We may feel the need to bring claim against another so that justice is done in our eyes. We’re so blessed that our God doesn’t lay claim on us for justice. Thank God he laid claim on Jesus for that.

With God’s help, all of us can be stewards — good stewards — faithful managers of God’s gifts to us. One synonym for steward is “keeper.” That may be accurate enough for the dictionary, but it’s not a very Biblical definition. A Christian who follows Biblical principles of stewardship doesn’t merely keep what he has been given to manage, but nurtures it, develops it, gives it back, gives it away.

In the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to exercise good Biblical stewardship, and our congregation will supply you with a tool to assist you. Just like exercising our bodies, exercising our faith requires action, but often we just don’t know what action to take. Coming soon will be a *Time and Talent Inventory* specifically designed to let you know of action opportunities for the coming months. Read it through; pray that God would match your talents to the opportunities and that he would make available the time you need to exercise those talents.

The gifts God has given the members of our congregation are varied and amazing. Here is an opportunity to echo God’s love through good stewardship of your talents in specific service to God and his people. Don’t let your talent slip down the drain. Don’t sit back and lay claim on the gifts of others or wait for things to come to you. As stewards of God’s marvelous gifts, give back and give out what you have been given. Take this opportunity to strengthen your faith by putting it to action.

Seasoned Adults

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**Walther League Reunion
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Stratford**

The program --

- 9:00 Fellowship and Refreshment
- 9:50 Prepare for Matins Service
- 10:00 Worship Service: Rev. Paul Pollex
- 10:40 Welcome and Housekeeping
- 10:50 Rev. Mark Hartburg: Assistant to the President for Outreach and Parish Services
- 11:20 Aftermath of 2005 Resolution, Stretching and Singing
- 11:30 Small Group Discussions Topic: Selflessness (Phil. 2:3)
- 12:00 Roast Beef Dinner (and distribution of theatre tickets)
- 2:00 Festival Theatre show of "Oklahoma"

As of the registration dead-line, the following have registered for the WLR:

Les Schwantz, Doreen Schwantz (Tew), Marg Kelly (Tew), Anna Mae Huras, (Swartzentruber), Barbara Arthur (Tew), Joyce Banks, Ron Fischer, Paul Rockel, Jean Rockel (Eisler), George Brickman, Marg Brickman (Seebach), Ewald Hachman, Louise Hachman, Madeline Honderich, Donna Diegel, Geraldine Galbraith (Kritsch), June Weiberg, Freida Keller, Doreen Bannikoff, Ed Schoenherr, Lois Schoenherr, Janet Schlonies, Margaret Letter, Rev. George Reinhart, Faye Reinhart (Weames), Lauretta Wright, Cathy Kuhl, Marilyn Wearing, George Wearing, Tony Griffin, Lois Griffin, Robert Abell, Marion Abell, Mary Cook, Rev. Carl Wagner, Jean Wagner, Vivian Huehn, June Pettie, Hilda Schenn (Knebel), Erna Lukowski (Knebel), Rev. Mayo Mellecke, Adelma Mellecke, Stan Diehl, Shirley Diehl (Douglas), Mavis Winch (Maluskie), Lloye Wathke, Norm Schaeffer, Doris Schaeffer, Doreen Skinner (Ratz), Ralph Schaeffer, Doreen Schaeffer (Dettman), Vivian Huehn, June Pettie,

Lillian Kreis (Ratz), Marjorie Luckhart (Biesel), Doreen Kocker (Biesel), Jerry Klages, Judy Klages, Don Darroch, Martha Darroch, Alvin Wolfe, Erna Wolfe, Gerald Weppler, Sulta Weppler, John Obeda, Marian Obeda, Doris Jensen, Doreen Varey, Ellen Phillips, Arline Hensel, Len Brennen, Joy Brennen, Ed Weisman, Joan Weisman, Elsie Schneider, Don Gimpel, Dora Gimpel, Herta Lightfoot, Larry Lightfoot, Marjorie Mohr, Daphne Neeb, Waltraud Keller, Floyd Neeb, Lois Neeb, Robert Mairs, Margaret Byland Mairs

Theatre tickets will be distributed before the luncheon in order as above.

Morning program only --

Rev. Paul Pollex, Ardith Pollex, Donna Wahl (Diehl), Irene Wodtka, Wanda Higenell, Loretta Baker (Diehl), Doreen Butcher, Lloyd Berg, Barbara Berg

The Lutheran Hour - LIVE

On Sept. 27, 2008 there will be another opportunity to get together. Why not make it a Walther League Reunion and reserve that date now. The International Lutheran Laymen's League, East District will be meeting in Stratford on that day. In the afternoon, probably around 3:00 P.M., Rev. Ken Klaus, Lutheran Hour speaker, will be featured at the new Rotary Complex which has seating capacity for 1300. Join us for the whole day, or at least for the afternoon Rally. More information will be available in your congregation by June, 2008.

Age Wave Explosion

Clifton M. Pederson, president of Church Resources, Inc. makes comments about the graying of Christian congregations. The wave of births that began after WWII has become the age-wave of the 21st century. The 20th century was a century of youth. The 21st century will be a century of age as the first baby-boomers will reach retirement age in 2011. As we enter the 21st

**From the Principal's Desk
Greetings from Lois Munz
Christ Our King Lutheran School
Friday, August 31, 2007**

Where?

Christ Our King Church building

What?

Greetings

Smiles

Laughter

Chatter

Playtime

Questions

Explanations Exploration

Why?

Registration Day for the Nursery School and Kindergarten

When?

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Who?

Parents and children who will be the families making up the school

How Many?

**19 Nursery School students plus 3 who will be starting in January
6 Junior/ Senior Kindergarten students**

This new plan of having a Registration Day prior to the first day of school (Tuesday, September 4, 2007) was a great success. Much of the paper work, (which is very time consuming) was completed very efficiently, as the parents co-operated by bringing in the required documentation.

The classroom areas, which had been set up ahead of time by the Staff, were available so that the children could begin to feel comfortable with the surroundings before their arrival on September 4th.

Thank you messages go out to the Staff for using the time that it takes to plan and prepare lessons, and set up the classrooms, even though it was during summer vacation. Everything looks bright, clean and inviting – ready to go!

Important September calendar dates for the school are:

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

First day of school for this term

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Christian Education Sunday

Wednesday, September 26, 2007 (7:00 p.m.)

Parent Information Night

Saturday, September 29, 2007 (10:00 a.m. – noon)

Family Fun Fair & Open House

Our gracious God continues to shower His many blessings upon us daily. We give thanks through our prayer and service, and ask that He will ever remember our needs and requests.

THE YOUTH GROUP'S TRIP TO . . .



THE LCC NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!!

FRIDAY We all piled into the Prusha's van and the Munz's car and left Mississauga around 10am, destination – Ottawa! We arrived late in the afternoon and quickly checked into our residence rooms. After a quick dinner at a restaurant it was off to our first large group session and the opening of the "I Am" NYG 2007. After that we had our first small group bible study (groups of about 15 girls or 15 boys) and a bit of free time to hang out and get settled in our rooms, then we hit the sack for some much needed zzzz's.

SATURDAY Up, up, up. It was an early morning, breakfast at 7:30 and then off to another large group session – bible story re-enactments, real life stories of struggles from pastors and church workers, time for personal reflections and of course lots of music. Then lunch in the school cafeteria and bible study in our small groups. The afternoon was "body break" time, an opportunity to get up and get some exercise, with games, sports, water balloons, karaoke, jousting and dunk tank. A barbeque, evening large group session and bible study rounded out the day. Whew, what a day - good thing the beds were comfy!

SUNDAY Time to sleep in! Brunch at 11am and then head to the main school lobby for a huge group photo. After that we travelled around to different stations across the campus called "Worship Ways" and learned from different pastors the meaning and importance behind different part of worship. We had dinner, and a chance to relax and explore different fellowship activities going on around campus before going to an evening small group bible study. Then we met up with everyone else around 11pm for a late night candle light service in the school courtyard.

MONDAY Rise and shine and off to another large group session in the theatre. Next was a small group bible study, then a sprint to the cafeteria to grab our lunch on-the-go because the bus for Parliament Hill leaves at 1:00!! We got the opportunity to tour the Parliament buildings and do a prayer walk, stopping to pray at the North, South East and West edges of Parliament Hill. We caught the bus back to Algonquin college and quickly fixed ourselves up for the formal banquet. After dinner we had a chance to dance, hang out at the Cabana and jam with the band.

TUESDAY Get up and pack fast, there's one last large group session, and its back in the van for home. Goodbye Youth Gathering, see you again in 3 years!!

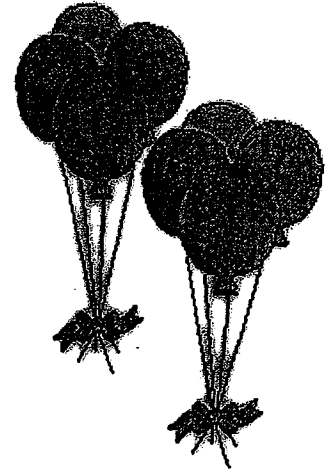


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Community Fun Fair

Christ Our King Lutheran Church
2150 Dundas Street West
(next to Erin Mills Lodge)



invites you to a fun day for free on

Saturday, September 29, 2007

"bouncy castle"

"snacks & games"

from

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

and

At 10:30 you are invited to attend a special presentation by
Creation Ministries International

Evolution, what are the 'facts'?

Most people are presented with the 'Theory of Evolution' as if it was irrefutable, based solely on facts by unbiased scientists. Learn the history of this theory, the anti-Christian foundation it was based upon, and the presuppositions it holds that are never talked about. In this session you will learn how generations of people have been duped by the Humanist agenda and the solid evidence that shows how the 'Theory of Evolution' can't stand the test of modern science.

Phone 905-822-8931 for more information or visit our website
www.christourking.ca

Youth News

Looking forward to seeing everyone again! Come for lunch, games and hockey on Sunday, September 9th.

Also coming up in September:

Friday, September 21 – Sunday, September 23: 'Possum Lodge' Youth Retreat at Pastor's cottage. Please let us know by Sunday, Sept. 9th if you're coming.

Saturday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. until noon: Fun Fair! We are inviting everyone in the neighbourhood to visit our church and we need you to help with facepainting, bubbles, bouncy castle, etc. Even more important, we also need you to bring along any kids from your own neighbourhood to have fun with us. Also on that day a special program on evolution specifically intended for youth will be presented.



Are you
ready For...

POSSUM Lodge

DON'T MISS OUR FALL
YOUTH Retreat
September 21-23

SPECIAL EVENTS COURTESY OF:

The **RED GREEN** Show

From Elaine Hampton:

Thank you to all of you who came and spoke to me after the August 12th church service. Some of you asked me to give you the reading I read. It's a keeper. Hope it helps to equip you. Thanks for all your prayers. God bless you. Elaine

The Tale of the Cracked Pot

Nobody's perfect, but our imperfections make us interesting.

A water bearer had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them.

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them.

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life!



The Deep End of Sunday School

We're really going to go off the deep end this fall in our Sunday Morning Bible Class!

On September 9th we are going to start in on a five week study called "**Friendship Ablaze.**" This series of five Bible studies shares a practical, step-by-step way God's people can grow in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in their daily lives and friendships. We believe the Holy Spirit wants to set our friendships **Ablaze!** with the power of His presence and the love and hope of Jesus.

These **Friendship Ablaze!** Bible studies are adapted from studies written by Pastor Stephen Wagner for a Friendship Celebration packet produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Evangelism department. We thank Pastor Wagner for graciously allowing us to continue to use this study to equip God's people to set their friendships **Ablaze!** with Gospel power.

The five Bible studies are:

1. Sept. 9 - Getting Ready for **Friendship Ablaze!**
2. Sept. 16 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Prays
3. Sept. 23 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Reaches Out
4. Sept. 30 - **Friendship Ablaze!** has a Message
5. Oct. 7 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Does Unsolicited Acts of Kindness

On October 14th we will come back to part 2 of "Echo God's Love" with a four part study of Romans 12. It is designed to encourage faith's response to the grace and mercy of God.



